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56 Years

Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher

Did you know there are no direct living decedents of Abraham Lincoln?



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President's Message

January is almost over and it has been a busy month. We started the New Year off with the Installation Banquet at the Villa in Orange. If you didn't make it to the banquet, you missed a great party. I want to thank Frank Reese for suggesting the Villa and thank Kathy McCall for organizing the banquet. Congratulations to Don Ratzlaff, for receiving the MAFCA Service Award. This is a special award, providing national recognition to individuals who have demonstrated a continuing and selfless service to others in the Model A hobby. It was well deserved. On January 13th, we had our first seminar of the year, hosted by Norm



Kredit. The topic was adjusting Model A valves, with hands on demonstrations by Dennis Kliesen. The seminar

was well attended, with 27 members present. Thank you Norm and Dennis.

On January 20th, Richard Parrish led a group of 35 people, twelve Model A's, one 1923 Page, (driven by Steve Pavich) and four moderns, on a tour to March Field Air Museum, in Riverside. We met at Panera Bread in Orange, and took surface streets through the scenic Canyon, over to the 91 freeway. We drove about 14 miles, on the freeway (with no problems) to Riverside; back on surface streets, past beautiful homes and orange groves, to the museum. You would need a whole day to see it all. We took a different route back to Orange

County and had lunch at Kenos, in Anaheim Hills. Beautiful day and great tour, well done Richard! The annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 22 is coming up soon. We will have sign up sheets at the next

meeting, we need volunteers.

If you haven't renewed your membership, you need to get it in before February 28th, to have your name and number in the 2018 roster. See you at the 1st Saturday Breakfast and the next meeting. Be safe,

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Linda Tom & her dad



Don Ratzlaff will include your photo in the Members Only section of the website

Katie Rae Hall tries out grandpa's new car

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Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Feb 3 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange Feb 8 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. CHOC Hospital Complex, 455 South Main Street,

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



Feb 10 (Sat) Technical Seminar on differential at 10:00am to be held at Don Dormeyer's Studio, 2983 E Miraloma Ave, Ana-



Feb 22 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast at Cowgirl Café, 1720 S

Grand Ave, Santa Ana, 92705; 714-542-8877; for info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

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Swap Meets/Car Shows

Feb II (Sun) Long Beach Hi-Performance Swap Meet at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach, 6am-Ipm

Feb 23-25 Big 3 Parts Exchange, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego

Mar 3 (Sat) Pomona Car Show & Swap Meet, Pomona

Mar 4 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Pomona Fairplex, Fairplex Drive and McKinley Ave, Pomona, enter at Gate 17. 5am-2pm

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April 8 (Sun) Long Beach Hi-Performance Swap Meet at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach, 6am-Ipm

Apr 13-14 Bakersfield Swap Meet, Kern County Fairgrounds, 1142 South P St, Ming St. offramp.

come. Board meeting at 6PM Mar 22 (Thu) Fourth Thursday



Breakfast location to be determined. For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

Apr 8-10 CCRG in Cambria hosted by Cuesta Cankers, San Luis Obispo; 805-927-4200

Apr 22 (Sun) PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 8am-11am at Hart Park, Orange

May 5 (Sat) MAFCA board meeting, La Habra

Jun 10 (Sun) Henry Ford Picnic, Heritage Park, Santa Fe Springs

Jun 24-29 MAFCA National Convention, Reno, NV

Jun 24-Jul I MARC National Meet, Branson, Missouri

Jun 29 (Sat) MAFCA board meeting, Sparks, NV

Jul 22 (Sun) International Model A Day

Sep 12 (Sat) MAFCA board meeting, La Habra

Sep 22 (Sat) International Model A Ford Day, Cruisin' for a Cure, OC Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa

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By Bev Marsh

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When You're Not Old Enough to Drive a Model A

Orange County's second All-American Soap Box Derby Rally held in Lake Forest recently was featured in *The Register* newspaper 1/7/18.

Club member David Knapp serves as president of the *California Family Soap Box Derby Association* and was director of this rally. David describes his involvement with soap box racing going back to 1979 and spending time with his father. The Knapp family continues to be involved locally, as well as nationally, in the sport with their 2 boys. In fact, a picture of Preston Knapp age 14 reveals his determination as he crosses the finish line. David describes the times he spent with his dad as "fond memories of the races we went to, the fun times we had to-

gether and what I learned building the car". Preston has used up all his eligibility for the World Championships, but still races for fun. Despite being nearly 6' I" tall, he remains competitive.

