

"TEAM"

A group that supports one another. Isn't that the definition of the A Team?



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President's Message

This year is winding down fast. I was at the store the other day and they already had Christmas merchandise out. Just a little early for me. Our technical seminar for the month of August was a little different this time. We held a workshop with nine people attending, plenty of coffee and donuts. We went to a non-members house in Newport Beach. He needed a little help with his car. It had not been serviced in a long time. We changed the oil, lubed the chassis, checked the transmission, differential and tire pressure. In return, he said he will



join the club. Not our usual way to get new members, but sometimes we go the extra mile. I would like to welcome all new members and remind everyone you are always welcome at board meetings. If you have any suggestions or concerns, bring them to the meeting.

We ended the month of August with the 4th Thursday Breakfast. We had it at Schooner or Later restaurant in Long Beach. As always, good food, good people. Thanks Terry Collings!

International Model A Ford Day is just a few days away. Norm and Lori Kredit have set up a tour in Anaheim. Last year they hosted a tour through the streets of Fullerton. We had a great turn out and a lot of fun. I'm really looking forward to this year's tour. More information to follow. Speaking of tours, at the end of the year, two board positions will be open. Frank Reese said he would like to continue doing the Pancake Breakfast, but he would like someone to take over tours. So think about it, our club needs your help.

Hope to see you at the Ist Saturday Breakfast and the next meeting.

Be safe,

Jim

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SUNSHINE & SORROW

By Pam Heiland



This month, a get well card was sent to Tina Mowrer, Frank's wife. She had some gall bladder problems. She's doing okay, but will have surgery at a later date so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Also, a plant was sent to Joanne Barker whose husband, Cliff, recently passed away.

Please let me know if you hear of anyone who needs a little cheering up or sympathy.

"A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks!"

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



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



Sep 14 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. CHOC Hospital Complex, 455 South Main Street,

Orange. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



Sep 16 (Sat) International Model A Day, Norm Kredit to lead tour of Anaheim

Sep 16 (Sat) 7th Annual Model A Day at

the Gilmore Car Museum



Sep 24-29 MAFCA National Tour, see details on Page 6



Sep 28 (Thu)Fourth Thursday

Breakfast 8:30AM at Suzy's Café, 2601 S Harbor Blvd. Santa

Ana; 714-884-3938. For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



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.
Guests are always
welcome. Board
meeting at 6PM

Oct 13-15 Central Coast Railroad Festival, see details on page 7



Oct 26 (Thu)

Fourth Thursday Breakfast 8:30AM TBD 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, Ipm-4pm at The Villa, 510 E Katella Ave, Orange 92867

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



Sorry Folks.
Not enough interest in going to the casino. We'll try again.

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Sep 9 (Sat) Santa Maria All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet, Old Town, Orcutt, CA

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

Sep 24 (Sun) Swap Meet, Paradise Valley MAC, Western Little League Headquarters, San Bernardino

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

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

Dec 3 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, 5AM-2PM, Pomona Fairplex, Fairplex Drive and McKinley Ave, Pomona 91768 Enter at Gate 17.

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August Seminar Report and More Technical Tips & Goodies

By: Ken Blankshain Technical Director

I received a call, a few weeks back, from a fellow that was referred to us by Doug & Lisa Bannister. He was looking for a Model A mechanic to do some maintenance on his 1929 Phaeton. I suggested that the club might do it, if he was interested in joining. He was pleased with the offer and on Saturday, August 19th, we met on Lido Island, to do a little maintenance on Bill Warmington's 1929 Phaeton. The car was his father's (Ed) first car, and Bill was quite sentimental about the car and his father. Bill (William) was named after his grandfather. You might recognize the name: Warmington. His grandfather started a construction business back in the 20's building custom homes for movie stars and other elites. In the 40's, they were one of the first, if not the first, to begin building track homes in California. Anyway, we met at Bill's house and changed the oil, topped off the transmission, rear-end, and steering box. By the way, the steering box often is fitted with a zerk fitting, as was this car, but don't be fooled into thinking that you should pump grease into this fitting. You should remove the zerk fitting with a small wrench and fill the steering box with 600 W oil. We also lubed the car including the "U-joint" and filled the tires and torqued the wheel lugs. Bill was quite relieved to know that "Model A" experts were working on his Dad's first car and mentioned a few times that it was a real blessing. Thanks to everyone that showed up to lend a helping hand to a fellow Model A'er.

More technical tips and goodies...

