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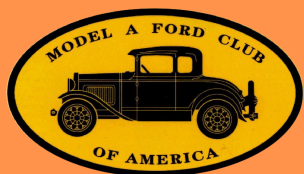


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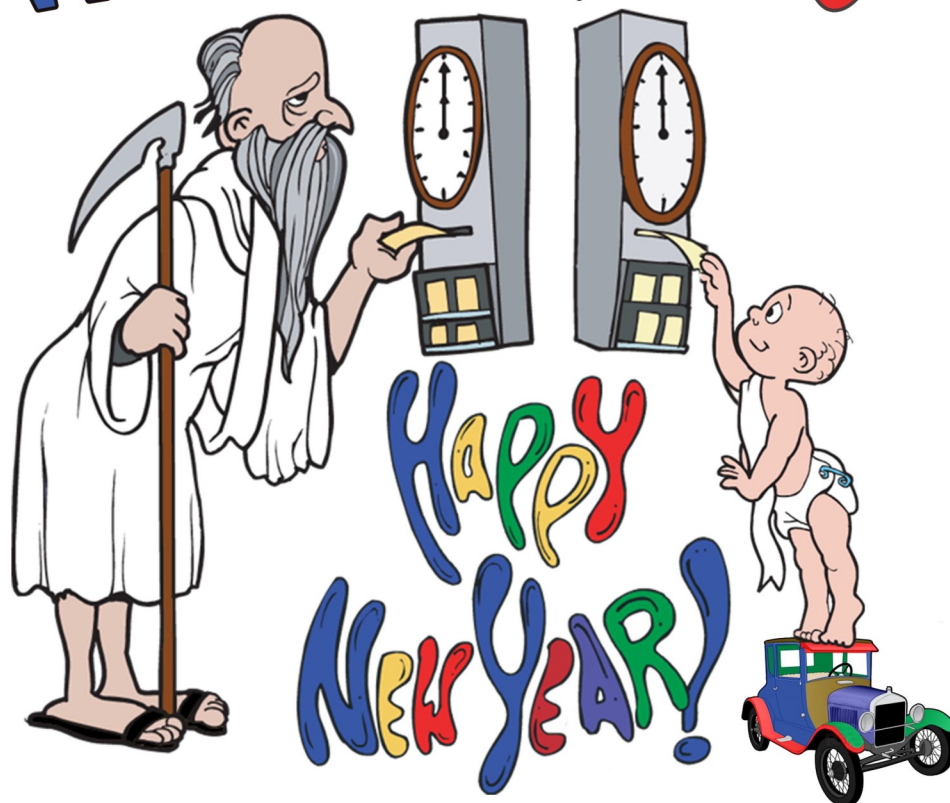
“What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year.” --Vern McLellan



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# WELCOME 2018



## Join or Renew Your Membership





## President's Message

Happy New Year! I can't believe how fast 2017 went by. Maybe it just seems fast because I'm going slower. I hope you all had a great Christmas.

The New Year begins with two new board members, Dennis Kliesen as Technical Advisor and Richard Parrish is returning to the board as Vice President and Activities Director. A big thank you goes out to Frank Reese and Ken Blankshain. Richard is planning a lot of tours for the upcoming year, so get ready to drive those Models A's. Dennis has the first seminar of the year planned for January 13<sup>th</sup>, at Norm Kredit's house. The seminar will be on valve adjusting; more information to follow. The Installation Banquet is only a few days away and I'm looking forward to seeing you there. Let's make 2018 a great year for the OCMAFC and all of us.

Be safe.

Jim



**Jim Runyon, President**



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

## SUNSHINE & SORROW

**By Pam Heiland**



December has been a busy month. A card was sent to Marilyn Chambers, who had knee replacement surgery on Dec. 18. We hope you are well on your way to recovery, Marilyn. A card was also sent to Ed Cote, who had cataract surgery on Dec. 19. Hope you can see better now, Ed! A card was also sent to Carol Howard who had foot surgery this month. We hope you'll be up and around soon. A sympathy card was sent to Terry Collings who lost her sister this month. It's so hard to lose a loved one, especially around a holiday. Please keep Terry in your prayers.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and HEALTHY New Year!

## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**Jan 6 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



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



**Jan 11 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. CHOC Hospital Complex, 455 South Main Street,

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



**Jan 13 (Sat)** Technical Seminar on valve adjustment at 9:30am to be held at Norm Kredit's home—see Page 7

for details



**Jan 13 (Sat)** Tour to March Air Force Base Museum—see details on Page 8



**Jan 25 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast at IHOP, 131 N Kraemer Blvd, Placentia 92870; for info contact Terry

Collings at 714-970-7194

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**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. Guests are always welcome. Board

meeting at 6PM



**Feb 22 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast location to be determined. For info contact

Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



## Swap Meets/Car Shows

**Jan 7 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi-Performance Swap Meet at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach, 6am-1pm

**Jan 14 (Sun)** Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Pomona Fairplex, Fairplex Drive and McKinley Ave, Pomona, enter at Gate 17. 5am-2pm

**Jan 27-28** Turlock Swap Meet, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N Broadway, Turlock. Admission: Sat-\$10/Sun-\$5

**Feb 11 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi-Performance Swap Meet at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach, 6am-1pm



**ACCC Update: Gas and Registration Tax****By David Knapp  
ACCC Representative**

The 12 cent gas tax increase has been in place nearly two months now, but I haven't gotten "used to it" yet. In total, Californians now pay over 71 cents per gallon in gas taxes. It seems the State of California makes more money off a gallon of gas than the oil companies make in profit per gallon.

Assemblyman Travis Allen (R-Huntington Beach) spoke of developing a petition to repeal the Gas Tax and Registration fees from bill SBI and is doing just that and is seeking an initiative to repeal gas tax and vehicle fee increases signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown that will raise \$5.2 billion annually for road repairs and mass transit. Allen filed papers with the state attorney general to prepare a ballot title and summary so he can work to collect 365,000 signatures from registered voters in 150 days to put the measure on the ballot.

He noted that the bill signed by Gov. Jerry Brown raised taxes on a gallon of gas by 12 cents on Nov. 1, while adding 20 cents per gallon to the tax on diesel. It also will create new vehicle registration fees based on the value of your vehicle.

"Jerry Brown's decision to push through the largest gas tax increase in California's history without the approval of voters demonstrated a complete disregard for ordinary Californians," Allen said. "This ballot initiative will correct Brown's failure and allow the people of California to decide for themselves if they want to raise their taxes." Others, including the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association have been discussing possible initiatives to repeal the gas tax. When Allen collects enough signatures, the initiative would be placed on the November 2018 ballot.

The gas tax and registration fee increases will be hard on low income Californians and folks on fixed incomes. In addition, the increase in the fuel taxes on diesel will cause the prices everything to increase, groceries, clothes, staple items, will all cost every Californian more.

It has been reported that there is more than enough money to fix the roads and infrastructure provided that the money isn't diverted as it has in the past decade. Every Californian that drives a vehicle will be affected and every Californian needs to sign the petition! As you may know Governor Brown signed this legislation April 28th and the bill became effective November 1, 2017.

Brown stated that the new law will cost Californians less than \$10.00 per month—but this doesn't quite add up! ACCC has done the math and the new law will cost the average Californian \$300.00 per year or more depending on miles driven; fuel economy; and the dollar value of the vehicle.

In addition, Brown basically bribed legislators with almost \$1 billion in pork for their pet projects which the ACCC feels may be illegal.

All in all if you consider the increases in fuel taxes and registration fees this new law is not affordable to lower income folks who are currently pay check to pay check just to just food on the table and pay their bills.

The other down-side to this bill will be the increased costs in everything we buy at the store due to increase in diesel fuel tax and diesel sales taxes at the pump.

There's no doubt that this \$52 billion increase will be harmful to all who drive a car and it didn't have to happen. The problem in Sacramento is not the lack of funds...The problem is that our leadership in Sacramento have big-time problems managing the taxes we send them. They feel it is better to spend billions on a "Train To Nowhere" or \$25 billion on illegal aliens; or last but not least hundreds of thousands of dollars on attorney fees to defend illegals from deportation.

Vehicle registration fees will increase, effective January 1, 2018, according to the value of the vehicle and is called the "Transportation Improvement Fee". These fees are on top of the current registration fees we currently pay and are based upon the current market value of the (Continued 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, December 14, 2017**  
**Wade Education Center at CHOC**


The meeting was opened with the flag salute, a welcome to everyone, and some humor from, not Doris Marshall, not Marilyn Hawkins, but Phillip Joujon-Roche. Thanks Phillip. The minutes from the November 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting were moved, supported, and passed.

