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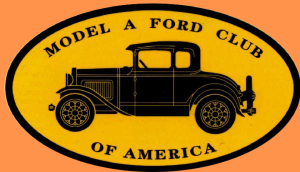
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Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher

The best fathers have the softest, sweetest hearts. In other words, great dads are real marshmallows.

Richelle E. Goodrich



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A superhero, a friend, a guide, a man with a fun car & a big heart

**MAFCA
National
Tour**

June 20-25
North Conway, NH

Hosts: Lakes
Region Chapter of
NH

The New Hampshire Lakes Region Model A Club is pleased to announce the 2021 National Tour, "A White Mountain Adventure".

For info contact:
Mark Smith -
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Our general meeting on
June 10th at 7:30pm will be held at
Steve Ambriz Memorial Park
55 I W. Riverbend Parkway
Orange

Refreshments
will be provided

News From the President

By Louise Hall

Things are looking up and we are all able to move around a bit more freely. Some tours have been planned and seminars attended. We are working hard to get every member their rosters.

In this month's article I want to share with you some thoughts sent to us from the Model A Youth Restoration Awards program. They are looking for some input from club members on how we can get more youth involved in the hobby.

Here are some ideas:

In the garage – welcome any and all who pass by, invite them to look inside and honk the horn. Unless you have a 450+ show car, allow folks to touch your car, feel the upholstery. Your car has a wonderful life as a working vehicle. Allow it to be treated as such.

Your thoughts: At a personal level.

In the neighborhood – seize every opportunity to just cruise around your “hood”; honk at pedestrians, especially kids. Take to the store or fast-food place or church and hang out to be able to talk about her - the situation WILL arise. Be a presence at neighborhood car shows – Cars and Coffee, Friday night cruisins' and the like. It's often amazing that your old forty HP relic can be the star of a show dominated by “muscle”. And make your car accessible to people. Parades are great places for showing off your car. Be there to show her off and do so proudly.

Your thoughts: As a good neighbor

At school – encourage your club to seek out opportunities to get up close and personal with school kids; show and tell at elementary and middle school levels, as an adjunct class for American history, industrial engineering or, in the rare case, automotive class, at the high school level. The whole club need not show up, but a handful of the friendliest owners. We all know teachers and know that they are always on the lookout for something new and different – volunteer to be OLD and different. Ultimately, we can all aspire to be like the Santa Anita A's and have a restoration group as an extracurricular activity at Pasadena (CA) high school.

Your thoughts: On campus

If you have questions or thoughts, please send to jimclank@gmail.com, and cc me at rickandlouise76@gmail.com

I hope you will give this some thought and help out the national hobby with ideas that can be implemented during a month (looks like April) of focus on youth within our clubs.

Meanwhile get your car on the road and enjoy the June weather!

Louise



Sunshine & Sorrow

By: Marilyn Hawkins
714-914-7371

June has arrived with the summer months and more freedom to travel, eat inside restaurants and visit with friends and family. Yea! Called long-time members, **Bruce & Joanie Harris** just to gab and confirm they are doing okay (also mailed a “Thinking of You” card). Called **Ellie & Carl Pease** in South Carolina. **Ellie** is dealing with treatments for macular degeneration (mailed a “Get Well” card). News flash: May was the month the club had their first General Meeting since March 2020. That's all for this month...stay happy and well.

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



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Dianne Runyon
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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

May 13, 2021**6:30 PM at Ruby's Restaurant, Orange**

President Louise Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30pm at Ruby's restaurant in Orange, CA.

Marilyn Hawkins who is doing Sunshine and Sorrow was thanked for sending out cards and flowers.

Secretary-A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the May meeting be accepted.

Financial Report-The complete financial report was given by Darwin Kibby. A motion was made to accept it, seconded and the motion was adopted.

The drawing was up to \$100 so 2 names were drawn. #5 Bramstedt and #122 Schnur were not present. Next month the drawing will go up to \$120.

