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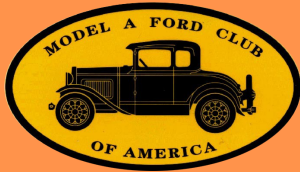


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There is something for everyone on May 12th, technical seminar and basket fabrication for the Pancake Breakfast



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Ok, so it probably won't be one of these "CHiPs", but we will have a speaker from the California Highway Patrol at our General Meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on the valuable info that will be provided.

We have a VERY busy calendar this month. Don't forget to buy your T-shirt for the Pancake Breakfast at the March General Meeting!



**Don Ratzlaff**  
President

## President's Message

Okay, as we near the end of February it's time for a little review. Did you all enjoy the tour to, and of, the Toyota Museum? I thought it was nice and I found it informative. There are pictures posted on the website; anybody have a few pictures to add? How about the guest speaker, from Hagerty Insurance, at the February meeting? The requirement of having your Model A garaged let's me out but, otherwise I found it very informative. And don't forget the BS Breakfast and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Brunch at

Ruby's. Both events were well attended and entertaining. Again, did anyone take any pictures they would care to share?

And now March is just around the corner; first on the agenda is the BS Breakfast on March 5<sup>th</sup>; that is also the date for the Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade. In the past those attending have left right after the BS Breakfast for the drive down to Laguna Beach. It has always been and enjoyable event. Nice drive down, short parade, a good lunch and a nice drive back home. Assuming it doesn't rain I'm sure the model A's will enjoy it. Then there is the March Meeting; we will be having a guest speaker from the CHP (California Highway Patrol). It's your opportunity to resolve those Model A Driving questions. Like "why can't I drive in the car pool lane?". And then there is the technical seminar and Basket Fabrication activity scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> of March at Leonard and Kay Nettles' home. Check your email and the Distributor for scheduling, etc. I'm not sure if we have a tour activity scheduled for March so again let me refer you to the pages of the Distributor for the "if and when".

How about sending in your picture (you and your car) for the web-site club member roster. It is a great way for new and old members to associate a name with a person.

And now for a bit of advice under the heading of working safe. Don't ever point a hot welding torch at living tissue; it hurts.

Hey, enjoy driving your model A.

Don

*Scott Limbrock  
has volunteered to become  
the Membership  
Committee Chairperson*



*He will be able to assist  
new members.  
Many thanks to Scott for  
taking on this important  
position for the club.*

Join us for good food  
and company

Fourth Thursday  
Breakfast Bunch  
March 24th 8:30 am

Jagerhaus German Restaurant

2525 E Ball Rd

(West of 57 Fwy)

Anaheim

714-520-9500

Info: Terry Collings

714-970-7194



## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



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

**Mar 5 (Sat)** Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade, leaving from Katella Grill (see above) at 9AM, arriving at parade site at 10:45. After parade, having lunch and then home



**Mar 10 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guest speaker will be a representative from the California Highway Patrol. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



**Mar 12 (Sat)** Technical Seminar on Babbitt Pouring Techique to be held at Leonard & Kay Nettles' home, 18212 E Santa Clara Ave, Santa Ana 92705 at 9:30AM. Coffee and donuts will be provided.



**Mar 12 (Sat)** Basket Fabrication party, at Leonard & Kay Nettles' home, 18212 E Santa Clara Ave, Santa Ana 92705 at 9:30AM. Coffee and donuts will be provided.



**Mar 19 (Sat)** Ticket Cutting event. Help us prepare tickets for the Pancake Breakfast at Sheila Plotkin's home, 9371 Portsmouth Dr, Huntington Beach, 714-962-2117 at 10AM. It's a potluck.



**Mar 24 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast at Jagerhaus German Restaurant, 2525 E Ball Rd, Anaheim, 714-520-9500 at 8:30AM. For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



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

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



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

volunteer.



**Apr 14 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30PM.

Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



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

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

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

**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

**May 30 (Mon)** - Big 3 Swap Meet, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego

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

### What You Missed—Distributor Seminar

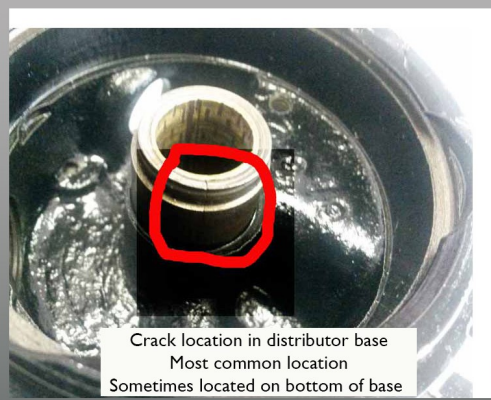
By Jim Persons

Rick Hall hosted the seminar for rebuilding the Model A Distributor (stock kit) on February 13th. The seminar was well attended and I provided Rick with 3 distributors that needed rebuild.

