Orange County Model A Ford Club





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May your troubles be less and your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door

Irish Blessing



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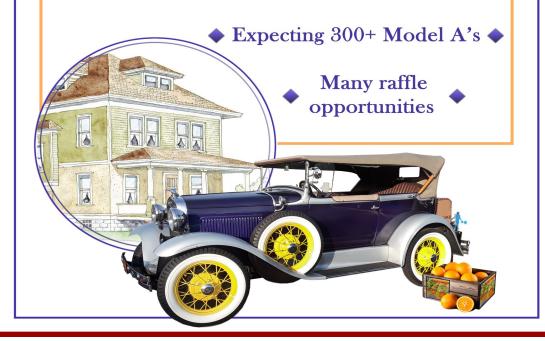
Join us for the 59th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Date: March 29, 2020

Where: Hart Park, 701 S Glassell St, Orange, CA

Breakfast Served: 8am-11am (Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee)

Donations: Adults \$8/Children \$4 (ages 2-10)



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By Louise Hall

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News From the President

February was a significant month for me this year. After having my total hip replacement surgery moved up - twice I had a successful procedure on Feb. 11. It was an outpatient procedure at the Sand Canyon Kaiser Hospital in Irvine. Rick and I can't say enough good things about the surgeon and the entire team of caregivers.

When they sent me home on Tuesday afternoon Rick took charge of my care. He has been wonderful. He took over the pill dispensing, the help with all the personal care, cooking, cleaning etc. Our two daughters have been over to help as well.

I want to thank all of you in the club for your concern and help. Of course, the club continued on with Joe Goff at the helm, both as Vice President and as tour director. We really wanted to go on the February tour. I know you all had a great time and Kaci had everything very orga-

nized! Unfortunately, the technical seminar had to be cancelled due to weather.

Your cards, phone calls, text messages and prayers are much appreciated. I'll be back on my feel soon. Keep those cars on the road!

Louise

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WE ARE GOING TO TRY SOMETHING NEW BY ACKNOWLEDGING MEMBER ANIVERSARY DATES EACH MONTH IN THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE SEND YOUR SPECIAL DATE TO MARILYN HAWKINS.

These baby cages were found hanging outside apartments in the 1930s

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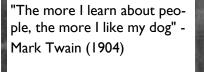
YOUR NAMES HERE

They were designed in a more innocent age and with the best of intentions. With this wire enclosure, parents didn't need to leave the house to give their children a healthy dose of sunshine and fresh air. The only problem was that the cage was suspended precariously off the side of a building.

According to the Daily Mail, the idea behind the cages was patented in America in 1922 as a means to help parents living in cities who didn't have much space. The cages were also distributed to members of baby clubs who lived in high buildings and had no gardens.

This picture, taken in the 1930s, shows a baby suspended high up in a flat from their parents' window.





Twain had three dogs which he named "I Know", "You Know" and "Don't Know"



Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



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

Katella Ave, Orange Mar 12 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. No admission prior to 7PM. CHOC Hospital Complex,

455 South Main Street, Orange. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



Mar 14 (Sat) Tech seminar, Tune Ups at Richard Parrish's house, 909 S Hacienda Pl. Anaheim. 714-999-



0611. 9AM Mar 26 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast at 8:30AM at Black Bear Diner, 3355 S Bristol Ave, Orange

St. Santa Ana 92704. Contact Terry Collings for more info at 714-745-1956

Mar 28 (Sat) 2nd Annual Breakfast of DeMolay International. They would like 10-12 Model A cars, pital Complex, 455 South Main

Newport Beach across from Newport Beach High School "Fords & French Toast". Park directly out front, breakfast will be provided for those who drive their cars \$10/ea



Mar 29 (Sun) Pancake Breakfast 8AM-IIAM at Hart Park, 701 S Glassell, Orange

Apr 2-5 MARC

Membership Meeting, Plymouth, Indiana, Swan Lake Resort Apr 2-3 Imaginology, Orange County Fairgrounds, contact Colleen Schmidt for volunteer cover-

age days



Apr 4 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella



Apr 9 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. No admission prior to 7PM. CHOC Hos-

If you are aware of swap meets/ car shows that you think others would be interested in attending, please send us the info so we can þost it.

Street, Orange. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM Apr 16-18 CCRG Jamboree, hosted by Bakersfield A's.



