

Orange County  
Model A Ford Club



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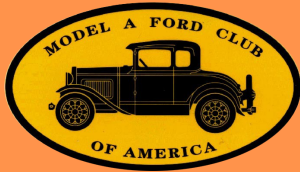


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Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher

The Fourth of July is the most popular holiday for grilling. On Independence Day, 76% of grill owners cook BBQ



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★ 4th July ★

INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 14<sup>th</sup> Potluck  
General Meeting

July 16<sup>th</sup> Tech  
Seminar

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Ice  
Cream Social

July 28<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
Breakfast

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July 16th (Sat)  
9am-2pm

Don Geisen's  
23011 Moulton Pkwy, #H1  
Laguna Hills, CA 92653



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If you plan on installing glass have the following: 1) window regulator, clean and lubricated; 2) window set tape; 3) window bottom channel (no rust out); and 4) new glass. Window fabric channels and top rubber piece. We should be able to do 2-3 windows.



**Don Ratzlaff**  
President

## President's Message

Hi Everybody!! (I stole that greeting from Doris, hope she doesn't mind.)

Well, June is almost over and if the recent hot weather is any indication of what is coming, July might be a little uncomfortable. We spent yesterday (6/26) at the "Henry Ford Day", hosted by the Diamond Club A's. It was held at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs and was well attended by the local clubs. I believe about 30 OCMAFC members participated and, if I'm not mistaken, a few of their names were called during the

raffle. It was a nice event; Kudos to the Diamond Tread Club for all their work. It was a little warm on the drive home and I had to activate my "Niagara-radiator-cooling" system to keep the engine from boiling over; otherwise no problems.

The club will not have a formal July meeting night but there will be ample opportunity to get together and road-test your model A's. First off, the Wilshire Community Church in Fullerton will be hosting a "Veterans Recognition Day" on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>; club member Pam Heiland is our contact for attending. Then on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, we have the monthly BS Breakfast at the Katella Grill followed by the "Annual" ICE CREAM SOCIAL; hosted by club members Patty and Ed Cote, at their home, starting at 12:30pm. In the following weeks the club will be having a "Pot Luck-evening" on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, at Hart Park in Orange; (the club will arrange for the park and provide plates, cups and utensils; U bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert and drinks). That would be the normal 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday meeting night for the club.

Then, on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a technical seminar on glass installation; it will be held at Don Geisen's shop at 23011 Moulton Parkway, Unit H1, Laguna Hills, CA. And don't forget the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday brunch on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am, at the "Old World Restaurant" in Huntington Beach, CA.

It's not too early to start thinking about next year; who will be the new club president, club treasurer, various committee chair persons, etc. Let's keep the club robust, viable and active; don't be shy, talk to Joe Goff, share your ideas.

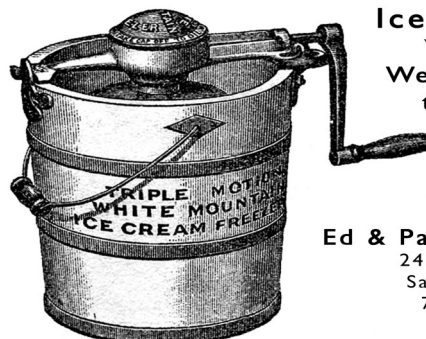
So there you have it; a few things to do in July. Check the Club Newsletter for additional items and details.

Enjoy, Don R



**Garrett, John**, 2074 Meadow View Lane, Costa Mesa, CA [new address]

**Dormeyer, Don & Mary**, 2229 E Meats Ave., Orange, CA 92806;  
Ph: 714-342-3259; Email: don@DonDormeyer.com; '31 Tudor Sedan  
and '23 T Bucket Hot Rod



**Ice Cream Social**  
*You're Invited!*  
We won't make you  
turn the crank

**SATURDAY**  
**JULY 2nd**

**Ed & Patty Cote's Home**  
2435 Bonnie Brae  
Santa Ana 92706  
714-542-6161



## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**Jul 2 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



**Jul 2 (Sat)** Ice Cream Social at Ed & Patty Cote's home, 2435 Bonnie Brae, Santa Ana, 92706, 714-542-6161



**Jul 14 (Thu)** Potluck/General Meeting will be at 6PM at Hart Park, 701 S Glassell St, Orange. Guests are always welcome. Club will provide plates, utensils and cups.



**Jul 16 (Sat)** Technical Seminar—windows and regulators from 9am-2pm at Don Geisen's Shop, 23011 Moulton Parkway, Bldg H-1, Laguna Hills, CA 92653



**Jul 28 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast 8:30AM at Old World German Restaurant, 7561 Center Ave, #49, Huntington Beach, 92647, 714-897-1470. For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

**Jul 29 (Fri)** San Diego Auto Museum, Star Car Exhibit includes display of cars from blockbuster movies and movie "Thelma and Louise", 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 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.

Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM

**Aug 12 (Fri)** San Diego Auto Museum, Star Car Exhibit includes display of cars from blockbuster movies and movie "Christine", 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 13 (Sat)** Technical Seminar Date Reserved—topic TBD

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

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

**Jul 23 (Sat)** Long Beach Model T Club Swap Met, 4961 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos 90720, free admission, 7am

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

**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

**Aug 21 (Sun)** Parts Exchange, San Fernando Valley MAC, Rancho San Antonio, 21000 Plummer St, Chatsworth, 6am

**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

## Model A Excitement

By Don Ratzlaff

Reprint from *The Distributor* Vol. 47, #1 January, 2007

Driving a Ford Model A can be exciting; especially an un-modified Model A. That would be one with the original 4 cylinder (40 horsepower) power plant, a “non-syncro” 3-speed transmission, mechanical brakes, manual-choke,-throttle,-spark adjustments and a 6-volt battery and generator supplying the electricity for starting and operating the engine and accessories. The excitement begins when trying to start the engine and, keep it running, while manually adjusting the choke, spark and throttle settings. Additional excitement comes from having to double-clutch when shifting up through the gears and having to sync engine speed to road speed when down shifting. More excitement can be experienced through driving at night with headlights capable of lighting up six feet of the road in front of the car. One might also derive some excitement from wondering whether that car, fast-approaching from the rear, can see your lonely little tail light.

However, a real rush of adrenaline can be had when it is necessary to stop at an intersection at the bottom of a hill. Standing on the brake peddle will produce a noticeable decrease in speed but stopping is another matter. With luck the vehicle will stop just beyond the intersection, assuming no cross-traffic. If there happens to be cross-traffic; then prayer may help. One or two of these episodes will have a pronounced effect upon your love of driving a Model A; not to mention your level of hypertension.

Such a recent “braking” event has prompted me to purchase and install a set of brake “floaters” into my 1929 Tudor. The floaters are the product of “Flathead Ted” Enterprises of New Zealand and were featured in a recent article in the *Model A Times*. After installing the floaters I am happy to report that stopping at the intersection at the bottom of the hill was accomplished without the prayer. A significant improvement in braking ability was achieved. However, I would still advise against all panic stops in a Model A. Who needs all that excitement?

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**GENERAL MEETING  
PICNIC  
POTLUCK**

**HART PARK**

**JULY 14<sup>th</sup> AT 6PM**

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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, June 6, 2016**  
**Wade Education Center @ CHOC**  
**48 in attendance**



Frank Reese presiding in the absence of Don Ratzlaff.  
Flag salute led by Rick Hall.

Greeter: Doris Marshall (no visitors). Humorous story by Marilyn Hawkins.  
Special Speaker: Gary Chambers' presentation on history of terrorism and current issues. Handout was made available.

Minutes: Approved as printed. Motion by Sheila Plotkin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev Marsh.  
Financial: Treasurer Tom Weaver reviewed current status. Currently membership is 164. Membership rosters available with Bill Hatcher during the meeting.

Activities: Frank Reese reviewed upcoming events, listed separately.

Henry Ford Picnic in Santa Fe Springs 6/26, leaving from Panera Bread in Brea @ 9:00am. Ice Cream Social and auction at home of Ed/Patty Cote 7/2 (12:30 and on).

\*NO JULY MEETING AT CHOC\*. Members present discussed having picnic/pot luck at Hart Park in Orange instead; starting @6:00 pm. Frank will check with City of Orange Parks to ensure availability in public areas.

Technical: Ken Blankshain discussed upcoming seminar at Don Geisen's shop on windows and regulators. Tentative date of 7/16. Ideas for future seminars needed.

Sunshine/Sorrow: Marilyn Hawkins has sent cards to Mike Watson who had heart surgery recently and to Rose Rivard for her 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Noted is that Rose is a WWII veteran (nursing) and a great historian. Her son David Rivard is pretty much homebound due to chronic illness and would also benefit from phone calls and/or help with his Model A. Carolyn Ratzlaff is continuing in her recovery from an aspiration event. Patty and Ed Cote both present tonight and still recovering from recent health events.

Announcement re: availability of Model A merchandise tonight, or by phone with Gerry and Cathy O'Brien.

Hard Luck Trophy: No candidates stepped up.

Tom Weaver announced that help is needed in the coming months to solicit for raffle donations for the 2017 pancake breakfast. 4 or 5 people needed.

Historian: Dick Smith has brought many past issues of the MAFCA Restorer Magazines, free to members. He has a huge inventory at his home, just call him.

Model A Driver: 4 A's tonight. \$ went to Tom Weaver.