Rick discussed various problems with distributors before starting to rebuild mine. He pointed out the common location for cracks in the base, one of the bases I furnished was cracked. He then discussed cleaning, painting and removal of the old bushings by hack sawing to split the bushing and pressing out the parts.

I placed the new bushings in the base and Rick installed the rebuild kit. The installation was checked for shorts and the points were set. The air gap was checked between the rotor and the distributor body.

It is noted that in the Bratton's catalog is a good breakdown of the distributor. And that my old cracked base was not so badly cracked that I can use it as a spare to carry on trips.



Crack location in distributor base  
Most common location  
Sometimes located on bottom of base

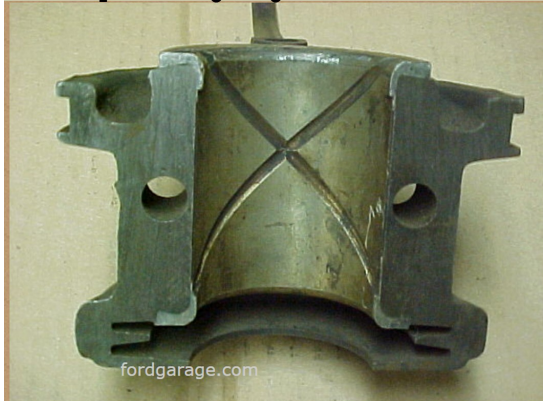


Completed Distributor

## TECHNICAL SEMINAR

Babbitt Pouring Techniques  
9:30AM May 12th  
Leonard & Kay Nettles' Home  
18212 E. Santa Clara Ave  
Santa Ana, CA 92705

NOS cap showing original Babbitt Thickness



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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, February 11, 2016**  
**Wade Education Center @ CHOC**  
**54 in attendance**

President Don Ratzlaff called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

The flag Salute was led by Colleen Schmidt.

Speaker – Lauren Gusler, API for Hagerty Insurance (the biggest insurer for Model A's) offered so much information such as clearing up misconceptions about policies, auto insurance coverage options, storing our cars, and how to get the most use out of our vintage cars. Lauren mentioned that Hagerty offers vehicle restoration coverage, even if it is just a box of parts.

Hagerty has a concierge team that finds parts and pieces for their clients. Hagerty has a guaranteed value usually with payment within 48 hours, along with expert repair shops they can recommend. We were impressed that they have a 95% retention rate with clients who have had accidents. Lauren also mentioned a video people might enjoy that was done by Jonathan Klinger as he drove a 1930 Model A for 365 days entitled "365 days of A". Marilyn Hawkins offered a humorous joke about "memories".

Next month's general meeting speaker will be a representative from the California Highway Patrol. Please submit questions for the CHP to Scott Limbrock.

General Minutes: the minutes were approved as published. Motion was made by Louise Hall and seconded by Sheila Plotkin.

Financial report: was presented by Tom Weaver. As compared to last year, we are ahead. We only have 6 members that have not returned this year. Membership renewal is due by end of this month to be included in the roster.

Monthly Raffles: The drawing for this driver of a car was won by Walt Otto (\$10); for wearing your badge, Tom Weaver won but declined, so Don Ratzlaff was the winner (\$5); the meeting membership drawing would have been won by Chris & Dale Gunst (\$30), but they were not present so it rolls over to next month at \$40.

Tours: A tour of the Toyoto Museum, led by Scott Limbrock, was lots of fun.

Activities: Frank Reese announced the sign up list for the Pancake Breakfast is available. Please consider volunteering. On 3/19 we will be having the ticket cutting party/potluck. There will only be one ticket this year, rather than having the regular and premium tickets. Utensil wrapping will also be done at the ticket cutting event. We are looking for people to assist with parking cars. There will be 2 shifts of 6 people each, 2 hours each. Pancake Breakfast T-shirts will be here at the next meeting. If you want a pocket T-shirt, we will need to have those reserved. If you have anything for the raffle, bring it to the March meeting.

