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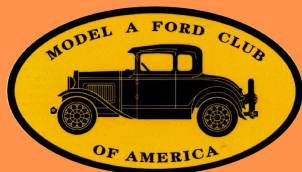


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Dust or  
Rust—Drive  
your car and  
let the rest of  
the world see  
what they are  
missing



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## President's Message

A big Thank You goes out to Norm and Lori Kredit for organizing the International Model A Ford Day Tour. We all met at Katella Grill, in Orange. We started out with 16 Model A's, one modern, 33 club members, and 2 guests. As we pulled out of the parking lot, we were handed our nine pages of instructions. I guess you could say I got off to a bad start. After leaving the parking lot, my first turn I turned the wrong way and had to make my first of many U-turns. Norm and Lori put a lot of time and effort into mapping out the tour titled, "Anaheim Past and Present". The tour took us to water basins, down a dirt road along the railroad tracks, parks, historic buildings, and a drive through the oldest cemetery in Anaheim (Founded in 1866). Finally, after a few more U-turns, we ended up at Ruby's Diner, where we had lunch and exchanged stories of wrong turns. After lunch, Phil Joujon-Roche was awarded the trophy for all his effort and countless hours he put into his car getting it ready for the tour. Congratulations Phil. It was a lot of fun and a great way to spend International Model A Ford Day. Thank you Norm and Lori, well done.

It is October, the kids have been back in school for a month and Halloween is just around the corner. It also means it is time to think about volunteering to take over the VP/activities position. Frank Reese said he will continue doing the Pancake Breakfast, but we need someone to take over tours. Speaking of tours, the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum Tour is October 13, 14, and 15. You can ride the train, up and back, or drive. It should be a lot of fun. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Be safe,  
Jim



**Jim Runyon, President**

NEW MEMBERS  
CHANGES  
CORRECTIONS

**Cimarusti, Pat & Rose**, email correction: [rcimarusti@socal.rr.com](mailto:rcimarusti@socal.rr.com).



Sorry we couldn't make the tour Saturday for the International Model A Day but we did the next best thing by driving our A all around Durango and surrounding country roads. While in town, we took this photo of our car in front of the Durango and Silverton NGRR roundhouse. Had a good time. ~ Andy & Lucille Saez

## SUNSHINE & SORROW

**By Pam Heiland  
& Sheila Plotkin**



No cards have been sent this past month so I'm hoping that means you are all well. We got a lovely thank you note from Cliff Barker's wife thanking us for the flowers we sent for his memorial service. Thank you Sheila for taking care of the flowers.

Here's your thought of the day:

*Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end the faster it goes.*



## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**Oct 7 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



**Oct 12 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. CHOC Hospital Complex, 455 South Main Street, Orange. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



**Oct 13-15** Central Coast Railroad Festival, what a great adventure to travel by train. See details on page 7



**Oct 26 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast 8:30AM at IHOP, 2250 E Lincoln Ave, Anaheim, 92806; 714-533-4467. For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



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



**Nov 9 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



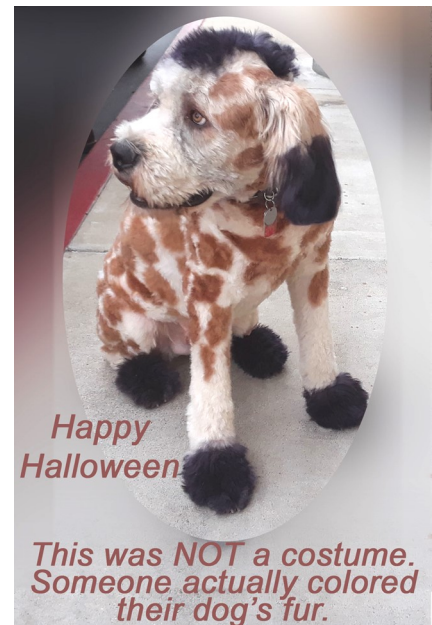
**Nov 23 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast **Cancelled due to Thanksgiving**. For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



**Nov 29-Dec 3** MAFCA's National Awards Banquet, Oklahoma City, OK hosted by Sooner's A's

**Jan 7, 2018 (Sun)** Annual Installation Banquet, 1pm-4pm at The Villa, 510 E Katella Ave, Orange 92867

**Apr 8-10, 2018** CCRG in Cambodia hosted by Cuesta Cankers, San Luis Obispo



**2017 Pancake T-Shirts will be discounted to \$5 at the October General Meeting**

### Swap Meets/Car Shows

**Oct 7 (Sat)** 20th Annual OC Model T Parts Exchange and Swap Meet, Friends of Christ Lutheran Church, 2311 E Chapman Ave, Fullerton 92831

**Oct 7 (Sat)** Patriots & Paws Hometown Heros Car & Motorcycle Show, 9am-3pm, Canyon RV Park, Gypsum Canyon at the 91 Fwy, 24001 E Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Anaheim, 92808

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

**Oct 14 (Sat)** Redondo Union High School Car Show, 9am-3pm, I Sea Hawk Way, Redondo Beach

**Oct 14 (Sat)** Torrance High School Car Show, 10am-2pm, 2200 Carson St, Torrance

**Oct 15 (Sun)** Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, 5AM-2PM, Pomona Fairplex, Fairplex Drive and McKinley Ave, Pomona 91768 Enter at Gate 17.

