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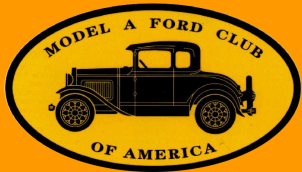
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Freedom is
nothing but a
chance to do
better.

Albert Camus



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FABULOUS SWAG TO COMMEMORATE
THE OCCASION.

Hope to see you there!!
We would ❤️ to catch up.

Use your own discretion as far as masks; not everyone may be vaccinated

News From the President

By Louise Hall

Happy summer! As I write this, I'm in Oklahoma visiting friends. It is hot, hot, hot! I'm enjoying learning about the history of the area, and spending time with old friends.

Now I want to tell you a story about a new friend. In May when we were on the way home from breakfast in the Roadster when the car backfired and came to a stop.

We were on Katella in Orange, when we pulled over. Rick pulled out tools and parts and waited on the sidewalk. Suddenly a car pulled up behind us and the passenger side window rolled down. There was an elderly lady motioning me over. She wanted to tell us that she rode in a car just like ours to her high school prom. She and her date rode in the rumble seat and she remembers it well because the wind messed up her hair do.



Meanwhile her care giver, who was driving, encouraged her to get out and get a picture with the car. So, she got her walker and helped her get out. In this process I learned that our lady was going to celebrate her 101st birthday during the next week.

Our new friend was delightful. She shared several stories with us, and we snapped a few pictures.

Rick got the car running and we headed out without getting information about this lovely woman. The memories of this encounter made us appreciate the joy our model A brings.

Get on the road make memories and bring a few smiles to those on the road with you!

Louise

Sunshine & Sorrow

By: Marilyn Hawkins

714-914-7371



How about "sunshine" news that we NO longer have to wear a mask as long as you're vaccinated. Yea! Sometimes, you could not even recognize a person, especially when they had on sunglasses. Let's start with **Frank Reese**...he stumbled over a tree root and dislocated his shoulder in May and is scheduled for an operation. **Frank Mowrer** attended a seminar when the car lift landed on his foot. You guessed it, a lot pain and swelling. **Carolyn Ratzlaff** had a mix-up with her daily medications. Hopefully, that is settled with her doctor and the pharmacy. **Don Schmidt** had a small stroke the first part of June; home from the hospital but having trouble with his speech. Needs our prayers. Long list this month. **Patti Cote** had her second foot operation on toes that the joint was overlapping. She has a staple, a screw and two pins in her foot. Called Doris and **Drain Marshall** to keep in touch...doing okay, then the next thing at the general meeting, it was announced that Drain was in the hospital for a couple of days of testing. Another family that needs our prayers is **Greg & Fran Earhart** as he is undergoing treatments for esophageal cancer. All of the above listed members have been called and/or cards mailed. The 99 Cents and Dollar stores are getting used to me buying 10 cards at a time for our club. One cashier actually greets me by name.

May you always have love to share, health to spare, and friends that care

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Carolyn Ratzlaff
Sunshine & Sorrow – Marilyn Hawkins
Webmaster – Bruce MacIntosh

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

Orange County Model A Ford Club General Meeting

June 10, 2021**6:30 PM at Steve Ambriz Park, Orange, CA**

The board and members gathered to a welcome by President Louis Hall and jokes were told by Marilyn Hawkins, Debbie Pavich and Richard Parrish.

President Louise Hall called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

All Board members were in attendance. Also, a total of 40 members were present.

A motion that the minutes of the May 13th meeting be accepted was made by Jim Runyon and seconded by Richard Parrish and adopted.

Financial Report-The complete financial report was given by Darwin Kibby. A motion was made by Tissy Smith-Hatcher to accept it and was seconded by Bev Marsh. The motion was adopted.

Activities-Joe Goff mentioned that there will be another tour called Happy Days Tour in Seal Beach Leisure World on June 12th. Members can meet with Joe at 9:15AM at the Bristol Market Place which is at Bristol and 17th St. Members can also meet at Parking Lot #6 in Leisure World. The parade starts at 10:30AM. Once again, the same 5 car clubs are participating. Joe said to contact him to request any other tours. A proposed tour through Copper Canyon to Chino to see a man who races Model A's and is working on electric Model A's is in the works to happen in September. Bruce and Becky MacIntosh are working on a Coffee and Doughnut Get Together which could happen in July.

Technical Report-Richard Parrish said that the June Technical Seminar would be at his home. At this seminar Burks engines will be discussed, oil changes can be done, lubes, and other problems fixed.

Richard said they will be working on his Model A truck's harness, water hose and carburetor. Bruce MacIntosh will be hosting the Technical Seminar at his home in July. The topic will be Headlights – LED, 6-volt and 12-volt. Rosters will be distributed at this seminar. Richard asked for members to contact him if they have ideas for seminars. Richard asked Eric Engle to write up his biography for the newsletter. Eric will also be writing technical news articles for the newsletter.