Richard Parrish will be leading a poker run on 3/26. (Cont'd on Page 8)





## DISASSEMBLY OF FROZEN HARDWARE New Series of Oldies But Goodies Tech Articles

By John McMillan

Everyone who has ever restored a car knows the frustration of trying to remove a heavily rusted fastener that was put together some 50 to 70 years ago. Excess torque can snap the bolt, requiring you to try to drill out the stub and then re-tap the hole; or strip the slot out of a screw, causing another drill & tap operation; or the wrench slips causing pain, blood, sometimes stitches and invariably another chapter in the love/hate relationship called restoration.

We also know about heating the fastener, or soaking it in WD40 or Liquidwrench overnight or any other remedy. Frequently these methods usually just postpone the inevitable, at least that is my experience with these processes.

The method I've used over the past 25 years and umpteen cars has worked for me nearly 100% of the time, is relatively fast, (no waiting overnight to find out that the oil soak isn't going to work anyway) is fairly safe, and even if you had to buy everything you need, it would only come to about 10 bucks or so.

Here's what you'll need

1. Acetylene torch with small tip (#0 or smaller). Lacking this a standard propane torch will work.
2. A squirt bottle filled with water. Not a spray bottle. A well washed shampoo bottle or anything that will deliver a stream of water will do.
3. Dark glasses (not essential, but saves some eyestrain). Welding or dark sunglasses OK
4. Fire extinguisher or Garden hose ready to use (not essential if you like the excitement of fire engines at your house).

Here's how to do it

1. Get everything flammable away from the area. This includes wood, cloth, paper, grease, etc.
2. With torch set for a medium soft flame, heat the head of the fastener until it reaches a dull red. If it's a nut & bolt, heat the nut. Concentrate the flame on the fastener, trying not to heat the surrounding area.
3. As soon as you remove the heat, direct a stream of water on the fastener until it stops hissing and steaming.
4. Remove the fastener in the normal way. If it's still badly stuck, repeat the process.

The reason this process works so well is easy to understand. When the fastener is heated, it expands. When it's doused with water, it rapidly shrinks. This action breaks the rust bond. It's called thermal shock. By the way, that rust on the fastener helps to keep the heat from transferring to the item that the fastener is in. Rust is a lousy heat conductor. The water quench also tends to harden the fastener, so the likelihood of screw slot stripping is minimized.

Now some caveats

1. If it's a brass screw, it won't turn red, so just heat & quench.
2. Don't use on die cast parts, they'll melt.
3. Don't use on a fastener in wood. It'll work, but the wood gets charred.
4. Be ready with the hose or extinguisher in case something starts to burn.
5. Do not heat the surrounding area. Sheet metal can warp and cast iron can crack if overheated and rapidly quenched.

I used this process on a Model A that sat outdoors for 28 years in use as a chicken coop in Texas. Didn't break a single fastener. Try it, after a while it gets to be fun.

*(Reprint of The Distributor, Feb 1999, Page 8)*

**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.

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.

**WANT TO SELL OR BUY A CAR, PARTS OR SOMETHING ELSE? MAYBE YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING UNUSUAL? LET US KNOW AND WE WILL GET THE WORD OUT.**



## BASKET FABRICATION

Join us as we make baskets for the Pancake Breakfast raffle

9:30AM May 12th

*Leonard & Kay Nettles' Home*

*18212 E. Santa Clara Ave*

*Santa Ana, CA 92705*



Deadline for submissions for the next **Distributor** is March 25, 2016  
Submit all articles and ads to [tissysmith1@gmail.com](mailto:tissysmith1@gmail.com) or mail to P.O. Box 10595 Santa Ana, CA 92711



T-shirts for the  
Pancake Breakfast  
will be available  
for purchase at the  
March 10th  
General Meeting

(Conti'd from Page 5) Ed and Patty Cote will be having another 4<sup>th</sup> of July ice cream social.

Mark your calendar for the Mt. Baldy tour on 5/5. We will be partnering with the Santa Anita Model A Club.

The annual Imaginology event will be at the OC Fairgrounds from 4/15-17. We need volunteers to sign up. Friday is generally the busiest day, with community involvement. Bring your car to display and a covered area will be set aside. You can also enjoy the fair! There is a conflict, in that CCRG is the same time period. Terry Collings has had a request from the El Camino High School for 5-6 cars to show up on 3/18 career day.

Many thanks to Esther Goff and Bev Marsh, who brought the delicious refreshments.

Ken Blankshan is out so Rick Hall will be doing a seminar on distributor rebuilding on Saturday at 9:30am, with donuts and coffee being served. Jim Person has provided him with 3 bases. If you have a distributor you want to bring along, that's fine. We are looking for a distributor, base and maybe a kit to donate to the club for the Pancake Breakfast. The March seminar will be the Babbitt Process on 3/12. Time and place to be decided.