**Oct 21 (Sat)** All American Car Show, 9am-2pm, Hooters, 2438 Katella Ave, Anaheim, Spectators free

**Oct 22 (Sun)** 16th Annual Wings, Wheels, Rotors & Expo, 9am-4pm, Los Alamitos Army Airfield Joint Forces Training Base

**Oct 28 (Sat)** Capo Valley Wrestling's Haunted Cars on the Hill Car Show, 3pm-7pm, Capistrano Valley High School, upper parking lot, 26301 Via Escolar, Mission Viejo, 92692

## A Tour of Portugal and Spain in a Model A

By: Kathy Glendinning

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**- We arrive in Lisbon, Portugal, after a very long flight and 8 hour time difference and transfer to our hotel in Sintra. That night we have a welcome and information meeting to meet everyone, ( there are 12 cars from all over the United States and Germany and 17 participants including our guides) and to discuss picking up our car at the warehouse, getting gas (very expensive) and our tour.

In the morning we will pick up our cars hoping that they start. Some had parts removed to fit into containers, three fit in one container. Then we head out to visit the National Palace of Queluz and The Discoveries Monument.



**May 5<sup>th</sup>** is our first driving day. We will travel north along the Portuguese coast, which is known as the Costa Verde. It was a rainy day and every car managed to get lost before reaching our hotel in Figuera Da Foz and then on to Porto.

We traveled along the Douro River. Porto is a big city with very narrow streets and street signs have not been improved in I think 200 years! We stayed in a Parador which is a converted historic building such as a monastery or castle that was set in place when Franco was in reign for travelers. It was cheap then not now.

We had a Port wine tour and tasting. Yum!!



In Porto there are 5 Bridges.



Spanish culture meets Henry Ford- Before we left the area, we visited a ranch outside of Ciudad Rodrigo where we were offered a cowboy/ horsemanship/matador exhibition. The matador is 16 years old and practices for hour every day. Notice the bull is tiny too. They start young



We lined up for a photo with all the cars.



Red poppies wild all over Spain.

A special stop to see the palominos. (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, September 14, 2017**  
**Wade Education Center at CHOC**

56 members were present.

President Jim Runyon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Greeter Doris Marshall welcomed everyone with her endearing, "Hello Everybody" and everyone greeted her back. Marilyn Hawkins followed with some good humor.

Treasurer Marilyn Hawkins reported on our financial standing. She had adjusted balances in different accounts at the bank. The accounts have not changed much since last month. The club has 163 members. Bill Warming-ton and Dominic Cimarusti's brother, Pat, joined. Welcome!

Marilyn went on to report that we received a "Thank You" letter from Disneyland for the participation of our members by providing six Model A's to cheer on the participants in Disneyland's half marathon. \$40 per car will be donated to the club. It was decided to donate these monies to Samaritan's Purse for their work with hurricane relief. The total should come to \$240. Also, a donation of \$100 will be given to the Salvation Army for their ongoing hurricane relief work. The Capo Valley wrestling coach, Rich Bordner also sent a note of appreciation for the \$150 sent to them.

The State Attorney General's Office requires us to renew our Raffle Certification with a special tax based on the amount of tickets the club buys. That fee came to \$20 this year. Our treasurer, Marilyn Hawkins, has taken care to file those forms along with a check.

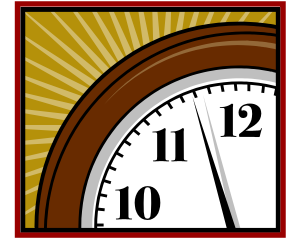
Editor Tissy Hatcher requested help from the members for finding material of interest to be printed in "The Distributor". Experiences, automotive inventions, costumes or customs related to the Model A time period are good. These will be passed on to everyone through the newsletter. When in doubt call or e-mail her. 714-362-7322 or tismith@cookseylaw.com.

