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**Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher** 

une 28<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am

These Model Aers
ALL love their food
and I love them!

Yum

The Fourth Thursday Breakfast will be at the Black Bear Diner, 1011 N. Harbor Blvd. Fullerton 92832/714 515-3481



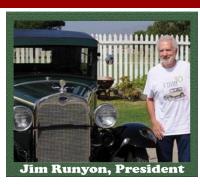
Ed& Patty Cote will be having their annual Ice Gream Social on JUNE 30th at 1:30 ish. All are invited.

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### President's Message

On June 16<sup>th</sup> 1903, in Dearborn, Michigan Ford Motor Company was founded by Henry Ford. Ford Motor Company would go on to become one of the largest companies in the world, as well as being the largest family controlled company in the world. American, Hanson Gregory claimed to have invented the doughnut, in June 1847, while aboard a lime trading ship. He was only 16 years of age. Several years ago, a recipe book from an English physician's wife, dated 1800 was found and it mentions "dow nuts". So who knows? June 2018 is only a few days away and we are still driving Model A Fords, eating donuts, and loving both of them.



Speaking of donuts, Dennis Kliesen put on another great seminar on May 12<sup>th</sup>. This time on installing Flathead Ted's Brake Floaters. The seminar was hosted by Jim Michaeloff. Jim and Dennis installed the brake floaters on the front of Jim's 1929 Speedster. The seminar was well attended by about 20 club members and as always, plenty of coffee and donuts. Thank you Jim and Dennis.

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> was the Múckenthaler Concourse D'Elegance in Fullerton. The Muckenthaler Car Show is always a fun event and this year was no exception. We had 12 Model A's from OCMAFC on display. Yesterday was the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Buena Park. We had a little smaller turnout than usual, maybe because of the rain. Even with the rain, we still had four Model A's there.

We will end the month with the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual "USO Show" on Memorial Day, at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana. This will be a very emotional and inspirational day to remember and honor the brave men and women who fought and died for our freedom.

At the May meeting, Richard Parrish announced he will be stepping down from his role as V.P. Tours Director. I hate to say stepping down, so let's just say he will be taking the backseat for a while, because Richard will always be looking for that perfect Model A road to lead us down. Outstanding job Richard, Thank you!

One more thing, Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>, is National Donut Day. Sorry, I just had to add that. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Be safe,





### **Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar**



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

Jun 10 (Sun) Henry Ford Picnic, hosted by Diamond Tread Chapter, Heritage Park, 12100 Mora Dr, Santa Fe Springs. BBQ \$12. IOAM-3PM, Contact Bob Toerge 562-869-8641



Jun 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 Jun 24-29 MAFCA National Convention, Reno, NV. Contact Richard Parrish at 714-393-8582 for details on the tour OCMAFC will be doing Jun 24-Jul I MARC National Meet, Branson, Missouri



Jun 28 (Thu)

Fourth Thursday Breakfast at Black Bear Diner, 1011 N Harbor Blvd, Fuller-

ton 92832, 714-515-3481 at 8:30AM; for info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

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



Jun 30 (Sat) Cream Social hosted by Ed and Patty Cote, 2435 Bonnie Brae, Santa Ana 92706, 714 -542-6161 "1:30'ish"



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



Jul 12 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board

meeting at 6PM



**Jul 26 (Thu)** 

Fourth Thursday Breakfast location to be determined. For info contact

Terry Collings at 714-970-7194 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

Oct 7-11, 2019 MAFCA National Tour, Canyonlands II/27-I2/I National Award Banquet, see tucsonmodelafordclub. org



# Swap Meets/Car

Jun 1-2 Friends of Steve McQueen Car Show, Boys Republic Campus, Chino Hills

Jun 3 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Pomona Fairplex, Fairplex Drive and McKinley Ave, Pomona, enter at Gate 17. 5am-2pm

Jun 7 (Thu) Rockabilly Car Show, 11:30am-Ipm, contact Stephanie Riggs to participate at 949-340-8101 or sriggs@freedomvillage.org

Jun 23 (Sat) 12th Annual FV Classic Car & Truck Show presented by the Fountain Valley Community Foundation. Held at Fountain Valley Sports Park, 16400 Brookhurst Street. Hours: 7am-3pm. Held in conjunction with the Fountain Valley Summerfest. For more info, contact Pete Haak at 714-943-4365