Sunshine and Sorrow: Marilyn Hawkins announced Ed Cote was going to the hospital just before tonight's meeting. Keep him in your prayers. Kathie McCall is recovering from back surgery and at home. Patty Neat sent a thank you note. Terry Collings has been ill. Stay healthy and happy.

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Brunch: This month's breakfast will be at the Ruby's restaurant at the train station in Orange.

Hard Luck Trophy: Terry Carey claims stupidity. He was going to a film shoot in Long Beach and had to leave at 3am. He decided he wanted to flat tow his car with a tow bar. As he was leaving, but still on a side street, everything going great . . . until he looked in the rearview mirror and saw his Model A car going in a different direction. It connected with a light post. Amazingly, not a great deal of damage.

Walt Otto is starting on his third car since retirement, a speedster – AWESOME! He's only been working on the third car this week, but has a lot accomplished already.

Annual Banquet: At the banquet this year, Don handed out diplomas but missed Mark Schwing. He was awarded a Master of Promotional Skills.

Submitted by  
Tissy Smith for  
Kathy McCall





**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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AA Truck

Hosted by  
**Sheila Plotkin and  
Karen Gaynor**



**Sheila Plotkin's  
Home**  
9371 Portsmouth Drive  
Huntington Beach  
92646/(714) 962-2117  
(Potluck)

**Ticket Cutting  
Party**  
**March 19th at 10AM**

*Sunshine and Sorrow*



**SUNSHINE & SORROW**

**By Marilyn Hawkins**

Mailed **Terry Collings** a get well card as she had minor surgery last month.

The doctors have determined that **Ed Cote** is anemic, which mean he tires easily. His pulmonary situation is very serious. The doctors still have him on prednisone. In three weeks, if no improvement, they will take a biopsy of his lungs plus another CAT scan. He needs your prayers. Let's keep his morale up by calling and mailing him cards.

Sent **Kathy McCall** an animated get well card and also another card by snail mail as she is recovering from back surgery.

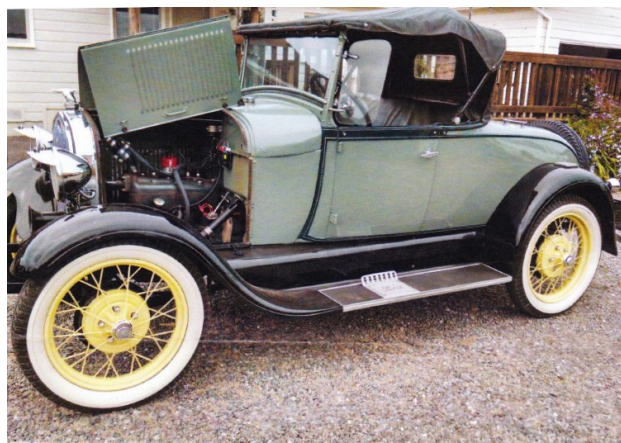
***May you always have love to share, health  
to spare, and friends that care***



**FOR SALE:** I am a longtime member of MAFCA and MARC. I've decided to sell my 1931 station wagon. The woody earned awards of excellence in fine-point judging from both MAFCA and MARC at the 2008 joint world meet in Dallas. Since then I've converted to 12 volts and added a Mitchell Overdrive for easy cruising. The wagon (aka *Miss Maple*) is in excellent mechanical and cosmetic condition. No disappointments. \$38,500, negotiable. Contact Tom Torget of Kerrville, Tx, email: [ttorget@gmail.com](mailto:ttorget@gmail.com), 830-257-8966



**FOR SALE:** 1929 Model A Roadster, restored, excellent running, driving, steering and brakes. Good paint, no body damage. All gauges function. Complete with rumble seat and side curtains. Asking \$16,000. Contact Rocky at 707-834-0483.



**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 tail-lights. 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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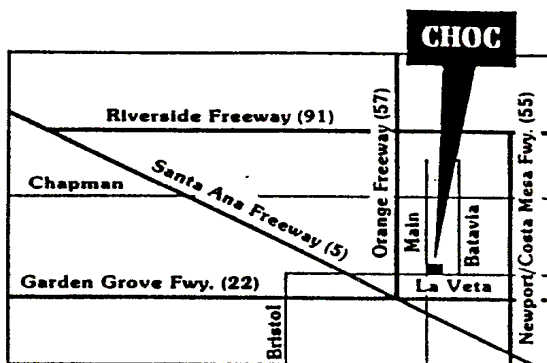
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[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting March 10, 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

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