Apr 23 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast, Location to be determined.

May 2 Orange May Parade hosted by the Old Towne Preservation Association, asking for 5-6 Model A's to participate. Contact loe Peters at joepeters@att.net

May 24 (Sun) Indianapolis 500 Race, event shown at Don Dormeyer's Studio, 2983 W Miraloma Ave, Anaheim, RSVP Don or Mary Dormeyer at 714-342-3259. Bring a chair. Iun I-5 MARC National Meet, Oshkosh, Wis.



Swap Meets/Car Shows

Mar I (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet, 1101 N McKinley Ave, Pomona 91768 5am-2pm

Mar 14 (Sat) Bakersfield Car Club Council Super Cruise Car Show benefits Society for Disabled Children, Kern County Fairgrounds. www.bakersfieldccc.org

Mar 15 (Sun) Picker Paradise Swap Meet, Buena Park Elks Lodge, 7212 Melrose St, Buena Park, admission \$1, 6am-11am

Mar 21 (Sat) 14th Annual Selma Swap Meet, 10951 E Mountain View, Selma, \$5 6am-3pm

Apr 7 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm

Apr 7 (Sun) 12th Annual Old Car Breakfast & Tour, Applebee's Grill, 2800 N Main St, Santa Ana 8am-11am Apr 19 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet, 1101 N McKinley Ave, Pomona 91768 5am-2pm

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Come to the March General Meeting and buy your Pancake Breakfast T-shirt (as a member's only discount \bigcirc)



Buy a Personalized Brick for Construction of the Model A Museum!

Since 2011, about 1550 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of your favorite Model A'ers, Model A clubs and regions. www.maffi.org/WSContent/Download/ BuyABrickDonation.pdf

It will be in place at the Museum by September 19, 2020.

MODEL A WHEELS ... THE TRUE SCOOP

Did you know that black wheels were still standard equipment on all 1930 models (but two) and remained so on most 1931 models? It was during 1930 that Ford finally developed a baked enamel which was strong, resilient, and chip-resistant enough to be suitable for wheels and at the same time quick-drying enough to be practical for volume car production. Hence in 1930, for the first time, customers could order factory painted wheels for about \$2 per wheel. It is on the basis of this extra-cost option that present day restorers justify colored wheels on their restored 1930 and 1931 Fords.

--Condensed from The Restorer Volume #9, Issue 6 [Thanks Bruce MacIntosh. Editor]



Jim's Tech Tip—Check Your Oil Filler Pipe & Cap

Many Model A owners experience excessive oil leaks when driving their car, often out the rear main seal. One simple thing that can cause this is a restriction in the oil filler



pipe. Take the cap off and look down the pipe with a good light. You should only see a series of little metal baffles, half-moon in shape, inside the filler pipe. If you find where someone has covered the pipe with a sock, or stuffed a piece of cloth down in the filler pipe to stop oil from coming out the filler when driving, this will put pressure inside the crank-case and force oil out the rear main seal while you drive. Easy to fix: get that stuff out of there!

While you have it off, also inspect the inside of the oil filler cap. It, too, needs to be clear inside. No pieces of steel wool, pot scrubber, or old sock in the cap! Look for evidence of someone accidentally pushing the

By Jim Cannon



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oil filler cap on too far. When you do, you bend the little tabs inside the cap and mash it all the way down on the pipe. This blocks the engine's ability to vent the crankcase, builds up pressure, and causes a bad leak out the rear main seal.

I hope this little tip helps you stop that oil leak while driving. Have a Model A Day! Jim

2020 BOARD MEMBERS

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We have removed all Committee members'

emails and phone numbers in order to ensure their privacy. Members can find this

info in your roster.

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 13, 2020 CHOC Wade Education Center



V/P Activities Joe Goff called the meeting to order. Technical Darwin Kibby led in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Louise Hall was unable to attend due to surgery.

Club Greeter Doris Marshall greeted everyone with her enthusiastic "Hello Everybody!". Several new guests were present and introduced. Dave Coombs, Giles Candy and Art Kruse were all introduced.

A special presentation was made by guest Jamie Mare who is a volunteer with the Knights of Columbus organization that mentors young men from the ages of 12-20. They have invited the club to present our Model A's at their annual De Molay celebration; it is called "Fords and French Toast". They obviously will be treating us to breakfast. It is in Newport Beach on March 28th, from 8:00 -11:00 A.M.