David states "soap box racing can spark all kinds of passions in its young participants – and many racers grow up to be part of the automotive industry, or become engineers or artists, all thanks to the experiences they gain through competition". Member Don Geisen raced Soap Box Derby as a youngster.

Andrew Knapp is currently the regional points leader and is already qualified to race at the World Championships in Akron, Ohio next July.

David currently serves as OCMAFC's representative to ACCC* and keeps members informed of legislation affecting the Model A hobby.

The Knapp family have been members since 2012 and are frequently seen in their 1931 150-B Station Wagon.

Richard Knapp, the patriarch is president of the Rogers, Arkansas Model A Club.

These are two pictures of Andrew's new race car,

one side shot, one head on. The big question—can he see? YES!

*Association of California Car Clubs-refer to January 2018 Distributor for detailed update.

MAFCA Service Award Presented to Don Ratzlaff

On January 7, 2018, (at the Installation Banquet) Don Ratzlaff was awarded the MAFCA Service Award. The purpose of this award is to provide national recognition to individuals within the chapters who have demonstrated continuing and selfless service to others in the Model A hobby. The certificate was awarded on behalf of the MAFCA Board of Directors. Don has proven worthy of this award. He has been a member of the Orange County Chapter for almost 16 years. He is always ready to help. He goes over to help individual members with their "A's" on a regular basis. Don also organized and participates in "The Helper Crew" which rushes to the aid of club members in need. He always supports, and, encourages participation in other club's events. Don has organized many tours and seminars. His expertise is well respected by chapter members. He created the "B.S. Breakfast" for chapter members to get together and "just kick tires." Don and his wife, Carolyn, purchase and deliver all the food for the annual Pancake Breakfast. He is friends with many other MAFCA chapter members. Don and his wife attend the annual NCRG and CCRG meets. Don is talented in photographing club events. He is experienced in using Social Media "to get the word out."

He e-mails members updates and keeps club information current on the website. He also provides audio and visual background for club meetings and events. Don was president in 2015 and 2016. He also served as technical adviser and is now serving as past-president of the board. He participates in public services such as the "O.C. Youth Expo. Don always reminds us to "get out there and drive those A's! He does so many things for our club, it is hard to describe them all. A big THANKS DON!





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By Kathie McCall

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2017 BOARD MEMBERS

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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, January 11, 2018 Wade Education Center at CHOC

President Jim Runyon called the meeting to order and ber led with the flag salute.

With a big "Welcome Everybody" and some humor the agenda for the evening proceeded. Jim Runyon called attention to the excellent job Kathie McCall did at arranging the annual banquet at the Villa. It was a good location, good food, good entertainment and excellent guests. The Money Hat raffle was a big success as well as the custom trophies and center pieces designed and presented to members by Jim Runyon.

Jim also presented special acknowledgements during our general meeting to Pam Heiland for her work with Sunshine and Sorrow, to Terry Collings for wonderful years of service organizing the 4th Thursday breakfasts, and to David Knapp for being our ACCC representative. Thank You All!

Secretary Norm Kredit presented the minutes of December 14, 2017 which were printed in the "Distributor". They were moved, supported and passed.

Norm also shared the progress of exploring some type of financial scholarship or involvement with students at Fullerton College. The faculty and foundation director are going to continue defining future engagement with the Board members of the club. The college does a retirement lunch for past faculty and staff, and they felt that having a few Model A's parked in front of their building would be a highlight this year. Lunch will be included for the drivers. Talk to Frank Reese if you can volunteer your car and appetite.

Treasurer, Marilyn Hawkins, shared a note from previous club Treasurer, Tom Weaver, who moved to Arkansas. He is now the treasurer of the chapter there which has 15 members total and they do not meet until April because of the winter weather. (I think they have a ground hog in the rumble seat.)

Notes of appreciation for donations in 2016 were received from Ronald McDonald House and the Alzheimer's Assoc.

February 28, 2018 is the deadline to pay your dues and have your name printed in the directory. Paying your dues and attending (Cont'd on Page 8)

MODELA Roster Raffle CURRENT JACKPOT 110 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.



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By Pam Heiland

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SUNSHINE & SORROW

Everyone seems to be doing okay. A get well card has been sent to Norm Kredit who had some stents put in his heart this month. I understand all went well and he's on the mend. A card was also sent to Bill Hatcher who had cataract surgery on Jan. 30.

I almost sent a card to myself this month. Somehow, I managed to find another "bug" and have been flat on my back in bed for the past couple of weeks. Too dizzy

to even get up and walk around. Drs. said it wasn't the flu but they have no idea what it was. Anyway, I'm beginning to get better. Still just very weak and NO energy! Guess that's what happens when you have NO resistance to anything. Everyone, STAY WELL!