Vice President Activities, Frank Reese, reported that the T-shirts for the pancake breakfast will be white and will have a front and a back image on them. Frank announced the focus of the Knott's Berry Farm Fabulous Fords Forever show will be with the Model A's and he would like to see seven cars of various models and years represent the club. Registration will be \$45 each but will include a gift package. April 15, 2018 is the date.

Frank discussed several other outside events for December, but there will be no tour for December due to a busy calendar of holiday activities. Frank thanked Rick and Louise Hall for hosting the oil pump seminar. It was a good turn out and much was learned. Watch for information on a Valve Adjust Seminar on Saturday, January 13, 2018. Dennis Kliesen and Frank will be doing this at Frank's home or Norm Kredit's.

President Jim Runyon presented a special, Can't Say, NO!, award to Don Ratzlaff. (Don was speechless.)

Kathie McCall reminded everyone of the Installation Banquet at the Villa at 510 E. Katella Ave. in Orange. Get your money in tonight or by special arrangement with Kathie or Marilyn Hawkins.

Terry Collings has arranged the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday breakfast to be at Flappy Jack's Pancake House at 2848 N. Santiago Blvd. in Orange.

Rick and Judy Smyser would have won the \$90 membership drawing if they had been there, but their 151 number was put back in the jar. Next meeting the award rises to \$100. At this point the award will be split and two member numbers will be drawn at the next meeting in January, 2018.

At this point the general meeting adjourned to finger licking desserts, a fun trivia contest of competing tables, and a wonderful, confusing circular gift exchange: fun for all. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Norm Kredit, Secretary

**MODEL A**  
**Roster Raffle**

**CURRENT  
 JACKPOT**

**100 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.

(Continued from Page 4) vehicle. The schedule is as follows:

Vehicle Value	Registration Fee Amount Increase
Zero to \$4,999	\$25
\$5,000 to \$24,999	\$50
\$25,000 to \$34,999	\$100
\$35,000 to \$59,999	\$150
\$60,000 and higher	\$175

The following vehicles are exempt from the TIF: Commercial vehicles with an unladen weight of more than 10,000 pounds. Vehicles exempt from registration fees. Vehicles currently on planned nonoperational (PNO) status. **Vehicles with historical plates.**

### **California Gas Tax Hike Will Cost Typical California Family \$779.28 More Per Year**

California politicians are misrepresenting the true cost of living impact that will result from their car and gas tax hikes that started going into effect November 1,

2017. Governor Brown stated that the increase will cost the average California family no more than \$10.00 per month or \$120.00 per year. Not sure where he studied math, but the real cost is over \$700.00 per year. Worse, California media has failed to properly report on the cost increases.

To illustrate the increase costs that a typical family of four would see under the car and gas tax hikes, *Reform California* prepared an analysis to illustrate the kinds of price impacts that could be seen. Cost of Fuel Increase: \$405 per year

This is the one that the media has focused on, but most of the media gets the true cost increase completely wrong. While the gas tax went up by 12 cents a gallon November 1, the gas tax hike legislation contains a hidden tax by changing how taxes are assessed per gallon of gas. As a result, the true increase in gas-tax-per-gallon will be 19.5 cents – and it will automatically increase thereafter.

The average family has 2.1 cars. For our illustration of a typical California family, let's round that down to just 2 cars using 20 gallons per week (filling up the tank once per car per week). For a two-driver family, that's an extra \$405 per year.

Cost of Vehicle Registration Increase: \$250 per year. The car tax (vehicle registration assessment) goes into effect January 1, 2018 and many families are now getting the first notices of the increase in the mail. The amount of the car tax increase depends on the value of your car. For our illustration for a typical California family, let's set aside luxury cars like a Mercedes or BMW.

Let's suppose the family we study has a Ford Fusion and a Jeep Wrangler – pretty standard economical cars. For this family, the car tax hike is \$100 more for the car worth \$25,000 or more (Ford Fusion) and \$150 more for the car worth \$35,000 or more (Jeep Wrangler). For this family, that's an extra \$250 per year.