Re-establishment of The A Team-A committee is working on getting county wide advisors, and apprentices. Don Ratzlaff tried to handout membership badges, but all were absent. He also asked if anyone present needed a badge. Please contact Bruce MacIntosh, Richard Parrish or Don Ratzlaff if you need help with your Model A or you would like to be an advisor.

Burke Block Engine-Rick Hall discussed a member's trip and experience with this engine. This member Dennis Kliesen installed the new engine three times in one month. Now he has had a very successful 1600 mile trip to a conference in Wisconsin. Dennis sent an image showing he was going 67 mph!

Newsletter and Roster-Tissy Smith asked for members to send her information for the newsletter. She said that everyone who has asked for a newsletter to be sent to them have received them. There was discussion that about 50 Rosters have not been claimed by members. They will (Cont'd on Page 7)

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Jul 3 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange, 8am



Jul 8 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30pm at Steve Ambriz Memorial Park, 611 W Riverbend Pkwy, Orange.

Free parking. The Board Meeting will be held at 6:30pm and all are welcome.



Jul 22 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast at Broken Yolk, 2701 Harbor Blvd, Suit E6, Costa Mesa, 92626

657-231-6708, 8:30am. For more info, contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



Jul 24 (Sat) Technical seminar, topic: Headlights, at Bruce MacIntosh's home, 3652 Carmel Ave, Irvine, 9am, donuts & coffee provided



Aug 7 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange, 8am



Aug 12 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30pm location TBD. The Board Meeting will

be held at 6:30pm and all are welcome.



Aug 14 (Sat) OCMAFC's 60th Anniversary at Red Gum Studios, 2983 E Mira Loma, Anaheim, 92806, 714-458-7003 from 11am-2pm. Lunch served at 12pm. Contact Kathie McCall with any dietary requirements. Please send checks for \$10/ea for deposit. Checks will be returned at event.



Aug 26 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast location to be determined at 8:30am. For more info, contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

Sep 17-18 Model A Day, Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 W Hickory Rd, Hickory Corners, MI. For more info go to maffi.org



Swap Meets/Car Shows

Jul 11 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm

Jul 17 (Sat) 67th Annual Swap Meet, Long Beach City College Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St, Long Beach, 7am, \$5 admission, free parking

Jul 18 (Sun) Pickin' Under the Antlers, Antique & Vintage Auto Swap Meet, Buena Park Elks Lodge, 7212 Melrose St, Buena Park 6am-10am

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Sep 5 (Sun) Pickin' Under the Antlers, Antique & Vintage Auto Swap Meet, Buena Park Elks Lodge, 7212 Melrose St, Buena Park 6am-10am

Sep 11 (Sat) 19th Annual All Ford Car Show & Swap Meet, 201 S Broadway, Orcutt, 9am-3pm

Sep 12 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Da-



KATELLA GRILL
 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange, CA 92867
 BS Breakfast
 July 3rd
 8am

Annual Model A Day
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Fourth Thursday Breakfast
July 22nd at 8:30am

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The Model B Oiling System

By: Richard Parrish, Technical Director

By 1930 Ford was under pressure from competing cars to move up in performance and style. In 1929 Chevrolet introduced a 6-cylinder engine and others were coming up with innovations like hydraulic brakes and synchronized transmissions.

Edsel Ford was president of Ford Motor Company, but Henry held him back at every turn. Edsel persisted and a number of improvements were incorporated into the late 1931 Model As such as the “slant windshield”, the A400 convertible sedan, the metal top pickup and deluxe phaeton and the 160C “blind back” slant windshield” Delux Fordor. Ford was losing #1 reputation and Henry finally allowed Edsel to produce a brand new 1932 Ford.

The new 1932 Fords introduced a remarkable V8 engine that year, a giant leap forward for a low-cost car. It got most of the publicity, but the sales figures proved our beloved 4-cylinder, now called the Model B, sold more cars that year and continued through 1934. It is generally accepted that the Model A Ford deserved to be called the “Edsel”, not that ill-conceived model in the 1960s.

Last month we learned all about lakes of oil, gravity, dippers and oil pumps that are capable of both volume and pressure of oil. This system has continued to serve us well all these years. And will continue to do so however, the Model B incorporated some modifications.

The Model A has 40 HP. The Model B has 50 HP. Only 10 HP you say? That’s 25% more HP. How did they do that? It has larger bearings, a bigger carburetor, more compression, a different grind cam, a fuel pump and “partial oil pressure”. It sounds like a modified Model A, doesn’t it? Since day 1 it has been a very desirable replacement in our Model A or maybe we just switch the carburetor, cam and head.