"One should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them"

Have you seen the Ganahl Lumber marquee on Ball Road? "Exercise, zombies always eat the slow ones first!" They have a point.

How to Print Just One Page of Your Newsletter

Several people have asked for instructions to print a sin-

gle page of the newsletter, so here you go...

- With the document open, press Ctrl+P (print)
 See the box below which probably looks similar to your print menu
- 3. Choose CURRENT PAGE or PAGE and select what pages you want to print. You may print a single page or multiple pages by inserting numbers in the box next to PAGES. (Example: "1,3,5"-will just print

these individual pages, or "5-7" will only print these).





Join us for good food and company

> Fourth Thursday **Breakfast Bunch**

February 22nd at 8:30 a.m.

COWGIRL CAFÉ 1720 S Grand Ave Santa Ana 92705 714 542-8877

Info: Terry Collings 714-970-7194

Had a Great Turnout for the March Air Force Base Tour with Two Perspectives

By Diane Wood Gaughen

We thought the distance for this tour was about right, considering how far we had to drive from home. March AFB was an interesting place to visit. It was a nice combination with the Museum with artifacts and the airfield with the actual planes with explanations of each.

We were impressed with how well-kept the other cars were. It looked like everyone had done a spit-andpolish job before arriving at our starting point. We especially tuned in to Bruce and Becky's beautiful Victoria, since we own a Victoria also.

We didn't have breakfast at Panera Bread, but we're familiar with their menu. We certainly did enjoy the lunch at Keno's. The food was plentiful and tasty - at least the fajitas I ordered.

It was pleasant driving the side roads with not so much freeway. We found scenic areas we had never been to before. That was a nice side benefit.

All in all, it was an interesting and pleasant day with good company. We look forward to completing more tours to interesting places.

By Carol Persons

On Saturday, Jan 20th, the Model A Club went on a tour to March AFB Air Museum. It was my first tour in the Model A; prior to this, we had only taken it around Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley.

I am not a morning person and we had to get up at 7am to get to Panera Bread in Orange by 8am. We both had to fold to get into the car....4 knee replacements did not help. We stopped for gas before we got to Panera and filled it up. Jim tested the level in the gas tank with a broom handle....without the brush. We headed out of the parking lot to get onto Tustin.

We were 15 cars long and we had people with their phones taking our picture. We drove through Villa Park on side streets to 91 Fwy E. Fifteen cars followed Richard and Frank for a long ride on the freeway; another first with the Model A and it was quite an experience. We passed fruit stands, unopened flower stands and then passed the VA Cemetery. The museum and parking lot was just over the freeway. The museum was interesting and on the tarmac were planes that you could walk around. We went home by a different route. We passed Lake Mathews and came into Corona the back way on to Gypsum Canyon Road to La Palma Avenue. The trip ended at Keno's, where we had a very late lunch.

Due to the long trip in the A, my back took awhile to stop hurting. It took time to curl and uncurl to get out of the car. The scenery off the freeway was nice and reminded me how California used to look. I am looking forward to my next tour.



Deadline for submissions for the next **Distributor** is February 25, 2018

Submit all articles and ads to tismith@cookseylaw.com or mail to P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711

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(Cont'd from Page 5) the general meeting could win you a pot of raffle money to pay your dues for years to come...for sure one year.

President lim Runyon clarified for the chapter that our scheduling of events will try to follow the guidelines that Technical Seminars will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month and Tours will follow on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This month is an exception.

V/P Activities, Richard Parrish, announced the tour on January 20, 2018 to the March Air Force Base Museum. It is a scenic tour with mostly surface street driving but will have a 3 mile stretch of freeway. Non-freeway A drivers are welcome to drive their modern computer cars, also.

Looking ahead Richard pointed out our upcoming possibilities and one serious tour. In May, three members are looking at a tour to Alaska. This is a driving tour and not a boat trip. See Richard for details. The national meet will be in Reno, Nevada this year and should be a great tour and meet. Check calendar for more events.

Technical Advisor, Dennis Kliesen, announced the seminar this coming Saturday on valve adjustments. There are different approaches to setting this clearance, so come and learn. It is this Saturday at Norm and Lori Kredit's garage, 9:30 A.M. Address: 2319 E. So. Redwood Drive, Anaheim. Phone: 714-635-3335 in case you get lost in the woods.

Historian Steve Pavich gave a heads up to his cheap \$3 and change high intensity mini light that he just bought. It would be a great help at night for in the car or in trouble. Check with him after the meeting.

