

We can't wait for the Pancake Breakfast and all the fun to be had



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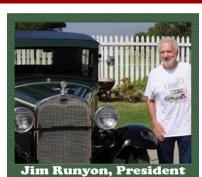
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President's Message

WOW! Where did February go? I don't know about you, but the rain kept my Model A driving down. They do not like rain, or should I say, "I don't like cleaning them"? Even with the rain, it was a busy month. Greg Witz did a technical seminar on rebuilding Model A shock absorbers. Don Ratzlaff and Rick Hall helped with demonstrations. Kevin Schaner was kind enough to let us use his shop and, as always, there was plenty of coffee and donuts. Thanks guys, great job!



I missed the Nethercutt Museum Tour and the 4th Thursday breakfast. I had to work. There is only about a month left before the Pancake Breakfast. We will talk more about it at the next meeting.

Tom and Janis Weaver are moving to Bella Vista, Arkansas. I don't know anything about Bella Vista, but I'm sure it's a nice place. It will be even a little nicer with the Weavers there.

Tom and Janis have been a big part of this club and I know I speak for the whole club when I say, "We will miss you and wish you the very best". Please keep in touch.

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Jim



SUNSHINE & SORROW

By Pam Heiland



The month of February was a busy one. Cards were sent to Leonard Nettles who had knee surgery and to another member who had some surgery which they wish to keep private. A card was also sent to Don Geisen who had a successful surgery. 2 cards were sent to our sweet Esther just to encourage her and let her know we are all thinking of her. And lastly, a sympathy card was sent to Rick Hall and his family. Rick's dad passed away recently. A plant will also be sent to Rick and Louise on behalf of the club.

Let's hope March is a little healthier for all of us. A thought for the day:

Yesterday is a canceled check, tomorrow is a promissory note, today is the only cash we have - spend it wisely!" Kay Lyons

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Mar 4 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



Mar 9 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM Mar II (Sat) Technical Seminar at 9:30am at Leonard

Nettles' home, 18212 E Santa Clara Ave, Santa Ana 92705, 714-505

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Fourth Thursday Breakfast 8:30AM Original House of Pancakes, 10035

Mar 23 (Thu)

Adams Ave, Huntington Beach, 92646, 714-964-7500. For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

March 24-26, 2017 CCRG Jamboree in Porterville, CA. Hosted by Porterville Happy Honkers. For info: Dr. David Bockman, carnut123@gmail.com



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Apr 2 (Sun) Annual Pancake Breakfast, Hart Park. 701 S Glassell St. Or-

ange, CA



Apr 13 (Thu) General Meeting

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meeting at 6PM



Apr 21-23 Imaginology at the Orange County Fairgrounds. Details on Page 7

Apr 27 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast 8:30AM TBD For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970 -7194

May 16-20 NCRG Hub Tour, Lodi, CA hosted by Tokay A's Chairman: Gary Floyd Phone: 209-969-1799

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Mar 5 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, 5AM-2PM, Pomona Fairplex, Fairplex Drive and McKinley Ave, Pomona 91768 Enter at Gate 17.

Mar 12 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-1pm

Apr 9 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-Ipm

Apr 23 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, 5AM-2PM, Pomona Fairplex, Fairplex Drive and McKinley Ave, Pomona 91768 Enter at Gate 17.

May 13 (Sat) Antique Nationals at Auto Club Dragway, Fontana, CA Admission: Adults \$20. Gates open at 8AM.

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

Jun 4 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, 5AM-2PM, Pomona Fairplex, Fairplex Drive and McKinley Ave, Pomona 91768 Enter at Gate 17.

Jun 11 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-Ipm

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So, wait, is today the traffic light's 100th anniversary or not? Automobilia/Daniel Strohl on August 5, 2014



What this intersection needs is a traffic light. Photo from Cleveland Public Library digital collections, doctored by Ed Heys.

One hundred years ago today, at about 5 p.m., the American Traffic Signal Company installed what it claimed to be the first-ever electric traffic signal on the corner of 105th and Euclid in Cleveland. *The Motorist* ran an article describing the signal and its impact, inventor James Hoge probably got a nice little bonus check that week, and the automotive world moved on – when the light changed, that is.

