

These things I warmly wish for you: Someone to love, some work to do, A bit o' sun, a bit o' cheer, And a guardian angel always near. Irish Blessing



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# Come hungry and share a special day

An addition to the Model A Ford Museum is a beautifully restored Good Humor Ice Cream Truck





## Technical Seminar on Carburetors March 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at 10am

Location: Bruce & Becky Macintosh's home 3652 Carmel Ave, Irvine CA 92606 If possible, those attending should bring a chair.



## March, 2018

## **Our Touring Information**

## By: Richard Parrish Tour Director

Congratulations fellow travelers. The January tour to March AFB Museum and the February tour to Madam Modjeska home and Rose's Cantina were very well attended with over 35 participants with 14 Model A's at each tour. For several it was their 1<sup>st</sup> tour and several Model A's were on tour for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Let's beat that great turn out in March and each month.

**Saturday March 17**<sup>th</sup> will be a tour to the famous San Antonio winery in Los Angeles. It was founded in the 1880's and pictures on the wall show vineyards covering the hills where Dodgers stadium now exists. The tour will have a guided tour of the facilities with the entire wine making process explained, there is a nice gift shop, and there is optional wine tasting, or course purchasing and my favorite lunch in their huge dining room offering small snacks, sandwiches, salads and even full meals. It is unique since when you walk in, there before you is every item available fully cooked on a plate under clear film. You can pick exactly what you want. NO, you do not get that actual plate. Yours is fresh cooked and served. NO you don't have to drink wine. Yes, bring the family, friends and grand kids.

The tour will be on surface streets. The starting place is not yet chosen but will be west of our usual places to more easily access routes to the winery.

**Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>** will be another of Don Ratzlaff's popular Mt. Baldy tours. By now your Model A is probably chomping at the bit to take on that mountain, and you are probably chomping on the bit to breathe some mountain air and eat some mountain grub. Don will send you the details as the date comes closer.





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

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## **Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar**



Mar 3 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange Mar 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



Mar 10 (Sat) Technical Seminar on carburetors at 10:00am to be held at Bruce & Becky MacIntosh's home, 3652 Carmel

Ave, Irvine 92686. If possible, please bring a chair for your comfort.

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Mar 17 (Sat) Tour to San Antonio Winery. More details to follow. Contact Richard Parrish.



Mar 22 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast at Marie

rant & Bakery, 540 N Euclid St, Anaheim; for info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

Mar 29 (Thu) Tour to Mt. Baldy. More details to follow. Contact person is Don Ratzlaff.



Apr 7 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill. 1325 W Katella

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



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

meeting at 6PM



## Apr 22 (Sun) PANCAKE BREAKFAST.

8am-IIam at Hart Park, Orange. We hope you will all

be able to attend.



Apr 26 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast location to be determined. For info contact

Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

The goal is to have a technical seminar on the second Saturday and a tour on the third Saturday of every month so you are learning to take care of your Model A and give you opportunities to drive it.

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

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 Mar II (Sun) Long Beach Hi-Performance Swap Meet at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach, 6am-Ipm 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. Apr 15 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Pomona Fairplex, Fairplex Drive and McKinley Ave, Pomona, enter at Gate 17. 5am-2pm Apr 15 (Sun) 33rd Annual Fabulous Fords Forever Car Show, Knott's Berry Farm, 8039 Beach Blvd., Buena Par k, 10am-3pm, Free to spectators May 5 (Sat) Edelbrook Care Show, Torrance May 12 (Sat) K-9 Benefits Car Show, Long Beach May 12 (Sat) Culver Car Show, Culver 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

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Tour to San Antonio Winery remains the oldest and largest producing winery in Los Angeles with 100 years of winemaking, making it an essential component of the city's cultural and historical landscape. In fact, in the early

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1960s, Los Angeles' Cultural Heritage Board designated the winery Cultural Monument Number 42. Still sitting on its original location on Lamar Street, the winery is the last vestige of the rich winemaking tradition of the greater Los Angeles.

For further details, contact Richard Parrish



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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, February 8, 2018 Wade Education Center at CHOC

President Jim Runyon called the meeting to **Little Little** order. The Flag Salute was given followed by Doris Marshall's won-

derful greeting, "Hello everybody!" There were 60 members present. After a poetic reading by Ed Cote regarding recycled life we settled down for the treasurer's report.

Secretary Norm Kredit presented the January 11, 2018 minutes for approval. They were moved, supported and passed.

Treasurer Marilyn Hawkins reported the balances in our bank accounts. The Pancake Breakfast supplies are covered and we are in good shape to handle expenses for this year. We now have 169 members with the addition of two new members: Fred Austin, 1935 Coupe and Steve Leseney, 1931 Closed Cab Pickup.