V/P Activities Frank Reese updated the members as to current local shows. Frank has stepped into a roll on the Ford Council. Ford Motor Company supports the activities of this council in promoting Ford related events. A local annual event is April of 2018. They are designating the Model A as "The Milestone Car" of the year. Frank is looking for members to volunteer their cars for this one day show to be held at Knott's Berry Farm. Cell: 714-348-2507, e-mail: rfrust34@yahoo.com

Frank called attention to Norm Kredit to talk about "The International Drive Your Model A Day" which will be this coming Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. Norm and Lori Kredit will be leading a tour of Anaheim. Sign-up sheets are up front. This tour is like the one last year through Fullerton with questions to answer and with driving instructions for each car. This is for all ages, grandkids also.

Frank also called attention to the date of Sunday, October 24, which is the large swap meet at the San Bernardino Little League Park. This is always a great event.

Frank turned the microphone over to Kathy McCall to invite members to come along on the train (or drive) to San Louis Obispo (Cont'd on Page 10)



(Cont'd from Page 4) Church in Salamanca.



In Zamora we had a walking tour instead of walking.



We saw many beautiful churches and murals. These were woven murals that were done from the back with the picture in the front.



Now what about the food in Spain.

Tuna and tapas about \$2 each at the bars. Dinner starts at 9:00 every night.



And lots of wine.



This day's Spanish adventure was a very pleasant drive through the countryside. We stopped at the Castle of Portillo.

Jim with his friend that we had to carry for forgetting our passports at the hotel.

We have pigeons they have storks on every high building.

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Model A Parts – Almost Free (asking for a donation of any amount to the club) I do not have room to keep extra parts and if any of these have any use to you, you are welcome to them. If they do not find a home, they will most likely be trashed. I will not be at the Sept meeting and will miss the Oct meeting (going to Hershey). I will be at the Saturday Model A day. I can also bring them to a future meeting. Call me (Greg) at 714-680-5100.



**October  
13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**



**We will be taking Amtrak as we journey to San Luis Obispo for International Railroad Days, visiting the San Luis Obispo Station and Museum. Twelve people have already committed via train, but driving your Model A is also encouraged. Peachtree Inn still has rooms available, but are filling up quickly. There is also the more upscale Apple Farm Inn. Contact Kathie McCall if interested in joining us.**



Front axle. On one of the spring perch mount holes is slightly elongated.



Front spring and 10 leaf rear spring. The front spring is marginal. I noticed the difference when replaced. The rear spring is good. I do not notice the difference, but the eye to eye length was 1/2 tighter on the new spring.



Two tires (rollers). They can be used for rolling your A around in the garage. One is worn. For the second tire, it appears that the tread seam is coming apart.

See Don Ratzlaff's email for more items.

**Local  
Accommodations**

**Strongly suggest  
you make  
reservations early**



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## Cleaning Your Canvas Top

By: Ken Blankshain

On a few occasions lately, I have been asked about cleaning canvas tops found on various models of Model A's: cabriolet, roadster, phaeton, etc. Not really knowing much about it, and not really having an answer, I decided to look on the Model A Ford Club of America website (mafca.com – a great resource by the way) to see what information they might have. As usual, I was not disappointed. For those of you who have been asking, or are otherwise interested, here is what I found:

### CLEANING CABRIOLET TOP

#### Question:

I have a water & dirt stain on the leading front edge of my Cabriolet top. What can I use safely to clean it. I am afraid of bleach solution of removing the canvas color. The Cabriolet is a 31 s/w, name is Joe Lisac. See you in KC. Joe Lisac

#### Answer:

I am assuming that the top material on your Cabriolet has never been washed. Water and dirt stains are usually caused by water spots on a canvas that has dust or normal dirt deposits from the air. When the water hits the canvas, it displaces the dirt that is already there. If it were my car, I would not be afraid to wash the entire top at this time. It is the only way you are going to remove the stain. Applying water or any liquid to a small area will only cause more stains around the area of dampness. Use a mild soap and a soft brush and wash the entire top. Rinse it well and use a towel to absorb most of the water after rinsing. Let it air dry and it should leave you with a clean and even colored top. I know most guys are afraid to wash a new top for the first time. It should do no harm to it. The sun is the worst enemy of the canvas. The sun will bleach it, not the wash water. See you in KC.

-- Les Andrews, 2000 Technical Director, 6/28/00

### CLEANING ROADSTER TOP

#### Question:

The top on my roadster is mildewed and dirty. Do you have any recommendations for cleaning it?

#### Answer:

Mildew is a fungus. The only thing I know that will kill the fungus is a mild solution of bleach and water. Then scrub with soap and water. Rinse well. Anything you do will affect the canvas top material. Mildew is the worst enemy of canvas. -- Les Andrews, 1998 Technical Director

Note: if you're not already a member of MAFCA, you may want to consider it.