Except, as is the case with many claims of primacy, the story of the first traffic light isn't so black and white. Or, in

this case, red, yellow, and green.

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Hoge, an Ohio native, worked his way up from a railroad clerk to become a successful businessman by his late 20s. He helped establish the Lorain and Cleveland Railway and served as president, (Cont'd on Page 6)



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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 9, 2017 Wade Education Center at CHOC Opening President Jim Runyon called the meeting

7:30PM followed by the flag salute.

Guest Greetings Doris Marshall introduced the latest members to join. Jerry and Vi Ammann were welcomed. They have owned a Model A Coupe for the last 20 years. They thanked everyone for their warm welcome. Marilyn Hawkins and Richard Parrish entertained us with some humor. **Minutes** The minutes of last month's General Meeting were approved without corrections.

Financial Report Marilyn Hawkins reported 168 members, 28 had not yet paid their dues. The club is on budget for meeting its expenses for the coming year. Tom Weaver was acknowledged for his fine work as past Treasurer. He, Janis, and their yellow Cabriolet will be missed on the tours and the BS Breakfasts. The club wished them well on their move.

Correspondence Marilyn Hawkins read excerpts from Walt Otto expressing "Thanks" to the club. They are settling down to life as a married couple in their new home.

Activities/Special Events Frank Reese -Nethercutt Museum tour is scheduled for Saturday, February 18. Frank went over the instructions. March has two opportunities. Knott's Berry Farm tour of items to be auctioned will be the last week of March. March 24 the Central California Region (CCR) will be meeting. More info will come. This is a large regional meet and well worth attending. April, of course, is the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 2. May is the Mt. Baldy tour. July 4th is the Ice Cream Social at the home of Ed and Patty Cote'. Stay tuned for more adventures to come. Frank provided "SIGN UP" forms for members to pick a support task to make this a success.

Invitations to IMAGINOLOGY April 21-23 The club participated last year. Two cars are needed each day with two to three people to serve shifts each day. The focus is on education for school children and families to learn and enjoy inventing, science, and history. It is a very worthwhile event. Christine Gunst (<u>CGunst@ocfair.com</u>) is coordinating. All this is at the O.C. Fair grounds. Talk to Christine for more details and be ready to engage kids and adults.

Technical Ken Blankshain On Feb. 11th there will be a workshop on "Shock Absorbers" at Kevin Shaner's shop in Placentia. Everyone is encouraged to bring along old shocks to see if they are candidates for rebuilding or are shot shocks.

March 11 Len Nettles will host a workshop on "Horns". Show up at 10:00 A.M. Len and Kay's home is 18212 E. Santa Clara Ave., Santa Ana. **Historian** Steve Pavich was introduced as the club Historian. Get to know him; he has a lot of articles from past issues of the Restorer magazine that can help a Model A owner. His phone number is 714.963.2633 (Continued on Page 8)

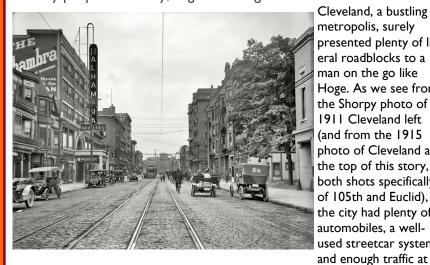


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(Cont'd from Page 4) secretary, or treasurer to a number of gas, electric, and railroad utility companies. He moved to Cleveland in 1898 and added to his interests telephone utilities, and, like many wealthy people of the day, began toodling around in automobiles.

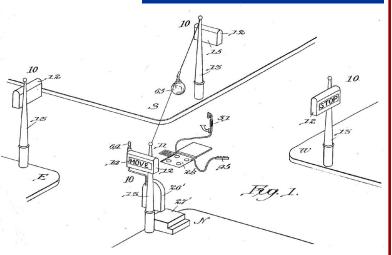


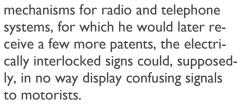
times to choke the roads. It also had fire engines and police vehicles that needed a path through all the new traffic. So Hoge went to work inventing an electric streetlight system.