Dale McCall made a motion that a \$10 per person refundable reservation fee be given for the 60th Anniversary Celebration. Upon attending this event the fee is to be refunded. It was second by Pam Heiland and the motioned passed.

Other Discussion-Don Dormeyer passed around a sign up sheet for the proposed hotline. 22 people/couples signed up.

Activities-Joe Goff gave us feedback that the drive by for Greg Earhart was greatly appreciated, the video was shared at this meeting and it can be seen on YouTube. Everyone agreed that the Hero Tour in Long Beach was a GREAT SUCCESS. Joe mentioned that another tour may happen in Seal Beach Leisure World in June. He said to contact him to request any other tours.

Don Dormeyer mentioned that he hopes to contact Joe about a proposed tour through Carbon Canyon to Chino to see a man who races Model A's at Bonneville and is working on electric Model A's

Technical Report-Richard Parrish said that the next Technical Seminar would be at his home on May 22. At this seminar Burks engines will be discussed, oil changes can be done, some members will bring their Model A's to be worked on. Richard will also talk about his article "What is a Model A Oiling System?" He will be writing more articles for the Distributor. Rosters will be distributed at this seminar.

President Louise Hall thanked Michael Edmonds for his technical article in the newsletter.

Newsletter and Roster-Tissy Smith asked for members to send her information for the newsletter. She said they are still distributing Rosters at breakfasts, technical seminars, meetings and as previously discussed at locations on May 15 and May 22.

Hard Luck Drawing-3 members had hard luck this month: Steve Pavich told a story about losing the 1923 Page car trunk in the street, Don Ratzlaff broke his fan belt coming home from the Mt. Baldy Tour and Rick Hall had to repair a broken wire. Steve Pavich won the trophy.

Announcements and Discussions

New meeting rooms are being looked into for June;

Kathie McCall reported that the 60th Anniversary Celebration is moving along; Don Dormeyer said he, Bruce MacIntosh, Tissy (Cont'd on Page 9)

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Jun 5 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange, 8am



Jun 7-11 MARC National Meet, Oshkosh. The Host Hotel is Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel, 1 N. Main Street Oshkosh, WI 54901

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Jun 10 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30pm at Steve Ambriz Memorial Park, 551 W Riverbend Pkwy, Orange. Free parking. The Board Meeting will be held at 6:30pm and all are welcome.



Jun 20-25 MAFCA National Tour, no on-site registration, must register by mail, post marked no later than

6/10.



Jun 24 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast at Denny's, 210 S Euclid, Anaheim 92802, 8:30am, 714-956-9870. For more info, contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



Jun 26 (Sat) Technical seminar, Installing Wiring Harness, Parrish's Home, 909 Hacienda Pl, Anaheim, 714-

393-8582, 9am, donuts & coffee provided



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, 551 W River-

bend Pkwy, Orange. Free parking and AC. The Board Meeting will be held at 6:30pm and all are welcome.



Aug 14 (Sat) OCMAFC's 60th Anniversary. Please send checks for

\$10/ea for deposit. Checks will be returned at event. Park location TBD, 11am-1pm. Includes lunch and anniversary swag.

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

*Half the year is gone,
Welcome June!*

Swap Meets/Car Shows

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

Jun 13 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm

Jun 19 (Sat) 14th Annual Fountain Valley Classic Car and Truck Show at Mile Square Regional Park, 16400 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley, 7am-3pm

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

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

KATELLA GRILL
 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange, CA 92867
BS Breakfast
June 5th
8am

Annual Model A Day

Swap Meet
Fashion, Seminars,
Food and Fun!

September 17th & 18th 2021 9-5pm

The Gilmore Car Museum
 6865 W. Hickory Road
 Hickory Corners, MI 49060



SAVE THE DATE

For more Info 269-615-3719 Jerry Morrissey
 For Seminar Information Ken Ehrenhofer 630-697-3906
 For Swap Reservations Mark Maron 847-302-7900

Join us for a long awaited and very enjoyable event!