Jul 21 (Sat) Long Beach Model T Club Swap Meet at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach, 6am-Ipm

Jul 22 (Sun) Annual Wounded Warrior Car Show, Redondo Beach

Aug II (Sat) Rock N' Roll Cruise/Car Show

Aug 19 (Sun) San Fernando Valley Chapter Model A Ford Club's 53rd Annual Classic Car Swap Meet & Show, Rancho San Antonio Boys Home, 21000 Plummer St, Chatsworth 91311 Opens 6AM Free admission

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# FATHER'S DAY

8 CLASSIC DAD PHRASES

DON'T MAKE ME TURN THIS CAR AROUND!

ACT YOUR AGE, NOT YOUR SHOE SIZE.

MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES!

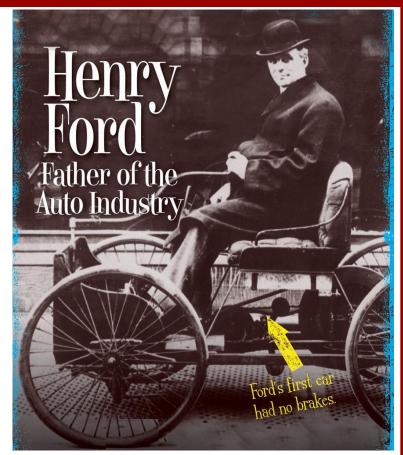
LISTEN TO YOUR MOTHER.

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...

DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR OIL.

IF ALL YOUR FRIENDS JUMPED OFF A BRIDGE, WOULD YOU DO THAT TOO?

THEY DON'T MAKE THEM LIKE THEY USED TO.



Join us for good food and great company!!

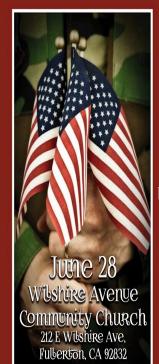
Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

June 28th at 8:30 am

# BLACK BEAR DINER

1011 N Harbor Blvd. Fullerton 92832 714-515-3481

Info: Terry Collings 714-970-7194



We thank you for your service and sacrifices. We are forever grateful!

Once again the Wilshire Ave.
Community Church is hosting a luncheon to honor our Country's Veterans. Fellow club member, Pam Heiland, has been tasked with inviting club members/veterans to this lunch event. (Lunch is free to veterans and their spouses; \$6 for everyone else). Attendees are asked to drive their Model A's for display. Contact Pam Heiland with questions.

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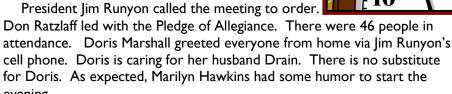
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Please Note: Some information contained in our newsletter has been reprinted from other newsletters; we thank and acknowledge them.

Web Master – Chris Enright

# **General Meeting Minutes**

#### OCMAFC General Meeting Thursday, May 10, 2018 Wade Education Center at CHOC



Jim Runyon welcomed guests and new members. New members welcomed were Doris and Joe Pospichal who are looking for a Model A to adopt. The other new member is John Carter who owns a 1928 Sports Coupe. Two other visitors from the Diamond Tread chapter gave a plug for the Henry Ford Picnic coming soon.

Treasurer Marilyn Hawkins reported our membership at 161. Marilyn also reported on current balances and that our current bank had some transaction limits that were difficult to deal with when depositing larger amounts of cash as at membership renewal time and the Pancake Breakfast. She will look into other solutions. Marilyn reported a profit from the breakfast and raffle and approximately 1,100 meals were served. A "Thank You" note was received for the donation to the Central California Regional Gathering (CCRG). She also mentioned that the Board has authorized a \$100 contribution to the Santa Anita A's for the Pasadena High School Model A club. This group is not supported by the school district but is an after school club helped along by the Santa Anita A's.

Tours Richard Parrish reminded members of the club of the Muckenthaler Concours d' Elegance on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. Cars will assemble in front of the Fullerton Hotel at the intersection of the 91 freeway and the East/Raymond exit. Richard noted that the club is invited to display their cars at the Fairhaven Memorial Park again on Memorial Day, May 28. Come at 7:30 a.m. for a spot to park with the group and also a cup of coffee. Jumping June bugs, there is so much going on this month. The Henry Ford Picnic is coming on Sunday, June 10. This is sponsored by the Diamond Tread chapter. Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs is the location. Contact Bob Toerge at 1-562-869-8641 to let him know you are coming. He will have a hamburger for you. Cost is \$12.