Hoge's idea may seem rudimentary today, but was actually rather well thought out, and incorporated features that went beyond mere traffic control. As seen in his patent for the system – U.S. Patent No. **1251666**, filed in September 1913 and granted in January 1918 – it consisted of two-sided signs mounted on poles on all four corners of an intersection. Two of the signs read "Stop" and two read "Move," and the signs would swing around to direct the traffic. Thanks to Hoge's expertise designing switching Cleveland, a bustling metropolis, surely presented plenty of literal roadblocks to a man on the go like Hoge. As we see from the Shorpy photo of 1911 Cleveland left (and from the 1915 photo of Cleveland at the top of this story, both shots specifically of 105th and Euclid), the city had plenty of automobiles, a wellused streetcar system,

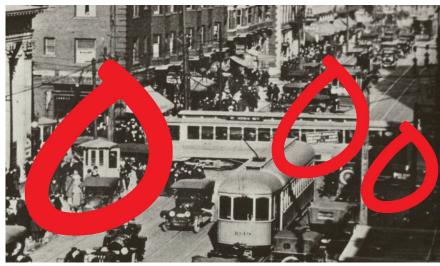
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The system wouldn't put the traffic cop assigned to that intersection out of a job, either: The officer would instead be housed in a covered and heated booth, manually controlling the movement of the signals. In fact, reading the text of the patent, Hoge specifically wanted public safety officers controlling the signals (Cont'd on Page 10)



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OC Fair IMAGINOLOGY Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead

The Club will be participating again with a Model A Ford exhibit, April 21-23, 2017, at the Orange County Fairgrounds.

IMAGINOLOGY: Encouraging young people to explore, discover, and connect with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics

(STEAM). This is a free three-day, family-friendly event featuring S.T.E.A.M.-related exhibits, hands-on activities for all ages, contests, entertainment, food and more.

Come and enjoy the day; or, as long as you are there, why not volunteer to help man-our-booth for part of the day. This is an opportunity for our club to stimulate interest and educate youth on the history`and engineering of the car. We will be provided with space to exhibit two Model A's and we need your help. Please contact Colleen Schmidt at 714-524-2659.

Something we all might aspire to do:



Roger55 (his handle) is a retired hydrologist, living in San Angelo, Texas. He built this amazing gas station themed workshop/garage at his home.

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Sunshine and Sorrow Marilyn Hawkins mentioned that Don Geisen, who was going to have knee surgery, has had it postponed to next week. Best wishes Don.

4th **THURSDAY Breakfast** Terry Collings reported 38 attendees at Flappy Jacks at the last 4th Thursday breakfast. El Faralito, in Placentia, on Bradford, is this month's destination. (in Old Town Placentia). Time is 8:30 A.M.

Hard Luck Trophy (Nobody knows where it is.) Ron Nichols shared his story of his gas cap creating havoc by not venting air into the tank as he was driving it and this caused his car to quit in the middle of a shopping center parking lot.

Refreshments They were enjoyed at 8:30. Esther Goff and Carolyn Ratzlaff are mobilizing men and women to bring refreshments.

Website Bruce Harris reminded us to use the website: ocmafc.org. (Password in front of your directory) **Closing remarks** Pres. Jim Runyon closed the evening with fantastic Super Bowl statistics. Norm Kredit, Secretary



The club is now the proud owner of a complete 1930 chassis

The plan is to get the engine running and pretty-up the chassis so it can be auctioned off at the Pancake Breakfast.