Tiny Tip - Keeping Moisture Out of the Distributor (from MAFCA Tech Q&A - Members Tips)

Have you ever driven your Model A in the rain, and have it "act up?" This is exactly what happened to me while on tour with the Western Carolina's Model A Club. First the car began to periodically "skip." Then it began to really run rough, until it just died! The cause - moisture in the distributor. Well, this is a common problem in cars without electronic ignitions. Usually, the humidity level in the atmosphere is something the hot engine "burns" off before coming in contact with our distributors. But, when it rains, there is just too much moisture in the atmosphere and the inside of the distributor cap will begin to "sweat." This in turn causes moisture droplets to fall onto the points, thus interrupting the flow of electricity between the ignition coil and the spark plugs. Generally, if you can get the distributor dry, you can go on your merry way. But how to solve the problem before it happens is the real question. Nobody wants to try to stand in a downpour over a hot engine and try to dry out their distributor! WD-40 is the answer! It was developed in 1953 by Norm Larson, founder of the Rocket Chemical Company, in San Diego, CA. WD-40, from the abbreviation "Water Displacement, 40th formula," was originally designed to repel water and prevent corrosion. Another little "tool" to keep in your arsenal! If every 3-4 months you will open up your distributor and spray the underside of the cap and down into the distributor and the tops of the spark plugs and the plug "wires," a rain shower will never leave you sitting by the side of the road waiting on AAA!

~Happy Begg, Palmetto A's of South Carolina



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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, August 10, 2017 Wade Education Center at CHOC

48 people in attendance

President Jim Runyon opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doris Marshall gave the familiar, "Hello Everybody" and the return was on cue, "Hello Doris". Doris left the humor to Marilyn Hawkins, our treasurer.

There were no minutes from the July meeting which was a picnic in Hart Park.

The Treasurer, Marilyn Hawkins, reported that the chapter had 161 members. There are extra directories for anyone at the price of \$4 each. Frank Reese had several car show flyers for the members' information. Those who sign up for the Disney Labor Day jog-a-thon will create a \$40 donation from Disneyland to our chapter or a charity designated by the chapter. Labor Day is Sept. 3. All cars would need to be there very early in the morning. See Frank for details.

A special guest requesting fundraising help was the wrestling coach from Capo Valley High School, Rich Bordner. He was requesting a donation because of the shortfall in funding for the girls' and boys' wrestling teams. A motion from the members was made and approved to donate \$100 to the school's teams. This motion was later raised to \$150 by a motion which was also approved. If any chapter members can spread their need for help, please do so.

Kathie McCall invited anyone interested to join them on Oct. 13-14-15, to ride the Amtrak train to San Luis Obispo. For them, it is an anniversary trip as well as time spent observing International Rail Road Days at SLO. There are many other activities that weekend, so it should be fun. Contact Kathie for more details or watch for an e-mail with information. (Thank you, Don Ratzlaff, for all those updates and reminders.)

Frank Reese is requesting chapter members to step up and help him either as a team or individual to help organize outings for the chapter. Frank desires to spend more time focusing on the Pancake Breakfast. Frank has been in this position a long time in service to the chapter and now needs some relief. If anyone can target a month and then put something together that would help fill the calendar. It does not have to be complicated with Frank around to give advice. Hello Everybody!!!! Step up and thank Frank. Norm and Lori Kredit are working on a fun tour for everyone who can get into a Model A for International Drive Your Model A Day, Saturday, Sept. 16. Meet at Katella Grill at 8:30 a.m. and begin the tour at 9:00 a.m. This is a tour of special places, both historic and current in Anaheim. The club has special patches for drivers of each car. Bring a pencil and someone to read navigation instructions, plus some people with good eyes to answer questions along the way. Tour should end with scoring and food around 11:00 a.m. at Ruby's Diner at 1128 W. Lincoln Ave., Anaheim. For those who cannot do the tour, but would like to join us (Continued on Page 11)



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2017 MAFCA National Tour September 24-29

The Bakersfield Chapter is thrilled to host the 2017 National Tour! This tour will start at the Estrella Warbird Air Museum in Paso Robles, California. (ewarbirds.org) Registration opens on Sunday, September 24 at 12 PM. After you pick up your packet, you will have time to visit the vintage airplanes and the museum before the kick off dinner at 6:30 PM. We have a secured area, also located at the museum, in which to park your motor home and trailer before leaving to explore the beautiful California coast.

As we travel north on Highway 1, you will see Hearst Castle, Elephant Seals sunning themselves, and Ragged Point. Private tours have been scheduled at Hearst Castle, or you may want to drive into the sleepy town of Cambria to see local artist's wares and unique shops.

Driving one of the country's most scenic highways toward Carmel and Monterey will offer many vistas and photo opportunities. During your two-day stay in Monterey, you may visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Cannery Row. The quaint town of Carmel is filled with shopping, restaurants, bakeries, and a wonderful beach. You can also take a "Loop Drive" from Monterey through Carmel Valley and then catch Highway 69 back to town. Vineyards and wildlife such as, deer, wild boars, and peasant, are plentiful in the valley. On your way north, Santa Cruz Natural Bridges, Monarch Butterflies, Half Moon Bay and Grey Whale Cove are spectacular.