Richard has also proposed a tour to the MAFCA National meet in Sparks, Nevada this year. He outlined the route on Hwy 395 with a return route on Hwy 49 through the Gold Country. He proposed leaving on June 22-23 and return after the MAFCA meet ends on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Drive your Model A, trailer it, of leave it behind and trail along in your regular car. It is a great event.

After many years of participating and planning tours for the club Richard will be stepping down from this role but will continue to encourage and be a resource for the future. The entire club expresses its appreciation for all the memories and good travels. Thank you, Richard!

Technical Dennis Kliesen called attention to the (cont'd on Page 10)

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Carter, John & Dana, 24605 Via Vallarta, Yorba Linda, CA 92887-5534 Cell: 714-310-3350; Email johnc36@sbcglobal.net. 1929 Ford Pick up - Closed cab. Joined 2018

Mathes, Michael & Katrina, 1867 N. Hart St., Orange, CA 92867-2958; hm: 714-998-8156/ Cell: 714-928-8207; Email: mmathes57@gmail.com. 1928 Sport Coupe. Joined 2018

Buck, Curtis & Linda (renewed)



- Q: What did the Olds designation 4-4-2 stand for?
- A: 4 barrel carburetor, 4 speed transmission, and dual exhaust.
- Q: What car was the first to place the horn button in the center of the steering wheel?
- A: The 1915 Scripps-Booth Model C. The car also was the first with electric door latches.
- Q: What U.S. production car had the quickest 0-60 mph time?
- A: The 1962 Chevrolet Impala SS 409.
- Q: What's the only car to appear simultaneously on the covers of Time and Newsweek?
- A: The Mustang
- Q: What was the lowest priced mass produced American car?
- A: The 1925 Ford Model T Runabout. Cost \$260, \$5 less than 1924.
- Q: What is the fastest internal-combustion American production car?
- A: The 1998 Dodge Viper GETS-R, tested by Motor Trend magazine at 192.6 mph.
- Q: What automaker's first logo incorporated the Star of David?
- A: The Dodge Brothers.
- Q: Who wrote to Henry Ford, "I have drove fords exclusively when I could get away with one It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8"?
- A: Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde) in 1934.
- Q: What car was the first production VI2, as well as the first production car with aluminum pistons?
- A: The 1915 Packard Twin-Six. Used during WWI in Italy,

these motors inspired Enzi Ferrari to adopt the VI2 himself in 1948.

- Q: What was the first car to use power operated seats?
- A: They were first used on the 1947 Packard line.
- Q: Which of the Chrysler "letter cars" sold the fewest amount?
- A: Only 400, 1963, 300]'s were sold.
- Q: What car company was originally known as Swallow Sidecars (aka SS)?
- A: laguar, which was an SS model first in 1935, and ultimately the whole company by 1945.
- Q: What car delivered the first production VI2 engine?
- A: The cylinder wars were kicked off in 1915 after Packard's chief engineer, Col. Jesse Vincent, introduced its Twin-Six.
- O: When were seat belts first fitted to a motor vehicle?
- A: In 1902, in a Baker Electric streamliner racer which crashed at 100 mph. on Staten Island!

# **Model A Mitchell Synchronization Transmission**

Shown below are pictures of the Model A transmission which is rebuilt by Mitchell Manufacturing using all new internal gears and 2nd and 3rd gear synchronizers.

A 15% higher 2nd gear ratio is also available. The resulting transmission has many desirable similarities to the 1932 Model B transmission, without having to install a Model B engine and transmission in a Model A along with the necessary wishbone and pedal mounting.

Additionally, a combined 15% higher 1st gear together with a 15% higher 2nd gear ratio transmission is also available. The resulting transmission reportedly improves general drivability even further, especially on flat ground or with a higher output torque engine.

Be cautious of increasing the 1st gear ratio 15% if your driving includes a lot of parades, uphill standing starts, or if you have a tired or low performing engine.

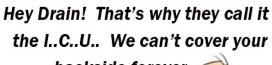




Shown above (right) is the view of the reworked shift tower with the new forks and shafts as assembled by Mitchell.