Secretary Norm Kredit pointed out the Board approved the general minutes for January.

Treasurer Marilyn Hawkins added some humor to the evening prior to the more serious issues of money. We are in good shape. Pancake Breakfast outflows of cash will be increasing as fees or permits are to be paid. The cash balances as of 1/31/2020 were presented as well as the 2020 budgeted accounts. Marilyn also presented the Pancake Breakfast Itemized Cash Flow for the year. Several donations of cash have been given to make it a success. Marilyn thanked Joe Goff for helping her fill out state and federal tax forms covering chapter sales tax due. Our C.D. is earning 2.27%.

Marilyn reported our membership at 171. Of that number 42 people have not yet paid. That means they need to pay to get into the roster for printing prior to the end of the month and receive a newsletter.

V/P Activities Joe Goff announced the tour to Casa Romantica will be this coming Saturday. Those who are going will meet first at the McDonalds at Culver and Edinger in Irvine at 9:00 A.M. (As these minutes are being typed, Joe said that they had a good lunch at the OC Tavern which had a room and plenty of parking.) March 29 is the Pancake Breakfast. April 2-3 is Imaginology which this year will feature Model A's on Friday and Saturday and the Model T Club will cover Sunday. Friday brings the schools and Saturday is attended by a lot of families. Mt. Baldy will be scheduled as weather permits later in April. May 2 our club is invited to participate in the Orange May Parade. Sign up for activities on the front table after the meeting or sign up on the sheets being passed around. June 7 will be the Diamond Tread Club's Ford picnic. Flyers are also available for the 12th Annual Old Car Breakfast & Tour on April 7, 2020. See Pete Haak or Steve Pavich for more info.

Pancake Breakfast Frank Reese spent time reviewing the need for volunteers for filling open positions on various committees. Sign-up sheets are up front so you can choose your spot. Special need for raffle items from local businesses and for someone with a pickup who can pick up eight tables and 20 chairs for the day. Parking guides are essential and will (Cont'd on Page 11)

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Cleaning the Glass Sediment Bowl

Recently I was out driving my Coupe running errands. I pulled out of a parking lot when the car started to surge and jerk which ended with a big backfire. That seemed to clear the problem and I drove on my merry way without further incident. I wondered as I drove home why that happened. The one thing that came to mind is that my carburetor jets had been clogged with debris which was then blown clear by the backfire. So I checked the sediment bowl when I returned home. Sure enough, upon inspection, there were some suspect particles in the sediment bowl. Below I have included some information from Jul/Aug 1998 Restorer on cleaning the glass sediment bowl.

The glass type sediment bowl can be cleaned by removing the glass bowl.

Turn OFF gas shut off valve.

Turn the wheel under the glass bowl counter-clockwise 3 or 4 turns and release the bail wire.

The bowl can then be removed for cleaning.

Clean or replace the filer screen. The screen must sit fully into the recess in the top of the bowl. A new screen may have to be trimmed to fit below the top edge of the bowl.

Install a new cork gasket on the top edge of the bowl. (over the brass screen) Place the bowl in the casting and slip the wire bail under the bowl and tighten the wheel. (just enough to keep fuel from leaking)

Turn ON the gas shut off valve before driving.

I like to put an old paint mixing container under the sediment bowl to catch any fuel that might spill out. I prefer using the cork gaskets to the neoprene gaskets that are also available. The ethanol fuel tends to make them deteriorate quickly. It's a good idea to check the glass sediment bowl every couple of months and keep the debris from clogging your carburetor.



Come and watch the Indianapolis 500 Race with your friends

Everything will be provided for breakfast and watching the race. Need volunteers to help do the cooking. OCMAFC members and friends welcome. May want to bring some extra chairs. Don Dormeyer's Red Gum Studio, 2983 E Miraloma Ave (at Red Gum Street), Anaheim CA 92806 Please RSVP to Don or Mary Dormeyer at 714-342-3259



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By: Darwin Kibby Technical Director



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Bev Marsh has graciously agreed to give a discussion on clothing of the Model A era at the March General Meeting. We ask that people bring samples of their own personal era clothing for others to view. Bev will have booklets with examples along with adorable paper cut out dolls. Remember those?