On first glance, the chassis appears to have the following: "new" radiator and mounting hardware, complete A engine and "float-a-motor" mounts, even compression at 65psi, transmission complete with driveline and shift tower, 6v alternator, clutch and brake pedal assembly, all 4 shock absorbers and connecting hardware

four good tires and wheels, 2-tooth steering box and column with good steering wheel, steering column switch and wiring harness for deluxe body

Does not have: 6V battery, horn, running boards, lights, bumpers, 5th wheel, Dash panel, switch or meter



History of Dr Pepper

drpeppermuseum.com/about-us/history-of-dr--pepper.aspx



The Dr Pepper Snapple Group is the oldest major manufacturer of soft drink concentrates and syrups in the United States. Dr Pepper is America's unique flavor and was created, manufactured and sold beginning in 1885 in the Central Texas town of Waco. Dr Pepper is a "native Texan," originating at Morrison's Old Corner Drug Store. It is the oldest of the major brand soft drinks in America. Like its flavor, the origin of Dr Pepper is out-of-the-ordinary. Charles Alderton, a young pharmacist working at Morrison's store, is believed to be the inventor of the now famous drink. Alderton spent most of his time mixing up medicine for the people of Waco, but in his spare time he

liked to serve carbonated drinks at the soda fountain. He liked the way the drug store smelled, with all of the fruit syrup flavor smells mixing together in the air. He decided to create a drink that tasted like that smell. He kept a journal, and after numerous experiments he finally hit upon a mixture of fruit syrups that he liked.

To test his new drink, he first offered it to store owner Morrison, who also found it to his liking. After repeated sample testing by the two, Alderton was ready to offer his new drink to some of the fountain customers. They liked it as well. Other patrons at Morrison's soda fountain soon learned of Alderton's new drink and began ordering it by asking him to shoot them a "Waco."

Morrison is credited with naming the drink "Dr. Pepper" (the period was dropped in the 1950s). Unfortunately, the origin for the name is unclear. The Museum has collected over a dozen different stories on how the drink became known as Dr Pepper.

Dr Pepper gained such widespread consumer favor that other soda fountain operators in Waco began buying the syrup from Morrison and serving it. This soon presented a problem for Alderton and Morrison. They could no longer produce enough at their fountain to supply the demand.

Robert S. Lazenby, a young beverage chemist, had also tasted the new drink and he, too, was impressed. Alderton, the inventor, was primarily interested in pharmacy work and had no designs on the drink. He suggested that Morrison and Lazenby develop it further.

Morrison and Lazenby were impressed with the growth of Dr Pepper. In 1891, they formed a new firm, the Artesian Mfg. & Bottling Company, which later became Dr Pepper Company. Lazenby and his son-in-law, J.B. O'Hara moved the company from Waco to Dallas in 1923.

In 1904, Lazenby and O'Hara introduced Dr Pepper to almost 20 million people attending the 1904 World's Fair Exposition in St. Louis. The exposition was the setting for more than one major product debut. Hamburgers and frankfurters were first served on buns at the exposition, and the ice cream cone was first served in large numbers.

From 1910 to 1914, Dr Pepper was identified with the slogan, "King of Beverages." "Old Doc," a typical country doctor character with monocle and top hat, became the Dr Pepper trademark character in the 1920s and 1930s. During that era, research was discovered proving that sugar provided energy and that the



average person experiences a letdown during the normal day at 10:30a.m., 2:30p.m. and 4:30p.m. A contest was held for the creation of an ad using this new information. The winner of the ad campaign came up with the famous advertising slogan, "Drink a bite to eat at 10, 2, and 4." Dr Pepper's slogan in the 1950s was "the friendly Pepper-Upper," which led the brand into the 1960s when it became associated with rock and roll music and on Dick Clark's American Bandstand TV show.

With changing times came changing slogans. To broaden its appeal across the nation, Dr Pepper hailed itself as "the most misunderstood soft drink," and then in the 1970s became "the most original (Cont'd on Page 10)

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(Cont'd from Page 9) soft drink ever in the whole wide world." In 1977, Dr Pepper advertising was marked by the famous "Be a Pepper" campaign, followed by "Be You." The newest slogan out today is "There's just more to it," which coordinates with the emphasis on the 23 fruit flavors that give Dr Pepper its unique taste.



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(Cont'd from Page 6) and communicating with central police and fire offices in order to clear intersections for emergency vehicles. Interestingly, Hoge didn't specify any colors for the signs in his patent; he suggested the possibility of red and white lamps in the Stop and Move signs, and he really didn't even seem to be too concerned with leaving the lamps in the signs lit during the daytime.