These transmissions are quite expensive and are not an overdrive, but the revised gear ratios and synchronizers make the car much more drivable than the stock Ford gearing.

Contact: Mitchell Manufacturing







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# The Reminiscences of Mr. Harold Hicks

(Part 3 of 3)

I don't know whether he wanted to maintain the old thermos syphon as it came off the Model T engine or whether he wanted to put in a water pump. I know there was quite a bit of discussion there at that time about it. On the balance of the engine, there was quite a bit of discussion too.

One thing I tried to do that I was not successful in was to change the size of the bearings. The Model A always had a main bearing thump. I made a very simple calculation which I gave Sorensen indicating that it would be better if the bearings instead of being an inch and one-half were an Inch and three-quarters in diameter.

Sorensen showed the calculation to Henry Ford. Later on, Edsel Ford came and told me, "Father does not agree with you that the bearings should be larger in diameter. He feels that the bearings should be small so that the crankshaft will be limber enough to follow the bearings that are in the crankcase."

. . .

The V-type of manifold never went into production. We had to put a certain amount of heat on the job in order to make it manifold correctly. So the type of manifold that was finally produced, we worked out and found that that was more successful because of the heat application.

George Holley is a very admirable fellow. He never held it too much against me to think that by that one stroke of business alone of throwing over the vaporizer, he obsoleted about \$1,000,000 of foundry equipment.

He employed the former research engineer for Packard, a man by the name of Anderson. For a whole year they worked to try and best that intake and exhaust manifold combination that I had worked up. Holley finally came to me and said, "Well, we can get a little more power, but we don't get as good economy. We can get better economy, but we don't get the power. There is something about it that you have got the correct balance on there. Anderson has worked for a whole year, and we can't best that Model A manifold.

There is one thing now that just points out the development that the automobile has made since then. That is the fact that up to thirty miles an hour the Model A could skin the pants off anything that was on the road. Even Lionel Woolson, the chief engineer at Packard, called me up and said, "Hicks, what are you fellows out there trying to do? You really have just made us look silly below thirty miles an hour because we can't catch these Model A's.

It was largely the fact that the engine developed high torque, and it was an excellent output at that time. The car, because of the Fords' idea -of having a light weight structure, was not as much mass to move. That is why the job had the performance.

The change in the transmission was sort of a long drawn out process. Sheldrick worked that up for Henry Ford. They apparently realized that they had to have a greater speed range because the Model T only went forty-three miles an hour, and the Model A went sixty-three miles an hour. The time was ripe for a new type of engine development.

The style design of the body was largely carried out by Edsel Ford. Jimmy Hughes left the Company at that time to go as chief engineer of Studebaker. That is when Joe Galamb took more of an interest in the body work.

Although Edsel was interested in the engine design, I remember that he came to me when we had developed thirty-four horsepower. He gave me the permission and the idea was Edsel's alone that we should open up and make the valves bigger.

He had worked with me on the motorboat design. He knew that the right way to get power out of a job was to get the stuff in there and explode it. You couldn't have small valves and get power out of an engine by having small valves.

( The preceding is an excerpt from "The Reminiscences of Mr. Harold Hicks", from the Owen W. Bombard interviews series, 1951-1961 Accession 65, interview conducted: July 1952 Transcript digitized by staff of Benson Ford Research Center: November 2011

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**FOR SALE:** 1928 Model A Special Coupe. Owner needs to vacate the garage where it is stored in Santa Monica and need to sell the car by May 15<sup>th</sup>; the local Model A club appraised it at \$6,000-\$7000. In emails, put "Model A" in the subject line. Contact info: valerie.edmondson@gmail.com

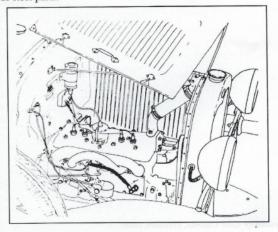


#### Tiny Tips For Your Model A Book Available at MAFCA.com

#### CRANKCASE VENTILATOR

I have eliminated my Model A blowby problem and have cleaner oil too! Several years ago, another Model A enthusiast suggested using a tube from the valve side cover plate to the intake manifold to route the fumes from the crankcase. This was good. What I have done is to embellish upon it.