As we approach San Francisco, we will be going through Golden Gate Park then crossing the Golden Gate Bridge and arriving at San Rafael in Marin County. After arriving in San Rafael, please check into your hotel and get ready to enjoy a wonderful evening with your Model A friends. The will be hosting our tour banquet at 6:30 PM on Thursday. Era clothing is always appreciated and makes the evening special.

Friday in San Francisco will be spectacular! A bus will pick you up at the host hotel and take you to the Sausalito Ferry Terminal. You will then take a chartered boat tour from Sausalito, sailing under the Golden Gate, around Alcatraz Island, and landing at Fisherman's Warf.

Things to do: Enjoy over 60 specialty shops at Pier 39, Visit Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum, Shop Ghirardelli Square, Take a trolley ride, Have lunch at one of the fantastic restaurants, and enjoy talented street performers. A final bus tour of San Francisco will return you back to the host hotel. San Francisco is not Model A friendly. Parking is hard to find and can be very expensive. You will receive hotel information when you receive your registration number. We hope you join us for this beautiful relaxing drive along the coast of the California Golden State. 2017 MAFCA National Tour If you have any questions, please contact Linda Jackson (661) 747-2464 6914snickers@gmail.com or Eddie Pruett (661) 619-7330 phillippruett@sbcglobal.net We look forward to traveling with you. Eddie Pruett, 2017 Tour Chairman

Why did the steering wheel end up on the left?

Some early cars had the wheel on the left, some on the right. Right-hand drive allowed entrance and exit at the pavement, but road improvements ended that advantage. And having the wheel on the right side made passing a dodgy proposition. The very popular Ford Model T, introduced in 1908, had its steering wheel on the left. It set the style for later cars.



Ford Model T driver's seat view, 1917



October 13th-15th

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 encour-

aged. 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.

Local
Accommodations
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you make
reserverations early





peachtreeinn.com

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cookseylaw.com
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Santa Ana, CA 92711

SAVE THE DATE

We will be having our

Annual Installation

Banquet

on Sunday, January 7, 2018

from Ipm-4pm

THE VILLA

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Meet Our New Friends, Gerald and Diane Wood Gaughen

Gerald was born and grew up in San Diego, but graduated from John Burroughs High School in Burbank in 1955. One of his fond memories of those days is his 1940 Ford Coupe (he's always been a car guy).

In between graduation and marriage, Gerald worked at the Phone Company and General Motors Assembly plant and took some classes at Glendale and Valley Colleges. But what led him to the work he does today started at Librascope as a draftsman. He learned from the more experienced draftsmen and designers, who taught him well.



By 1964, he was working two jobs and had three children – Sheri, Steven and Vikki (who have given us 10 grandchildren). The employment changed from Librascope to United Electrodynamics to Teledyne, (and during this time becoming single), to owning the Pizza Eatery in Long Beach for 13 years while also working at Ball Aerospace and finally landing at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, where he is still working and doing a 100-mile commute every day.

Some of his proudest accomplishments are now sitting on the moon and Mars, one has made a hard landing on Jupiter (the Galileo mission) and on September 15, the Cassini spacecraft will be on Saturn.

But does Gerald have time for fun? Yes! Starting with fishing as a teenager into adulthood, it's now one of his favorites. Leaving from San Diego on the American Angler, he's still look-

ing to best his personal record of a 260-pound tuna. He has also done scuba-diving and owned a Hobie 33 and won many trophies.

But on to the cars...he wishes he still had the '40 Ford Coupe. Many years went by where all the cars were utilitarian. But in 2000, he got the itch and purchased a 1955 DeSoto Fireflite Coronado. It's unrestored and is a trophy-

winner in that category at the Muckenthaler and Laguna Beach and many others.

Diane grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan and moved to California in 1965, which practically makes her a native. Diane and Gerald met through a mutual friend in 1976 and the rest is history. She and Gerald tied the knot and their son Brendan now lives with his wife in Austin TX.



Diane graduated from the University of Michigan and began her teaching career of 13 years in California. Her next career was as a Certified Financial Planner and she had her own office in Los Alamitos for 24 years.

Along the way, she has become a Master Bible Teacher, a Certified Health Coach and a Functional Diagnostic Nutrition Practitioner. With all that background, she and Gerald might live forever!

You'd never think of Diane as an athlete, but she has backpacked in and out of the Grand Canyon and done the mule trip, climbed Half Dome in Yosemite, Mt Whitney,

Mt Fuji in Japan and done a trans-Sierra backpack. She was younger then! But her most inspiring interest is singing. She currently sings with a choral group, Meritage, based in Anaheim. The high point of her singing career was singing in a Memorial Day concert in Carnegie Hall under the baton of John Rutter.