Fourth Thursday Breakfast
June 24th at 8:30am

DENNY'S
 210 S. Euclid
 Anaheim 92802
 8:30 a.m.
 714-956-9870

Info: Terry Collings
 714-970-7194

Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is

June 20, 2021

Submit all Articles and ads to
 tissysmith1@gmail.com
 or mail to
 P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711

In May, Kurt & Melodie Bramstedt and Richard & Hedda Schnur lost out on \$100

These members' names were called for the Model A Roster Raffle at the May General Meeting. Because they were not present, they were unable to claim the \$100. Don't let it happen to you. Attend the June General Meeting for the chance to win \$110.



MODEL A Roster Raffle

CURRENT JACKPOT 110 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.



Check out the very special video of the drive by for Greg Earhart. There was a fabulous group that turned out. You will see several clubs participated in this fun celebration.

Wishing you the BEST Greg!

YouTube - Search for
 “Greg Earhart Model A Ford drive by”



2021 National Tour Update

“REGISTRATION FORM AND APPREL INFORMATION”

MAFCA 2021 National Tour “A White Mountain Adventure”
 June 20-25, 2021 Hub and Spoke Tour - Home base - North Conway,
 New Hampshire

Registration form and Apparel Information can be found on our website:

www.2021mafcanationaltour.com and in the Jan/Feb the Restorer’s online digital copy as well as in the hard copy print.

Please be reminded that you must be an active member of MAFCA to register and to participate in the tour. Information for becoming a MAFCA member can be found on the tour website.

Important: If you register and pay online with PayPal **please** check back and sign in on your PayPal account after 48 hours to approve the payment transaction for the tour.

The Host Hotel has a limited number of rooms left. We have made arrangements with another sister hotel if the host hotel sells out and will post it on our website: www.2021mafcanationaltour.com

Please check out tour website, Facebook, MAFCA’s website and “The Restorer” for additional information and updates as they become available.

Sincerely,

Mark Smith

Tour Chairman

Keith Costello

Vice Chairman

Host: New Hampshire Lakes Regional Model A Club

www.2021mafcanationaltour.com

www.facebook.com/groups/942306299533378

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The club is re-establishing the A Team

The goal is to fill a need for club members so they may learn how to maintain their cars. We are creating Advisors and Apprentices; looking for people for both groups.

Advisors: will be mentoring and guiding members. They will be offering their expertise, but won't be doing the physical labor of working on the cars.

Apprentices: these people will be learning to problem solve and repair Model A's. Basically, gaining the knowledge of the Advisors from their years of experience and doing the heavy lifting with tools provided.

We will be compiling a list of people for each group. If you would like to be a part of the A Team, please speak to Richard Parrish or Don Ratzlaff at the general meeting.



Meet One of Our Newer Members

By: Eric Engle, Club Member

Greetings y'all. It has been requested of me to write an article of introduction and a few thoughts on some of the latest happenings with the club. So here goes.

My name is Eric Engle. I am a 30-year veteran of the Costa Mesa Fire Department, 27 of which were as an Engineer. Retired now for 13 years; I was the fellow that drove all the different rigs in the department, and whose job it was to keep all rigs in tip-top working condition, along with all the equipment on them. It was one heck of a ride working there, and I loved every minute of it! They say that if you are doing what you love to do, then it's never really "work". This is so very true! 30 years sounds like a long



time, but those years flew by all too quickly. I have great memories of all my firefighter brothers and sisters. What a great bunch of people!!!! Since retiring in 2006, I've been busy ever since with cars, motorcycles, house chores, grandkids, etc. One of the high points while retired, was riding the 4 Corners Tour back in 2009. One of my firefighter brothers rode his Honda Gold Wing, while I rode my Harley Street Glide. All four extreme corners of the continental United States within 21 days. We

did it in 15. Wow!! What an amazing experience! We truly live in a beautiful country!!! Key West is one of my favorite places.