Inside the oil filler cap, I have added a stainless steel pot and pan scrubber (like real coarse steel wool), available at any market. To this I have added a PCV valve (Lee #LV-61) for a 225 C.LD. Slant Six Valiant engine, which is of fiberglass composition with stainless steel parts.



Submitted by George-Chris Sprotte, Simi Valley, CA







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(Cont'd from Page 5) Flat Head Ted brake installation this coming Saturday, May 12, at Jim Michaeloff's home at 4424 Birchwood Ave., Seal Beach. Phone: I-562-537-7767. Come at 9:00 A.M. There is street parking. Dennis announced June 9 will be focused on transmissions. Rick Hall held up a transmission bearing for everyone to examine when trouble shooting for noise or wear. Bruce Macintosh also let everyone know he was working to put together a group tire purchase. Please put the word out and call or talk to Bruce after the meeting. Phone: 949-294-4861. 19" or 21" can be included. Price range on these Goodyears is from \$155 to \$190.

Sunshine and Sorrow noted that Drain Marshall suffered a heart attack and Phillip Joujon-Roche is being treated for cancer. Prayers for their recovery are appropriate. Cards are welcomed.

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Breakfast, May 24, has been arranged by Terry Collings. This club Goldie Locks has got us sitting in the Black Bear Diner in Buena Park. It is on the corner of Knott Ave. and Orangethorpe Ave. just north of the 91 fwy. Find the chair that fits and enjoy the food and company. Time: 8:30 A.M.

Gerald and Diane Gaughen held up the book cover documenting their trip covering the length of Route 66. It is a special adventure in their Model A. See them after the meeting or give them a call for more info at 562-715-1529.

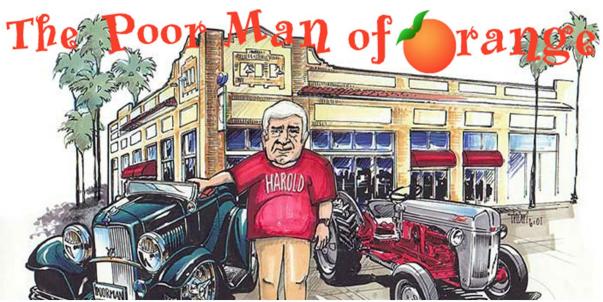
Raffles Don Ratzlaff had sympathy for the members who did not win anything at the Pancake Breakfast. His "Loser Drawing" was won by Frank Mowrer.

Observation from the Pancake Breakfast raffle by Gerald Gaughen. He pointed out the excitement of a small girl who won the Teddy Bear that was bigger than she. Fun! Fun!

New member, Doris Pospichal, won the attendance drawing of \$10. The membership drawing would have gone to #36, Tom Ende, but Tom was not there. It now rises to \$40 next meeting. Thank you, Lori Kredit, for standing in for Ed Cote.

We thank Karen Gaynor and Sheila Plotkin who furnished the refreshments for the evening. Thank You! Parking Pass Kathie McCall held up the green card passes which everyone needs to avoid paying the person at the exit booth.

Meeting adjourned Norm Kredit, Secretary



Sadly, our friend Harold Looney passed away on May 30th at the age of 86. Harold was the "founder" of CW Moss and Vintage Inc.

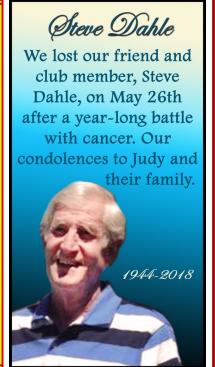
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smith@cookseylaw.com or mail to P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711 Need new friends or technical talk? Come to the BS Breakfast on the first Saturday of every month and meet our heros.







#### **SUNSHINE & SORROW**

### By Pam Heiland

Cards were sent to Drain Marshall, who had a heart attack and to Phil Joujon-Roche, who had cancer surgery. Phil's surgery went well and he is recuperating. We send our best wishes to these two dear people.

"The nicest thing about the promise of spring is that sooner or later she'll have to keep it."

Mark Beltaire

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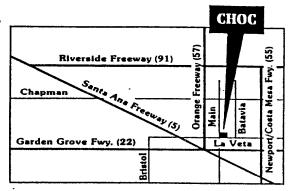
## **Next General Meeting**

7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]
Next Meeting June 14, 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! www.ocmafc.org



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