As implemented at Euclid and 105th, the traffic light system appears to have roughly followed Hoge's patent: The officer's booth (booths?) were moved from the center of the intersection to the corner, and we can make out at least one of the pole-mounted signs, along with a **banner hung in the middle of the intersec**tion presumably explaining the purpose of the signs.

Hoge's system, however, for all of its forward thinking about how to control the stream of traffic, doesn't look much like our modern red, yellow, and green automatic traffic lights. In fact, photos of that very intersection from not long after show no trace of Hoge's system (by the late 1920s, a traffic cop was back to standing in the middle of the intersection), and Hoge appears not to have refined his system in later years (though he did patent an indicator light for automobiles in 1915) so it's hard to even describe it as a predecessor of modern traffic lights. Hoge merely appears to have been the one of the first people to patent an electric traffic light system. So who really invented the modern traffic light?



Some point to Lester Wire, a Salt Lake City, Utah, police detective, who in 1912 painted a bird house yellow and installed red and green incandescent lights on its sides in six-inch holes. Still manually operated, his design wasn't nearly as complicated as Hoge's, using a simple two-way throw switch to control the lights. He mounted it to a 10-foot pole on the corner of Main Street and 200 South in downtown Salt Lake City and after a while it caught on. The Utah Department of Transportation celebrated the centennial of Wire's traffic light a couple of years ago by creating a replica of Wire's box. According to UDOT, some speculate that Wire began the patent process for his light, but was interrupted by World War I; however, we've found no indication that Wire fought in the war, and find it unlikely that he would have waited a couple of years to begin the patent process. It's more likely that he couldn't: As a government employee, he was prohibited from patenting any invention conceived in the course of his work.

Another police officer, Detroit inspector William L. Potts, generally gets credit for creating the first four-way traffic light

with red, yellow, and green lights, which he installed in October 1920 at the intersection of Woodward and Michigan avenues in Detroit. Using mostly railroad equipment, the lights were installed on a tower in the middle of the intersection and manually operated, though in 1921 Potts apparently figured out how to automate their operation and subsequently spread the lights throughout the city. Like Wire, his (Cont'd on Page 11)

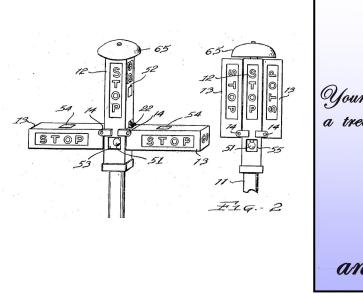
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(Cont'd from Page 10) government employee status prevented him from filing for a patent on the light, but a later court decision officially acknowledged Potts as the creator.

One other man often gets credit for inventing the electric traffic light. In 1922, Garrett Morgan Sr. applied for a patent on a manually controlled and electrically lit T-shaped device that incorporated semaphores to indicate to drivers whether they should Stop or Go. Morgan, a Cleveland resident, reportedly installed his device along Euclid as well, but is perhaps better known for selling his patent for \$40,000 to General Electric, which began manufacturing traffic lights (though more along the lines of Potts's design, pole-mounted like Morgan's) for use across the country soon after.

And then there's Chicagoan Ernest Sirrine's two-way sign of 1910, automatically controlled and illuminated with red and green lights and part of an overall traffic control system. And San Franciscan William Ghiglieri's four-way automatic traffic light of 1917 using red and green lights. And, we're sure, probably a few more.



Esther Goff Your life was a blessing Your memory a treasure You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure

Dedicated to the History and Preservation of the Model A Ford **Next General Meeting ORANGE COUNTY** CHOC **MODEL A FORD** 7:30 PM **CLUB** 55) 57 **Riverside Freeway (91)** [Second Thursday of every month] Ę Next Meeting March 9, 2017 Chapman Costa Mesa Orange Batavia **CHOC Hospital Complex** ŝ Post Office Box 10595 (5, 455 South Main Street, Orange, CA Santa Ana, CA 92711 Garden Grove Fwy. (22) **J**LOO Veta E-mail: info@ocmafc.org Bristol 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 **Return Address:**

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