“Partial oil pressure is achieved in this way. The main bearing oil no longer is fed by gravity from the “lake of oil”. The B block has an oil gallery incorporated into the side of the block and side plate with the oil coming directly from the oil pump producing 3-5 PSI pressure with cold oil and 0-3 PSI when the oil is hot. Those notori-

ous flats at the top of the oil pump remain to keep the dipper tray full but the lake of oil and the oil return tube are gone as are the “dams” to make the oil lakes. There was also a small modification to the oil pump. The shaft has been turned down between the lower and upper bushings to allow a greater volume of oil to pass into the oil gallery, excess oil now flows into the dipper tray through 2, 3/4 inch holes in the bottom of the valve chamber.

The partial pressure is achieved when the oil in the chamber goes directly to the main bearings where it builds up a bit of pressure. The surplus continues to flow up those two flats on the oil pump and flows down to the dipper tray for the rod bearings.

By 1933 or so, counterweights were cast on the crank shaft. Most owners started calling it the “C” crank. Ford never produced a model “C” but it is a simple way to say you have the counter balanced crankshaft.

Brake drums got bigger, transmissions had synchronized 2nd and high gears, down draft carburetors in the V8 and 18-inch wheels, then 17, and finally 16-inch wheels and finally hydraulic brakes in 1939.

Henry and Edsel never stopped modifying the Model A. Next month we will take a look at what individuals have been doing to modify our “A’s. It looks a lot like follow the leader.



Thanksgiving Jaunt to Cambria

Leaving Wednesday, November 24
Returning after Thanksgiving~when you choose

Accommodations: Bluebird Inn 805-927-4634
Squibb House 805-927-9600 (may already be booked)

Thanksgiving dinner: www.robinsrestaurant.com (still have space available)

There are many restaurants in town, but book early.
Check at www.cambriachamber.org for alternative hotel or restaurant accommodations

Contact Diane Gaughen for more info at
diane@lifeinthedash.com

(Cont'd from page 3) also be available at the 60th Year Celebration.

Membership-Darwin Kibby will store the approximate 50 Rosters and distribute them to new members.

Quick Communications Project-This committee includes Bruce MacIntosh, Tissy Smith-Hatcher, Don Dormeyer and Don Ratzlaff. They plan to contact members to join this. Tissy said this would go hand in hand with the A Team. A \$100 budget was established to set it up and try it for 2 months.

Announcements and Discussions-Marilyn Hawkins who is doing Sunshine and Sorrow was thanked for sending out cards and flowers. There was an update on members who have been sick. Carolyn Ratzlaff was congratulated on her upcoming birthday and thanked for her many years of heading the refreshment committee. Don and Carolyn were congratulated on their Wedding Anniversary and Richard and Jeanne were congratulated on their Wedding Anniversary.

60th Anniversary Celebration-Kathie McCall reported that the 60th Anniversary Celebration is moving along. Kathie discussed those with special dietary restrictions need to be submitted to her. 35 people have signed up for this paying a refundable reservation fee of \$10 each. Tissy mentioned that the specifics should be decided soon so they can be printed in the newsletter. Kathy indicated that the top options were an event at the Villa Restaurant or a picnic in a park. Members mentioned that they would like shade, A/C, onsite parking, electricity, tables and chairs and restrooms.

Hard Luck Trophy-The lost trophy was found at Ruby's Restaurant and Steve Pavich won the bid on it and plans to donate it to the Fountain Valley Car Show which benefits children. Greg Witz won the hard luck trophy this month.

Dave Nichols and Garth and Claudia Flint's names were drawn for the \$110 drawing but were not present. Next month the winning amount will go to \$120.

Thank you to the Ratzlaffs and the Runyons for managing the refreshments and also to Linda Tom, Marilyn Hawkins, Becky MacIntosh and Don and Mary Dormeyer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM. These minutes were written and submitted by Mary Dormeyer.

A close-up photograph of the front of a vintage car, showing the grille and headlights. A black sign with orange text is mounted on the front. The left headlight contains the text "Technical Seminar".

Technical
Seminar

July 24th
9AM

Bruce MacIntosh's Home
3652 Carmel Avenue
Irvine CA 92606

We will be looking at Model A headlights, with a demonstration of how they work and what you need to get them adjusted properly. Also, we will look at some of the problems and improvements to the operation and wiring of the lighting system. Bruce will have an LED headlight bulb to compare.

If you are having issues with the wiring of you car, help will be available. So bring your curiosity and problems and let's get these cars on the road.