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Pattern Catalog Update: Pattern #9888

Women's Daytime Dress found on page 42 of the MAFCA Pattern Catalog has been identified as being a 1931 pattern. Our pattern, Superior #9888 is identical to pattern #9274 found in the Sears Spring/Summer 1931 catalog www.mafca.com



Women's Daytime Dress 1931 Superior 9888 Size 42

Tail Pipe Clamp Installation Tip I have found a unique pair of vise grips at Harbor Freight, about \$10, used for removing oil filters and such. They work really great on installing the tail pipe clamp.



This allows the compression of the tail pipe clamp so the nut can be easily started on the bolt, then the wrench is removed and you can tighten the nut with two wrenches until you can insert a cotter pin. Do not tighten any more than that, on either the regular or insulated clamps. Joe Davis Aries Mufflers 16 West Jackson Street Medford, OR 97501 650-279-6609 https://mafca.com/documents

Join us for another enjoyable event!!

Fourth Thursday Breakfast

Mar 26th at 8:30 am

BLACK BEAR DINER 3355 S Bristol St Santa Ana 92704

> Info: Terry Collings 714-970-7194



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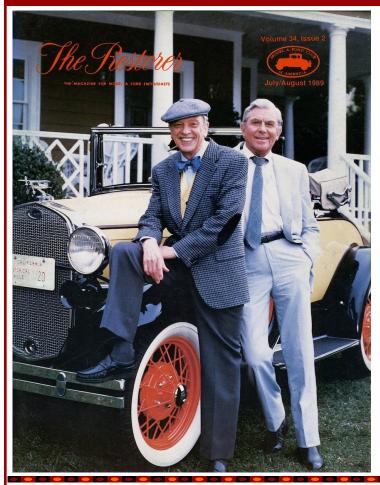


Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is

March 20, 2020

Submit all Articles and ads to

tissysmith1@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 10595 Santa Ana, CA 92711



DID YOU KNOW?

Andy Griffith, the actor, was an avid collector of automobiles, including a couple of Model A's. He was also a MAFCA member! Pictured here with his TV co-star Don Knotts.





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(Cont'd from Page 5) be on I-hour shifts. Dave Coombs volunteered to help Frank with new bicycles. (What a guy! - first time at the meeting.) Frank wants everyone to grab flyers and get them out to businesses and ask for donations as advertisement for what they offer. (This Pancake Breakfast is not just fun, it is of historic proportions.) Everyone was shown the new design for the Pancake Breakfast shirts. Thank you, Tissy, for your great work. Joe Goff's car will be known throughout the country.

Frank also announced that the Fabulous Fords Forever will now be called the SoCal Ford Expo. It will be held at the Irwindale Raceway on June 14, 2020. More details will come.

Technology Darwin Kibby has arranged an alignment seminar on February 22 at Mike Edmondson's home. March's seminar will cover tuning- up the Model A at Richard Parrish's home.

Sunshine and Sorrow-We want to thank Bob Hawkins for stepping in for Pam Heiland in keeping track of those who need encouragement or to celebrate their cheer. Bob named several people to encourage and several who were on the mend. We all need to watch for one another.

4th Thursday Breakfast Terry Collings has arranged for the club to meet at Mimi's Café on 17th St. and the 55 Freeway. Good eating and good parking for everyone. Remember the 8:30 A.M. time.

The Hard Luck trophy was overwhelmingly earned by Greg Witz. (He is a candidate for writing a book to compete with Diane and Gerald.)

The Membership Drawing was number 90 for \$40. They were not present so the drawing will be worth \$50 next month. The Attendance Drawing of \$10 was won by Jim Runyon.

Refreshments tonight have been lovingly supplied by the Valentine couples Mary and Don Dormeyer, Diane and Jim Runyon, and Cathy and Jerry O'Brien. Thanks for the treats.

Meeting adjourned to chew things over.

Norm Kredit, Secretary

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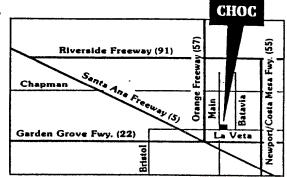
7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

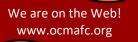
Next Meeting March 12, 2020

CHOC Hospital Complex

1201 W La Veta, Clinic Bldg | 2nd Floor, Orange, CA 92868



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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