My latest passion is all things Model A... My father, Owen Engle, was VERY active in the San Fernando Model A Club. He did love his Model A's! One of his last restorations was the '31 Coupe that I now cherish. Sadly, dad passed on back in 2002 and I have been pampering his old gal ever since. A cherished family heirloom, to be sure! I can still feel dad's approving presence through our '31. My sons and I had to blow the car apart about 5 years ago to have it repainted after the car cover caught fire and scorched the back half. Learned an awful lot during that "adventure"...



I'm very much a rookie when it comes to Model A's. With a good background in mechanics, and with the help of club seminars and club members, I've been lucky enough to garner a fair amount of knowledge in a relatively short amount of time.

The biggest thing that I've learned is: the more I know, the more I know how much I DON'T know. But hopefully, with the help of the more knowledgeable members, I will eventually actually know a thing or two about these fine old cars.

Looking through the list of club members in the roster, I find that there are still quite a few folks that I haven't had the pleasure to meet just yet. So, I hope to encourage everyone to dust off their beautiful old A's, dress up in your best duds and start driving your fine rides. There are so many great Model A adventures still to be had! Let's do it!

I joined the club a little over 2 years ago with eager anticipation of attending the Pancake Breakfast and going on club outings. But, as luck would have it, Covid had other plans for what we were going to be doing for the next couple of years. Buggers! However, as things finally start relaxing, and Model A Club events start slowly coming back, I once again look forward to enjoying all the club events. I sincerely hope everyone else does too.

Recently Richard Parrish had yet another "Fix It" seminar, where anyone could bring their cars over to his place and put them up on his rack. With a pack of rather knowledgeable folks wandering around and inspecting every nook and cranny, all kinds of things popped up that needed fix'n.... For example, a brake clevis pin that was loose and working its way out. Egads!!! Another problem that popped up was an oil drain plug whose threads were, shall we say, less than stellar. In other words, once the plug was pulled and the (Cont'd on Page 9)

(Cont'd from Page 8) oil drained, the oil plug would only spin and never really tighten. **“NOW what do we do???”** Richard Parrish to the rescue, with his mighty Teflon tape. Our hero! Yes, the pan most likely needs to be dropped and a new bung welded in, or a new pan installed, but at least it held oil and the owner was able to drive home. Whew!!

God bless y'all and let's all look forward to good Model A times once again....



We had a minor mishap with the lift snuggling down a little too close and personal to Frank Mowrer's foot. Luckily all is OK with some bruised toes and little more than an ice pack to make them feel better... Whew!!



Toured May 13th

Courtesy of Eric Engle

HEROES OF THE PANDEMIC

The drive by "Heroes" Tour in the Long Beach Area honored those serving on the front-line during National Hospital week. Check out the impressive video shown on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAx9NKvhAwU>

(Cont'd from Page 3) Smith-Hatcher and Don Ratzlaff are still working on a Social Network Online Forum and a form or place to list if you need help with working on your Model A;
The Model A Youth Restoration Award asked for ideas for youth involvement
Meeting was adjourned at 7:43
These minutes were written and submitted by Mary Dormeyer

Model A Oiling System

By: **Richard Parrish**
Technical Director

Our club is doing well in spite of the lock down. In recent years we have a number of new members, not the “youth” so many talk about but definitely a younger group than us old relics. It is normal for new members to read a lot about Model As and call numerous members, including me, about “What about this?”, “What is that noise in my Model A?”, “Why is my car doing, or not doing such and such?”. It is also normal they call many of us with the same questions accumulating various and sometimes conflicting answers.

With the arrival of the new Terry Burtz engine I am getting questions. It is important to realize none of us “need” a Burtz engine. We “WANT” one. I bought two, myself. In the following dissertation I will attempt to explain the stock oiling system which continues to serve us well after more than 90 years. In the following months, I will point out why we “WANT” a Burtz engine.