Sunshine and Sorrow items noted were the good news of Ed Cote's recovering from eye surgery and Kathie McCall's recovery from shingles.

Tours Richard Parrish outlined the coming tour to Madam Modjeska's home in Modjeska Canyon on Saturday, February 17. He also mentioned coming events in San Diego on the 23rd of February to the 25th. The next tour for the club is on March 17, the third Saturday of the month, to the San Antonio winery. On April 8-10 is the Central California Regional meet, which is a great event, Let Richard know if you plan to attend. (714-393-8582). June brings the national meet in Reno, Nevada, and July will be a possible tour to Solvang with the Harbor Model A Club hosting.

Technical Dennis Kliesen has arranged a seminar on Model A Differentials Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> at Don Dormeyer's shop. Don will supply the overhead video through his cameras for all to sit in theater seats to watch Dennis work. It should be great. Dennis solicited the membership for subject matter for the future seminars.

Special Events Frank Reese reported on the progress of plans for the Pancake Breakfast in Hart Park in Orange on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. He needs help on the committees for parking, kitchen, setup and take down. This has been a great club project over the years through everyone's help. Also Frank reminded everyone to ask for donations for the event from businesses you buy from whether gift cards, merchandise, or discount cards. All of these help the raffle to be a success. Frank also reminded everyone of the Fabulous Ford Show at Knott's Berry Farm on April 15. Frank has registration forms and is soliciting different models and years of Model A's for the staging in the center grass area to recognize the Model A as the (Cont'd on Page 10)



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## **Carburetor Basics**

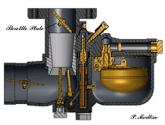
## Courtesy Model A Basics

## http://modelabasics.com/carb%20basics%202.htm

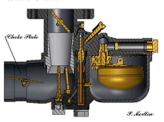
Suction created by the pumping of the pistons, causes fuel and air to flow through the carburetor into the engine. Each Alternate downward stroke draws in a fresh charge of mixed fuel and air.

#### Throttle Plate

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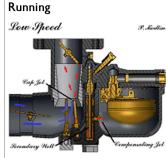


Choke Plate



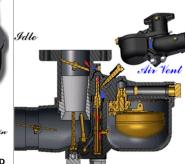
The throttle plate manages the amount of air flow that is delivered to the engine and is controlled by the "Throttle Lever" and "Accelerator" inside the cab.

Pulling on the Carburetor Adjustment Knob, often called the GAV (Gas Air Valve) inside the cab opens and closes the Choke Plate. Turning the GAV enriches or leans the fuel mixture flowing through the "Cap Jet".









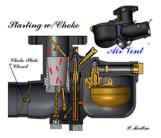
The "Compensating Jet" is inside the fuel bowl and empties into the "Secondary Well" which is open to the air. The "Cap Jet" connects with the "Secondary Well". The "Cap Jet" can only draw as much fuel as the "Compensating Jet" will allow, regardless of the amount of suction.

The "Cap Jet" has an additional fuel supply from the "Fuel Bowl". The flow rate of the fuel to the "Cap Jet" is controlled inside the cab with the "GAV" adjustment knob. Turning it left (towards the driver) enriches the fuel mixture for the "Cap Jet". The "Cap Jet" is used at low speeds.

The "Main Jet" is connected directly to the "Fuel Bowl". It acts like a straw; the stronger the suction the greater amount of fuel will be supplied. The "Main Jet" kicks in and helps out the "Cap Jet" at higher speeds. When cruising, the "Cap Jet" can be leaned out (turn right) to conserve on fuel.

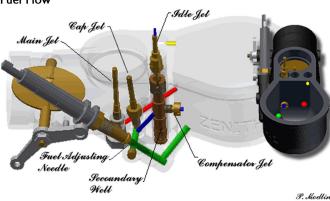
Idling occurs when the "Throttle Plate" is partially open. A vacuum above the plate is created, drawing air through a small hole, which pulls the gas from the secondary well through the "Idle Jet".

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When the engine is started with the choke closed a greater vacuum is formed, pulling in a larger amount of fuel.