Cost of Shipping and Cost of Goods Increase: At least \$124.28 per year (food alone). This is where the impact of the gas tax hike is really hidden as it is imposed on transportation companies using diesel and they in turn pass it on to consumers through price increases.

**Join us for good food  
and company**

**Fourth Thursday  
Breakfast Bunch**

**January 25th at 8:30 a.m.**

**IHOP**

**131 N. Kraemer Blvd.**

**Placentia 92870**

**714 528-7838**

**Info: Terry Collings**

**714-970-7194**



# Technical Seminar - January 13

**Time: 9:30 am**

**Location:**

**Norm Kredit's Home**

**2319 E South Redwood Dr**

**Anaheim, CA 92806**

**Home: (714) 635-3335**



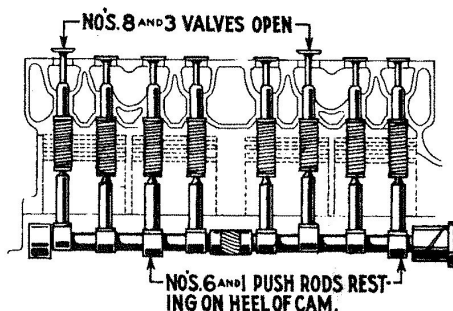
## Adjusting Valve Clearance (w/Adjustable Valve Lifters)

All valves, valve guides, springs, and keepers must be installed before adjusting valve clearance. All measurements are made with the lifter resting on the heel of the cam lobe (lowest point on the cam). This position is obtained when all four pistons are even in the cylinders, half way down the cylinder. At this point all four cylinders are 2-3/8" from the top of the cylinder. Check and record all valve clearances before making any adjustments.

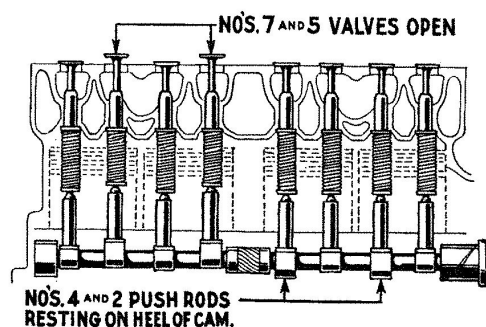
Exhaust Valves : No's 1, 4, 5, 8 - set at .015"

Intake Valves : No's 2, 3, 6, 7 - set at .013"

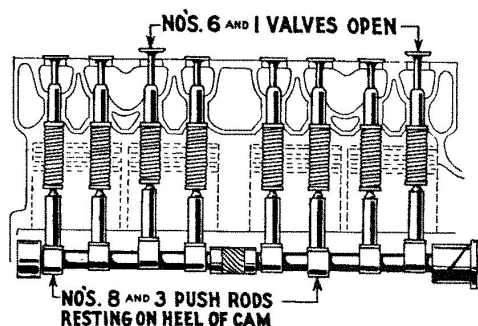
1. Place the gearshift lever in the neutral position.
2. Using the hand crank, turn the engine over until valve No. 8 and No. 3 are open, and pistons even, half way down the cylinder.
3. Measure valves No. 1 (Exh. .015") and No. 6 (Intk. .013).



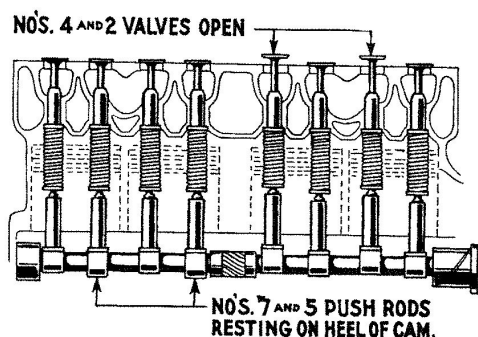
4. Turn the engine over 1/2 turn. Valve No. 7 and No. 5 are open. Measure valve No. 2 (Intk. .013) and No. 4 (Exh. .015).



5. Turn the engine over 1/2 turn. Valve No. 1 and No. 6 are open. Measure valve No. 3 (Intk. .013) and No. 8 (Exh. .015).



6. Turn the engine over 1/2 turn. Valve No. 2 and No. 4 are open. Measure valve No. 7 (Intk. .013) and No. 5 (Exh. .015).