Name Badge drawing: Terry Carey received the \$.

Membership Roster drawing: #45 (Chris Foster) was drawn; however she was not at the meeting. Next month drawing will be \$40.00 (to be drawn at Hart Park picnic).

Refreshments: Provided tonight by Jim and Diane Runyon (thank you).

Submitted by Kathie McCall, Secretary



## Historian's Corner

**Dick Smith,  
Club Historian/Librarian**

For this month I have been asked to re-print the article that featured the 1931 Model 160 A, B, C; highlighting a Club Members car from each model group.

The purpose of these articles is to highlight the differences between the 160 A, B, C. To accomplish this we will look at one model each month. We will start with the 1931 **160 A** and share some facts and photos.

### 160 A Slant Windshield Sedan

The exterior featured no cowl lights, limited body colors, black spoke wheels. No side mounts.

The new Slanting Windshield was introduced in November of 1930 to the Victoria Model. It featured the slanting visorless windshield, which retained its opening capability.

When Ford designed the slant windshield sedans, it was determined that there would be no dimensional differences between the bodies built by Briggs, Murray, and the Ford plant, as with previous Fords. It is therefore difficult to identify the manufacturer of a particular body. Some have Murray body badges, and others have Briggs markings, but many have no clues.

In April of 1931 the slant window was to be available for the standard sedan and in May for the Cabriolet.



**130 A** The Standard Sedan differences. The 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.



The 1931 Model 160 A was the economy standard model and was probably a higher seller back in a troubling economy. But very few have survived. This is the only one listed in our 2016 Roster.

Thanks to **Gerry and Sherry Reid**, whose 160A has been in their family since new.

Technical facts from **The Restorer Vol. 22 Issue 1**, Fact checked by **Terry Lucas**.

Next month we look at the **160B** Dlx Town Sedan, followed by the rare Blind Back 160C.

“quote”, I’ve learned, that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person...Andy Rooney.

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)  
*Courtesy of Becky MacIntosh*



**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.

## ACCC Legislative Status Report

**David Knapp,  
ACCC Representative**

The June 2016 ACCC deFender newsletter contained another table update on a number of legislative issues. This table was even larger than the prior deFender newsletter update from a few months back—more legislation on the table! In order to pass this information on to you, I have updated the table from our previous Distributor issue to have the latest information from the ACCC. For even more up to date info, Google is your easiest bet or visit [www.acccdefender.org](http://www.acccdefender.org). Measures that are **BOLD** are newly added, Positions that are **BOLD** are newly revised/established.

Measure	Status/Location	Position	Description
AB932	2-Year <b>(unchanged)</b>	Watch	Specialized license plates for professional sports teams.
AB1591	Trans.	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Transportation funding: would raise license fees by \$38 per vehicle; increase fuel taxes by \$0.225 per gallon; and increase the VLF on electric cars to \$160.
AB1752	Appr. Suspense File	Watch	Registration Fees: Would require the DMV to clearly identify the registration fee as the base fee on any renewal and separate additional fees as distinct line items.
<b>AB 1965</b>	Appropriations	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Vehicle retirement & replacement: Would require the state board, in consultation with the bureau, to set specific, measureable goals for the retirement and replacement of passenger vehicles and light-duty and medium duty trucks that are high polluters and to ensure those goals are met by updating the program's guidelines no later than July 1, 2017.
<b>AB2303</b>	APPR	<b>Watch</b>	Specialized license plates: would require the DOT to apply to the DMV to sponsor a bicycle pathway license plate program.
<b>AB2469</b>	Consent Calendar	<b>Watch</b>	Special plates for breast cancer awareness: authorizes collection of applications, fees, or deposits for period of 12 months to obtain the minimum 7,500 plates.
ABXI 3	Conference Committee	Watch	Transportation funding: enact permanent sustainable sources of transportation funding to maintain and repair highways, local roads, bridges, and other infrastructure.
ABXI 4	9/3/2015-S RLS	Watch	Transportation funding: Enact legislation to establish permanent, sustainable sources of funding to improve the state's key trade corridors.
<b>SB773</b>	7/17/2015-A. 2 Year	Watch	Vehicle registration fraud study: authorizes a University of California study on failure to register and fraudulent registrations and recommended strategies.
SB778	1/26/2016-A. Desk	Watch	Automotive repair-oil changes-notification to customers. Requires the repairer to notify the customer of the manufacturers oil change interval recommendations per the owners manual.

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We have changed the password for the Members' Only section of the website. If you didn't receive it yet, please contact **Don Ratzlaff.**

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The "floater kit" is shown at left and was ordered online from [www.flatheadted.com](http://www.flatheadted.com).