GREEN: Adjustable fuel supply for Cap Jet BLUE: Predetermined fuel supply by Compensator Jet for Cap Jet and Idle Jet RED: Direct fuel supply for Main Jet (Used for High Speeds)

YELLOW: Ambient air to fuel bowl

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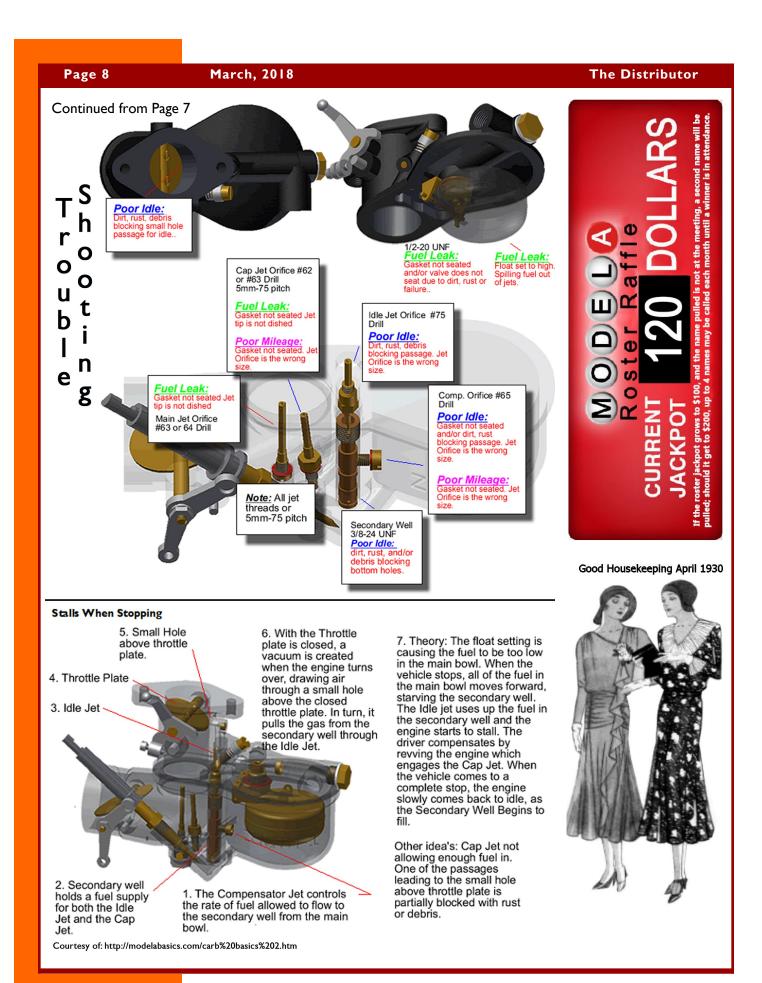
MAFFI will be ordering bricks at the end of May for installation at the museum before 2018 Model A Day. If you have been thinking about ordering a brick for someone near and dear to you, now would be a great time to do it. Each brick is \$150 and the form can be found at www.maffi.org. The website has changed and the brick order form can be found under the tab "Store".

**Deadline for submissions** for the next **Distributor** is

## March 25, 2018

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

Austin, Fred, 17851 Caballo Dr, Yorba Linda, CA 92886-5106; Hm 714-996-0839; Cell 714-742-8839; Email: fred@austinfam.net loined: 2018. 1930 Model A Coupe



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The Friends Of Steve McQueen Car Show has been held for the past 10 years. All proceeds go to support the Boys Republic, a reform school that Steve attended in his troubled youth.

Every year a different Steve McQueen movie is used as a theme for the show and this year is the movie 'Bullitt' as it's been 50 years since it first hit the movie screen.

Location: Boys Republic Campus, Chino Hills CA https://stevemcqueencarshow.com/event-specifics/

## FUEL SHUT OFF VALVE

Easy removal or installation of Model A fuel shutoff valve from Model A gas tanks can be accomplished by procuring a  $5/8 \times 14$  thread nut (NF) and hand tighten it on the outlet of the valve. This gives a surface to use a wrench without damaging the threads. A quick, easy way to install a flywheel starter ring instead of using a torch is as follows: CAUTION: Do this outdoors and it works just as well in a barbeque pit or stand. Place the ring on the card-board carton it came in or a pile of cardboard. In the center of the ring pour some charcoal lighter fluid or some flammable solvent and ignite it Be ready, when the box is just ashes and hot coals, re-move the ring with pliers and sit it on the flywheel. Another word of caution - make sure you have the ring facing the correct direc-tion. It usually falls all the way on for me. Submitted by Dexter L. Blethen, Longview, TX

Want to donate to the

2018 Pancake Breakfast?

**Contact Frank Reese or Don Ratzlaff** 

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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:** 1926 Model T, contact Steve Pavich at 714-322-7561 or 714-964-0463. Asking price is \$9,995.



(Cont'd from Page 5) theme car for the event. This show is presented by the Ford Motor Company and the Ford Car Club Council. Frank Reese 714- 348-2507

Merchandise Jerry and Cathy O'Brien are asking for someone or a couple to come along side and take over the Club Store which they have done for so many years. They have covered our heads, backs and fronts with Model A Club logos on shirts, caps, and badges. They bring these to our meetings and special events. Your wardrobe is not complete without them fitting you out.

Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher reminds everyone to get your membership renewal in by the 28<sup>th</sup> of February in order to have your name in the new directory. Call Marilyn Hawkins at 714-914-7371 or mail to OCMAFC, P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA, 92711 or Email: <u>info@ocmafc.org</u>.

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Breakfast Terry Collings announced the location for the next breakfast on the 22nd of February at the Cowgirl Cafe in Santa Ana. The address is 1720 So. Grand. Saddle up for an 8:30 breakfast and keep your "doggies" on the floor and your A's out the door. Thank you, Terry.

Refreshments by Ellie Pease, Carolyn Ratzlaff, and Kay Nettles were over the top with a Valentine theme. Hearts, cakes and cookies. Everything in the pinks and reds. Thank you, ladies.

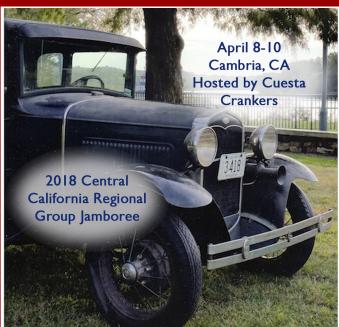
Extra Special Ed Cote auctioned off two brass buckles, donated by Ron Nichols, to the highest bidder. One was made for Model T lovers and the other for Model A's. They went for \$15 and \$25, respectively. Thanks Ron, and to Ed for being the auctioneer.

Attendance Drawing: Numbers 72 and 91 were drawn but neither was present. Next month it increases to \$120. It was MSP to draw 3 times when the pot grew to \$150.

Don Ratzlaff again thanked the club for nominating him and his receiving the MAFCA Service Award. Hats off to you, Don.

Special Purchase Opportunity: Don mentioned that a Model A muffler was being ordered for the Pancake Breakfast. To save shipping cost, two are better than one in a box. Talk to him after the meeting if you are interested in ordering a muffler. Also Don mentioned that tires are being purchased for the Pancake Breakfast raffle. They are Lucas or Goodyear. If your need a set, let him know for a group purchase price.

President Jim Runyon closed the meeting with a super Super Bowl Quiz. Norm Kredit, Secretary



The Cuesta Crankers MAFCA are hosting this year's Central California Regional Group Jamboree at the beautiful Cambria Pines Lodge from April 8-10.

On Sunday the 8th, there will be a Fashion Show Tea, a Running Board Swap Meet and the traditional CCRG BBQ.

On Monday the 9th, there will be many points of interest to visit including Cambria, Hearst Castle, Ragged Point, Cayucos, Morro Bay and several local wineries. The day will end with a banquet and raffles.

## FROM YOUR TECHNICAL DIRECTOR Dennis Kliesen

Has your Model A had trouble starting and running the way it should be? Recently, I have talked to some members who mentioned they had put a kit in their carburetor and it never ran as good. If you have already checked the ignition and source of fuel, maybe it's time to take a look at the carburetor. With the reported problems of today's Ethanol gas, it is possible your carburetor could use a little help in the way of a rebuild. I, like others, have had problems ~ sometimes just taking it apart, cleaning it, and putting it back together with some new gaskets and correct adjustments can make all the difference. Other times, it could be a more complicated issue, such as one or more of the jets not being correct. It could be running too rich or too lean. Maybe your float level is too high or too low. Any of those situations could be harmful to the internal components of your engine. If you have a spare carburetor, or even the one on there now, and think it could be a problem, why not bring it along to the next seminar for carburetors and have it looked at? Gaskets for these carburetors are relatively inexpensive and could be money well spent if you suspect a carburetor problem. If you are having trouble finding gasket kits, give me a call and I'll try to help you find some. My phone number is 949-466-7475 and you can text me at that number also. I

can also be reached through email at drkliesen@ gmail.com.

Have a great day and hope to see you at the next seminar.

## **SUNSHINE & SORROW**

## By Pam Heiland



During the month of February, cards were sent to Kathie McCall who is suffering with shingles and Don Schmidt, who had a small stroke at the meeting. Don is home now and doing better. A card was sent to Bob Hawkins who was in Kaiser Irvine. Last, but not least, one of our long-time members, Larry Boef, recently passed away. Larry was very active in our chapter for many years and was a lifetime member. I talked to his ex-wife this week and she told me there will be a service of remembrance for him some time in March or April. She will let me know when it is and I will pass the information along to you.

Everyone, take care of yourselves and stay well! Here's your thought for the day:

Everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occur while your climbing it!

## 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] Ě Mesa Chapman Next Meeting March 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 We are on the Web! www.ocmafc.org

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