Courtesy of Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook by Les Andrews





# MARCH AFB MUSEUM TOUR

## January 13<sup>th</sup> Breakfast and Tour

**8:30am** ~ Meet at Panera Bread at Orange Mall

**9:00am** ~ Depart to the Original Pancake House in Norco

After breakfast we will tour to the March Air Force Museum in Riverside, which includes the Yf11, the fastest plane in the world, various huge transports, fighters, bombers and many rare and unique planes.

**ADMISSION \$10** Parking is free

We will return to Orange County on more scenic country roads by a slightly different route and arrive home mid to late afternoon. Drive your Model A. Mileage will again be recorded. Model A not ready? Hitch a ride, drive your Chevy, Studebaker, Yugo or ride your Wizzer but come join the fun with your friends on this first Model A tour of 2018

**Contact info:** Richard Parrish 714-393-8582

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RENEWAL**  
*Annual Dues**Orange County Model A Ford Club*

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \$30.00

ANY ROSTER CHANGES?

If so, please list below:

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  
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Santa Ana CA 92711**Payment MUST be received by 1/31/18 to be included in the club's  
2018 Roster**



**FOR SALE:** Early 1928-19 Model A frame with solid front engine mount cross member. Forged running board support, riveted to frame. Frame has been stored inside and is in good condition. Priced at \$650. Contact Jim Nichols 714-546-2969 (post 11/17-1/18)

**FOR SALE:** 1929 Tudor Briggs ALL ORIGINAL - show quality \$22,000 firm.  
Contact Howard Vaughn at 714-206-4655



## Have You Visited The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation?

The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation began as Henry Ford's personal collection of historic objects, which he began collecting as far back as 1906. Today, the 12 acre site is primarily a collection of antique machinery, pop culture items, automobiles, locomotives, aircraft, and other items such as:

- The 1961 Lincoln Continental, SS-100-X that President John F. Kennedy was riding in when he was assassinated.
- The rocking chair from Ford's Theatre in which President Abraham Lincoln was sitting when he was shot
- The bus on which Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat, leading to the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
- An Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.
- To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS *Titanic*, the Henry Ford Museum exhibited a vast array of artifacts and media documenting the *Titanic's* voyage and demise. The exhibit was hosted from 31 March to 30 September 2012.

I am collecting the history of our people as written into things their hands made and used....  
When we are through, we shall have reproduced American life as lived, and that, I think, is the best way of preserving at least a part of our history and tradition . . .



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**NEW MEMBERS  
CHANGES  
CORRECTIONS**



## Invitation To Join Model A Ford Club of America

### New Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permission to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

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 Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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## The Car Won't Start!

\_ Our dream trip to follow Mom and Grandpa's 1934 trip on Route 66 from Michigan to California started off with a big glitch - ol' Betsy wouldn't start! Even after we had her shipped from California in a closed transport.

So here we are in Grand Rapids, Michigan with a dead car. What to do?

Between a dead battery, a broken distributor shaft and a sparking alternator, Gerald knew we needed help.

First aid - call the first person in the Model A Ford Club of America membership roster. He said to have the car towed to his house and he would take a look. So that's what we did.

John spent 3 1/2 hours fixing up Betsy like new - and wouldn't take a penny for his troubles!

We breathed a sigh of relief that our trip could continue, but now we were a day late starting our adventure...

**We are offering this excerpt of Diane Wood Gaughen's interesting article about recreating her family's trek to California. Many thanks Diane.**

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## Next General Meeting

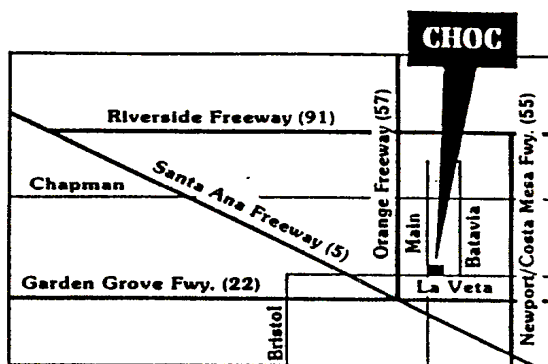
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[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting January 11, 2018

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

We are on the Web!  
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