*Are you our Hard Luck Hero who received the Hard Luck Trophy? If so, please bring the trophy to the October General Meeting so it can be passed along to the next hero. Thanks.*

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**January 7, 2018 Sunday 1PM-4PM**

**Installation Banquet  
The Villa**

**510 E Katella Ave**

**Orange, 92867**

**Reserve your space  
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**MODEL A**  
**Roster Raffle**  
**CURRENT JACKPOT 70 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.**

(Cont'd from Page 5) for "Railroad Days" festivities weekend. She and Dale are celebrating an anniversary, but all who can are welcome to join them on Amtrak. There are a lot of festivities over that weekend so it should be fun. Call Kathy: 714-469-0946, E-mail: kathleenmccall1941@gmail.com Dates are October 13-14-15. She can help you plan your stay.

Ken Blankshain shared a fun experience enhancing a night of 20's to 30's music at the Huntington Beach Library. Noting that they did not have props, Ken suggested he might drive his Model A down through the audience on the driveway and park it in front of the stage to add some period interest. The crowd loved it. It just added to a great night.

Ken Blankshain and Dennis Kliesen, who is replacing Ken as The Technical Advisor, have arranged a Technical session at Don Dormeyer's shop Saturday, September 30 at 9:30 A.M. Don will have a car that needs a check-up. If you are planning to take a long drive or short one, it is good to go over a Model A for safety and dependability. There are always coffee and donuts as well as Don's incredible shop. Location is 2983 E. Miraloma. Questions: call Ken or Dennis. Ken: cell: 714-392-1438 Dennis: 949-466-7475

Historian Steve Pavich has brought some old literature and "Restorer" magazines. They are up front for people to take or read. There are lots of good things in past issues.

Sunshine and Sorrow Pam Heiland read a thank you note from Joanne Parker. We also sang a "Happy Birthday" to Don Ratzlaff whether he liked it or not.

Terry Collings has arranged for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday breakfast at Suzy's Café on September 28, at 8:30 A.M. Suzy's is close to Warner and Harbor. It has great reviews, so expect a good breakfast. Address: 2610 S. Harbor Blvd., Santa Ana, Ca. 92704, Phone: 714-884-3938. Remember to drive the Model A for the \$10 drawing.

"Raffle Man" Ed Cote conducted the Membership Drawing. Sadly number 72 was nowhere to be found. The amount now climbs to \$70 next month. Sorry Dave Gonzales. Then Carl Pease's number was drawn for wearing his name tag to the meeting. \$10 was awarded and all was good. Thank you, Ed.

Kathy McCall and Cathy O'Brien are due a big "THANK YOU!" for the refreshments for the evening.

Thanks also to Don Ratzlaff for the pictures shown in the background throughout the meeting.

But that is not all. A special program was put on by Jim and Kathy Glendinning. They toured Spain and Portugal with their Model A by joining an organized tour group of other antique car enthusiasts. Tours are put together every two years throughout different parts of the world. Thanks, Jim and Kathy, for the beautiful pictures and the challenge to drive those Model A's.

Norm Kredit, Secretary



(Cont'd from Page 6) We traveled through the Basque country then to Bilbao with a visit to the Guggenheim museum. Then onto Pamplona which is famous for the running of the bulls. Six bulls run daily and then to their last destination, the bull ring.



Then to Zaragoza where we were featured in a car show at the Plaza del Pilar.

Barcelona our final stop. Basilica Sagrada Familia Jewel of Spain designed by Antoni Gaudi in 19<sup>TH</sup> century and still not finished.

This was a trip of a life time. So many stops we couldn't tell you about.

The Model A touring club is a national/

international club that anyone can join, \$10 a year and NO meetings. They do one sometimes two trips per year all over the United States and the world. Model A Touring Club ~Take a peek.

Kathy and Jim Glendinning



*The club received \$240 from Disneyland for club members providing cars. The Board elected to donate the \$240 to Samaritan's Purse together with an additional \$100 to The Salvation Army to assist with hurricane relief efforts.*



Join us for good food  
and company

Fourth Thursday  
Breakfast Bunch

October 26th at 8:30 a.m.

IHOP

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## Next General Meeting

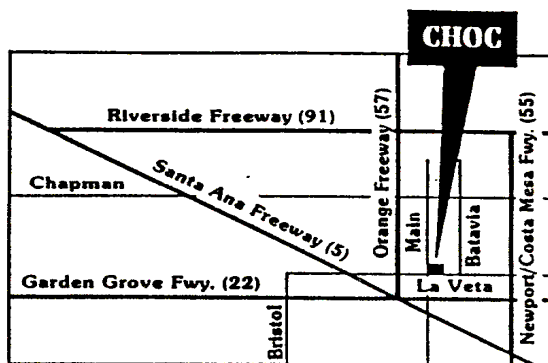
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Next Meeting October 12, 2017

CHOC Hospital Complex

455 South Main Street, Orange, CA



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