The installation instructions seemed adequate, with no modifications required on the existing hardware. A view of a front wheel assembly is shown at right. (Photos courtesy of Flathead Ted)



### Sunshine and Sorrow



## SUNSHINE & SORROW

By Marilyn Hawkins

A "Thinking of You" card was mailed to our 97-yr old **Rose Rivard** just to let her know we care. She is a long-time member having joined in 1988.

**Dianne Runyon** was in the hospital for a hysterectomy operation the last week in June. She is home and doing well. Sent her a get well card.

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



Join us for good food  
and company

Fourth Thursday  
Breakfast Bunch

July 28th 8:30 am

Old World German Restaurant  
7561 Center Ave, #49  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
714-897-1470  
Info: Terry Collings  
714-970-7194



Many thanks to Gary Chambers for sharing with the club his knowledge on the history of terrorism at the June General Meeting

*CHOC has designated our club  
as Stars of Compassion  
for our annual donation*



**The BS Breakfast is held  
on the first Saturday of  
every month at the  
Katella Grill, Orange.  
There is always a great  
group of people. No  
reservation necessary,  
just show up.  
Next BS Breakfast is  
August 6<sup>th</sup>**

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<b>SB986</b>	1/26/2016-A. Suspense File	Watch	Right turn violations: changes the fine for right turn violation from \$100 to a right or left onto a one-way violation with a fine of \$35.
SBXI-1	4/21/2016-S. APPR.	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Transportation funding: would provide for the deposit of various funds for road maintenance and rehabilitation for maintenance that has been deferred.
SBXI 4	Conference committee	Watch	Transportation funding: Declare the intent of the Legislature to enact statutory changes to establish permanent, sustainable sources of transportation funding to maintain and repair the state's highways, local roads, bridges, and other infrastructure.
<b>SBXI 5</b>	9/1/2015-A. Desk	Watch	Transportation funding: Establish permanent sustainable sources of transportation funding to improve the state's key trade corridors and support efforts by local governments to repair and improve local transportation infrastructure.
SCAXI I	9/9/2015-S. APPR	Support	Motor vehicle fees and taxes: restriction on expenditures. Would prohibit the Legislature from borrowing revenues from fees and taxes imposed by the state on vehicles or their use or operation, and from using those revenues other than as specifically permitted by Article XIX. Would also prohibit those revenues from being pledged or used for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or other indebtedness.
SBI239	9/14/2015-S Sen- ate	<b>SPONSOR</b>	Smog Inspection Exemption 1980 & older vehicles. Extends current law from 1976 to include vehicles up to 1980. Marked as "hot" priority by ACCC.
<b>SBI 429</b>	4/20/2016-S. APPR	<b>SUPPORT</b>	License plates: expands the YOM plate program from current limit of 1969 model year to 1980 and older.

# MODEL A

## Roster Raffle

**CURRENT  
JACKPOT**

**40**

**DOLLARS**

If the roster jackpot grows to \$100, and the name pulled is not at the meeting, a second name will be pulled; should it get to \$200, up to 4 names may be called each month until a winner is in attendance.





OCMAFC thanks you for your  
continued support

## Orange County Ronald McDonald House

Deadline for submissions for  
the next

**Distributor** is

August 25, 2016

Submit all articles and ads to  
tissysmith1@gmail.com

or mail to

P.O. Box 10595

Santa Ana, CA 92711



Preston Knapp won the San Diego All American Soap Box Derby Local Championship in May and will represent San Diego at the AASBD World Championships in Akron, Ohio on July 16. This is Preston's second trip to race in Akron. Good luck Preston!!!

Andrew Knapp has qualified as a Regional Rally Champion to compete at the All American Soap Box Derby World Championships. Andrew finished the season as the regional point leader for the second year in a row. This is Andrew's third trip to compete for a world championship title. Go Andrew!

Preston and Andrew are the sons of members David and Barbara Knapp.



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### Next General Meeting

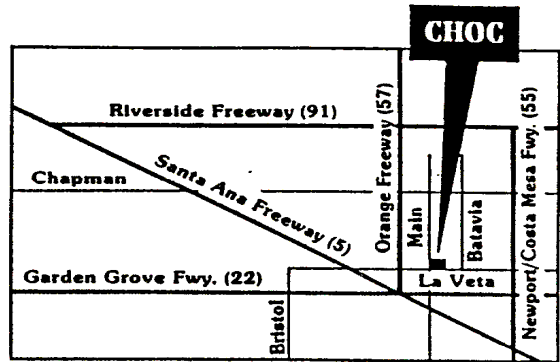
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[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting August 11, 2016

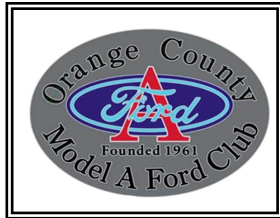
CHOC Hospital Complex

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!  
[www.ocmafc.org](http://www.ocmafc.org)



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