The stock Model A oiling system throughout the entire production was a splash and dipper system. It was far advanced from the previous Model T oiling system. Our Model A's have an oil pump which delivers a very large amount of oil up to the valve chamber which becomes a virtual “lake” of oil with dams to control the level of oil since the engine is mounted at an angle. The oil drains down to the 3 main bearings by gravity. Some of the excess oil spills out the front of the chamber through a ragged hole and spills over the timing gears. A large excess of oil flows down the oil return line on the outside of the engine into the dipper tray, a most important part of the oiling system.

Each connecting rod has its own pool of oil in the dipper tray and each connecting rod has its own “dipper” which dips into the oil with considerable force and lubricates the connecting rod and crankshaft. It splashes the cylinder walls and pistons. The crankcase is a virtual tornado inside there and also reaches the valves, lifters and cam as a mist.

The oil pump is the most critical component in the oiling system. It is generally described as volume pump instead of a pressure pump but that is not a good description. To demonstrate volume and pressure go out to the back yard and turn on your garden hose with no nozzle. You will get a very large volume of water. Now press your thumb over the end of the hose. The water is going over your neighbor's fence. You just turned lots of volume into a high-pressure stream by restricting the flow, both from the same hose, same setting. That is our oil pump. At the top of our oil pump there are two flats/slots/grooves which allow the oil to spill over the cam drive gear which drives the oil pump AND the distributor. The oil flows freely and generously into the lake of oil. As long as those flats remain on your oil pump, you will never have measurable oil pressure but you will have enormous amounts of oil flowing in your engine, volume not pressure.

There are over 5 million Model A's, driven for 94 years 10, 20, 30 thousand miles a year.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO CHANGE SUCH A SUCCESSFUL SYSTEM?

Tune in again next month.

Technical Seminar

June 26th 9am

Parrish's Home

909 S. Hacienda Pl
 Anaheim, CA 92804

Richard's cell: 714-393-8582

Installing wiring harness in AA truck
 and troubleshooting attendees' wiring problems

Returning to "normalcy"



Pre-Covid, many club members would dine at Polly's Pies on Main St. in Santa Ana just prior to the general meetings. Alex, our favorite server, wanted everyone to know he misses us and is waiting for our return.



Give a man a fish and he can eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he can avoid his wife for the whole weekend!

TAKE A TRIP
DOWN
Memory Lane
.....
PLEASE SEND YOUR
**FAVORITE
MEMORY**

It may be a story, photo, 60th anniversary, birthday, etc...
ANYTHING related to the club/
members to be included in the
60th Anniversary Newsletter
Email to tissysmith1@gmail.com



THE GREAT GET TOGETHER



WE WILL BE CELEBRATING OUR CLUB'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 14TH FROM 11AM-1PM AT A PARK IN ORANGE (ACTUAL LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED). WE ARE ASKING CLUB MEMBERS TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY SENDING A CHECK FOR \$10 PER PERSON TO THE CLUB; THIS CHECK WILL BE RETURNED AT THE EVENT.

INDIVIDUAL BOXED LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED, ALONG WITH SOME FABULOUS SWAG TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION.

**COME AND JOIN THE FUN!
You Won't Want to Miss This**

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Next General Meeting

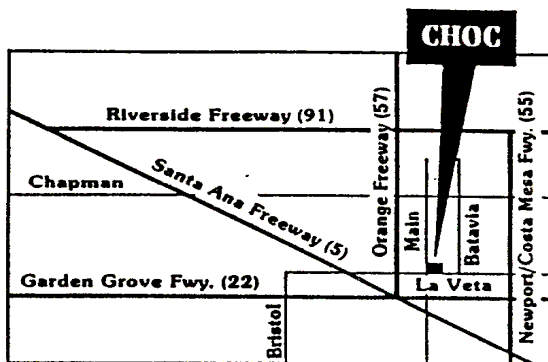
7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting June 10, 2021

Time: 7:30pm

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



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