Five States in 1929 Abolished Speed Limits

Maximum speed limits were abolished in five states in 1929, while 12 states raised the limit, with the objective of speeding up traffic, according to reports received by the California State Automobile Association. Kansas, Tennessee, Vermont and Wisconsin prescribe a speed that is "reasonable and proper. In effect, this means that speed is not to be considered prima facie evidence of reckless driving, and such cases will be considered on their merits.

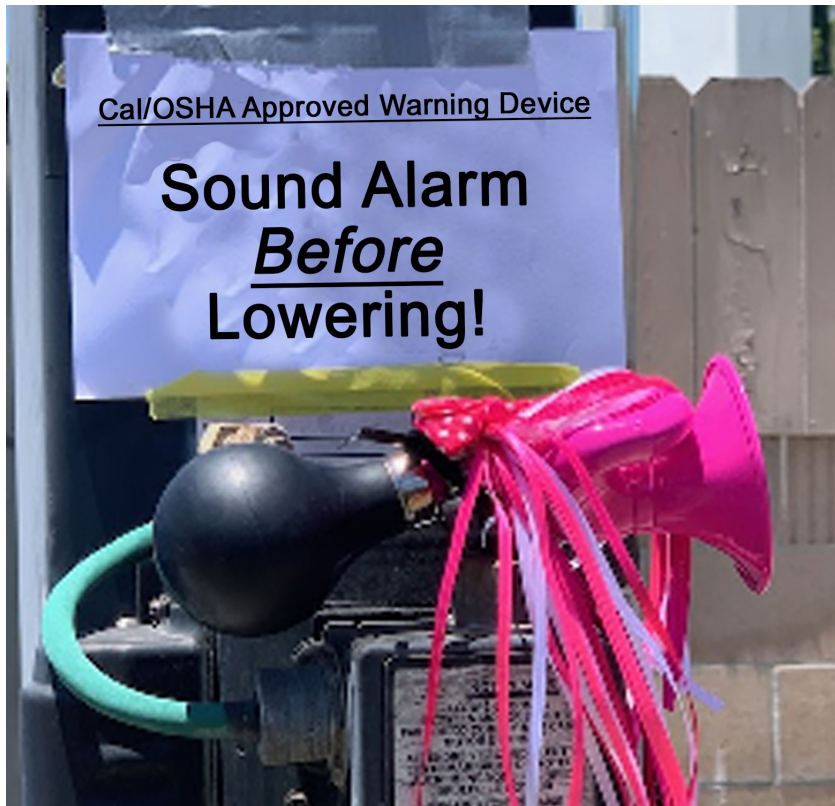
With improved highways and added safety qualities in motor cars, the tendency throughout the country has been to speed up traffic, and each year finds the legislature of various states fostering proposals to abolish maximum speed laws.

SPEED LIMITS INCREASED

States which increased their speed limits by action of the legislature during 1929 are: California, from 25 miles per hour to 40; Delaware, from 30 to 35; Illinois, from 35 to 45; Minnesota, from 35 to 45; Nebraska, from 35 to 45; Nevada, from 45 to 50; New Mexico, from 35 to 45; Ohio, from 35 to 45; Pennsylvania, from 35 to 40; South Dakota, from 25 to 40; Texas, from 35 to 45, and Virginia, from 35 to 45.

A total of 11 states do not prescribe maximum speed laws. These are: Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The limits in other states range from 20 miles an hour in Massachusetts to 50 miles per hour in Nevada, with the majority of states placing the limit at between 35 and 45 miles an hour.



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**Next General
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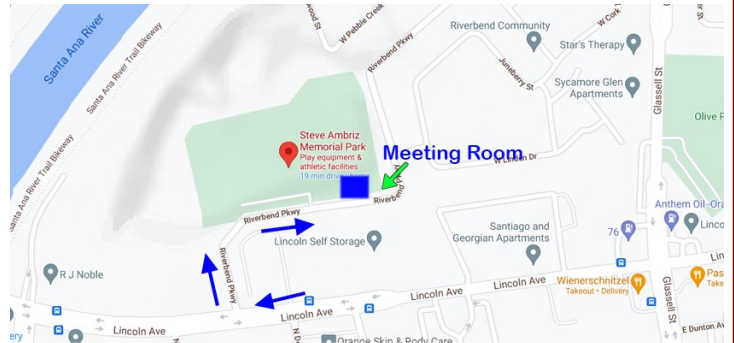
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Next Meeting July 8, 2021

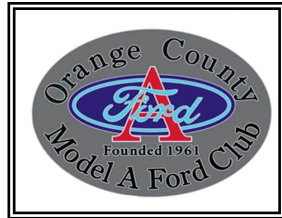
Time: 7:30pm

**Location: Steve Ambriz
Memorial Park
611 W. Riverbend Pkwy
Orange, CA**



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