Sunshine and Sorrow, Pam Heiland, called attention to Marilyn Chamber's ongoing recovery from hip surgery, Ed Cote's recent eye surgery, and Carol Howard for recovery from foot surgery. Best wishes and prayers to all.

Terry Collings announced that this month's 4TH Thursday Breakfast will be held at the IHOP in Placentia. The location is at the corner of Kraemer and Chapman Avenues. It is always at 8:30 A.M. Make sure you thank her because she has been picking places for us for a long time. Check out the snow on the mountains as you drive to the restaurant.

Merchandise, Cathy O'Brien, is going to be retiring from her job. Jerry and Cathy have given the shirts off their boxes and bags for all these years for us to buy. Not just at our meetings but Pancake Breakfast as well. They have kept the Model A lovers' store open for ten years. Anybody with a marketing degree or a 98.6 degree body temp may apply. Talk to any Board member or Jerry and Cathy. Thank You, big time!!!

Hard Luck Trophy goes to loe Goff this month whose car became a steam engine on the way home from our meeting last month. He does not know the damages yet, but we are sure glad he got home.

The Membership drawing had arrived at \$100. As a result two names were drawn: lerry O'Brien and Frank Brown and both were absent. Now the pot grows to \$110 for next month. Jerry is always present? Sorry.

Route 66 Story Continuing Jerry and Diane Gaughen did the final show of the ending of the trip from Grand Rapids, Michigan back to home base. Jerry did the technical filler and Diane did the commentary while the slides rolled along. Original pavement became evident in places where Diane's mother had driven. In other places there was nothing but weathered rundown buildings. People along the way and with matched experiences made it special for them even though a lot had changed. Thanks for sharing your mother's memories and journal. Burma Shave and bullet holed signs seem to add to the reality of it all.

Special Activities Master, Frank Reese, presented the progress made in planning the Pancake Breakfast in April on the 22nd. Flyers are available for advertising the event. Pick some up to hand out or post in businesses of interest. Help Frank collect raffle donations. Introductory letters are prepared to make sure anyone who donates items or cash to our club can receive a tax deduction. This is a whole chapter project for other chapters to attend from all over Southern California. Stay tuned for more.

The All Ford Show at Knott's Berry Farm is coming April 15. The Model A and T are this year's special cars to be recognized. Frank needs to have 8 cars of different styles for the center circle display. Each car will have the owner's name and brief history on a sign board in front of their car. Cost is \$45 and each participant will receive a "Goodie Bag" with some neat products and discounts. This also gives us a booth to promote the Orange County Club. Cars need to be at Knott's early in the morning and the gates open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 3:00 P.M. Talk to Frank after the meeting or call him. (714) 970-6262

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Norm Kredit, Secretary

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2018 DUES INVOICE—You can use this form to submit your dues







Orange County Model A Ford Club

NAME(S):_____

AMOUNT: \$30.00
ANY ROSTER CHANGES?
<u>If so, please list below:</u>

Cars: _____

Telephone numbers: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address(es):_____

Any other changes: _____

Please check the current Roster for accuracy!!!!

Make your check payable to Orange County Model A Ford Club (OCMAFC) and mail to the club at:

P.O. Box10595

Santa Ana CA 92711

Payment MUST be received by 2/28/18 to be included in the club's 2018 Roster

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FOR SALE: Beautiful 1931 Model A Ford Deluxe Coupe. Documented \$25,000 invested in this car. Seat belts & turn signals added. Will start on first try! Everything works. Complete tool set and cabinet go with car! Plus a bunch of old parts and a number of new parts not installed: New parts include splash pans and compete wire harness (all lights work now!) Moving and can't take car!! Give me a call on my cell phone: 714-743-7366 (Ron Nichols)



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FOR SALE: Tires & tubes, five (5), size 4.40 - 5.25 x 21 inch whitewall. Suitable as "rollers" for a Model-A or Model-T. \$95.00. Call Steve Pavich, 714-322-7561



WANTED: 19" blackwall Goodyear tire to use as a spare. Would like something I could drive on for a distance if I had to. Call or email David Knapp at 949-243-5210 or david-knapp@cox.net



The Pancake Breakfast T-Shirts should be available at the March General meeting



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Dedicated to the History and Preservation of the Model A Ford CHOC **Next General Meeting ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A FORD** 7:30 PM (55) **CLUB** 57 **Riverside Freeway (91)** [Second Thursday of every month] Š Mesa Chapman Next Meeting February 8, 2018 Orange Bataviz Costa **CHOC Hospital Complex** W 15. Post Office Box 10595 Garden Grove Fwy. (22) 455 South Main Street, Orange, CA Veta . Santa Ana, CA 92711 Bristol E-mail: info@ocmafc.org 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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