Shé and Gerald love road trips and traveling and have taken Brendan with them everywhere. His first airplane trip was at 10 months to Washington State and his most re-



cent trip was to Ireland with Mom and Dad as a reward for finishing his PhD. The older folks also completed the last part of El Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain in 2014 – 75 miles in 6 days!

So why did we get a Model A? Back story: in 1934, Diane's mother and grandfather left Grand Rapids for California to visit his 2 brothers. They had a Model A and once they got to Chicago, followed Route 66 all the

way to California. Diane's mother kept a meticulous journal of every place they stayed, what they bought for lunch, what the weather was like, etc. So Diane thought it would be a great thing to recreate that journey as much as possible.

Gerald also thought it was a great idea, but only if they did it in a Model A! So that's why they have a Model A and decided to join the club. Little did they know what is involved in getting it in good running order! Diane hasn't tried a turn behind the wheel yet...

They plan on leaving on their Route 66 trip in October. It promises to be the trip of a lifetime and Diane will be writing a book about the 1934 and 2017 trips – then and now. Tentative title – An Ordinary Adventure.



Theft warning device, about 1915

The Theft Warning Auto Lock attached to a spoked wheel and sounded a springdriven horn when the parked car was moved.





Are you missing out on ways to use the club's website? Do you want to go to the Member's Only section but can't figure out how to get in? Check the first page of your Roster! There's the website and the magical password. You can find all our members' current info.

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FOR SALE: 1931 (Early) Model A Ford Cabriolet with several period accessories. Priced at \$20,500. Contact Joe Morgan at 951-239-1404

FOR SALE: 1930 Model A Ford, Blind Back, 4-Door Sedan. Price: \$15,000, Contact

Joe Morgan at 951-239-1404

FOR SALE: 1931 Delux Cabriolet Model A 68B, great condition. I believe it is all original except for running boards and 6V alternator, I've replaced water pump, hoses, LED tail light, new battery, cut off switch on battery and tail pipe. Has original trunk, dual spare tire fender wells, good black wall tires, new top and upholstery, turn signals and spot light. No rust that I know of. Good paint (original Ford color). Asking \$24,000 OBO. Contact Frank Reese 714-348-2507



Why not get some money for driving your Model A? There will be a raffle at every General Meeting, BS Saturday and 4th Thursday Breakfast. That's three chances to win the \$\$ per month.



there is Model A Restoration Youth Award Scholarship and another from MAFTA.

Do you know a deserving youth? Apply now.



(Continued from Page 5) for lunch, you are welcome.

Ken Blankshain is handing off the task of the Technical Chair to Dennis Kliesen. Thank you, Ken, for all the knowledge gained, garages you got us into, along with coffee and donuts. Ken has also invited anyone to team up with other experienced guys to meet to service a disabled person's Model A on Lido Island. This "technical opportunity" will be Sat. morning on the 19th of August. Parking is limited, so it is good to meet and ride together as much as possible. Call Ken for info. Thank you, Ken, for the special concern expressed by you and those who help from the club.

The club has had the opportunity to purchase the left over parts from a 1930 Model A Roadster that was converted to a hot rod. The bright metal parts are in great condition along with other accessories. The club will store them until a raffle is held or the pancake breakfast in the coming year. Cost of total items was \$450. This was extremely low for the quality of the parts. Watch for more info. in the future.

Greg Earhart won the attendance drawing at the end of Ed Cote's search for ticket pickers. The member's name that was pulled in the membership drawing was not present, so the kitty rises to \$60 next month.

Terry Collings has chosen a "cool" place for breakfast for the 4th Thurs. event. Schooner or Later, at the marina in Long Beach. (a summer heat relief) is where it will be held. Mark your calendar, Thursday Aug. 24 at 8:30 a.m. Address: 241 Marina Drive, Long Beach. Remember everyone who drives a Model A to the breakfast will qualify for the \$10 drawing.

The B.S. Breakfast (first Sat. of each month) will be on Sept. 2. at 8:00 a.m.. Katella Grill is the regular place. Everybody shares experiences with their Model A's, so drive a Model A and have a chance for the \$10 drawing here as well. Katella Grill is at the corner of Katella Ave and Main St., Orange.

A dessert buffet provided plenty of sweets for everyone. We then adjourned to the Shoe Box sale to finish the evening. Norm Kredit, Secretary



Join us for good food and company

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

September 28th at 8:30 a.m.

Suzy's Café 2601 S Harbor Blvd Santa Ana 92704 714-884-3938

Info: Terry Collings 714-970-7194

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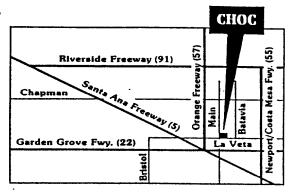
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Next General Meeting

7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]
Next Meeting September 14, 2017
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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