

# Orange County Model A Ford Club

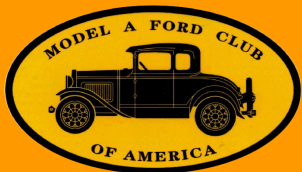
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A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

Winston Churchill



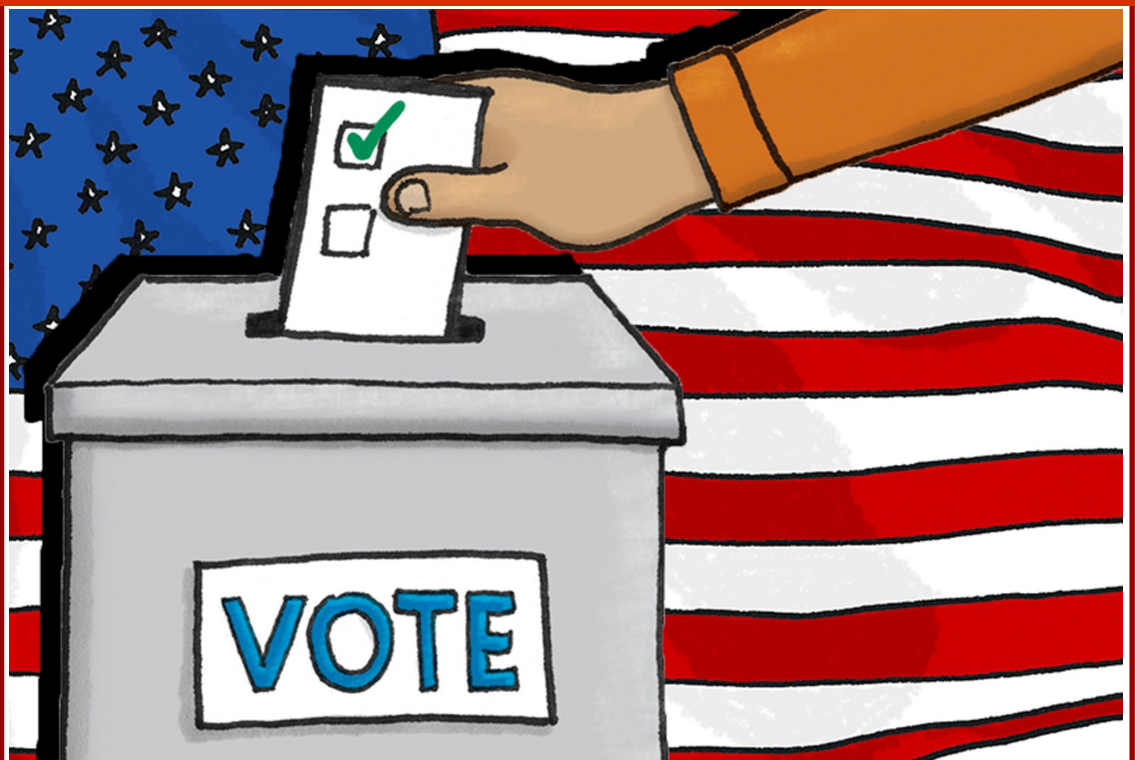
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Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher



Attend the  
November  
General Meeting  
Elections for  
Technical Director  
AND  
Vice President/  
Tour Director

### News From the President

By Louise Hall



Here are some reasons I love October: school has started, the weather starts to cool down, fall and Halloween decorations are abundant and it is a great time to get out and drive your Model A.

“You can know or not know how a car runs and still enjoy riding in a sweet car.”

The exciting Model A news at our house is that Rick (with help) installed a new Burtz Block engine, made in China, in our Victoria. I’ve asked him a few questions about his experience.

LOUISE Why did you want to install this new engine in your car?

RICK I wanted better reliability and less engine vibration.

LOUISE What were some of your challenges installing the engine?

RICK There were several challenges. One was finding an appropriate oil pump. Another was assembling a modern style engine. I also needed to install an external oil filter and an oil pressure adjustment system. Dennis Kliesen was invaluable in solving these problems.

LOUISE I know you had to wait for the engine to arrive from China, and there was some frustration in getting correct parts. Was it worth it? Would you recommend this engine and process to other club member?

RICK Definitely worth it! I would recommend it to other club members if they have the knowledge and experience to deal with modern technology and engine building equipment. If not, find a qualified mechanic who does. As for me, I’m looking forward to future tours in our newly smoother more reliable car!

“With each replacement of parts, a car slowly becomes Chinese” Mr. Kunyasu

See you on the road!

Louise



Dennis Kliesen and Rick Hall toast the successful build and test drive of the new Burtz Block engine in Rick’s Victoria. Dennis was lead mechanic on this job.

# Save The Date

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022



Mark your calendar. Set a reminder.

**2022-2023 Board Members  
Installation Event**

The Villa

510 E. Katella Ave

Orange, CA 92867

1:00pm to 4:00pm



For more info contact

Kathie McCall at

kathleenmccall1941@gmail.com

or 714-469-0946

Next Tech Seminar will be in January 2022. Seems like forever, but remember, our A Team is here when you need them.

**2021 BOARD MEMBERS**

**President** – Louise Hall  
714-282-0499/rickandlouise@socal.rr.com  
**VP/Activities** – Joe Goff/949-636-3879/  
josecool35@cox.net assisted by Kaci Terens  
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tissysmith1@gmail.com  
**Immediate Past President** – Jim Runyon  
714-527-1829/jamesfrunyon@aol.com

**COMMITTEES**

**ACCC Representative** – David Knapp  
**Breakfast Committee** – Terry Collings  
**Club Greeter** – TBA  
**Election Chairperson** – Joe Goff  
**Historian & Librarian** – Steve Pavich  
**Merchandise Director** – Diane Gaughen  
**Pancake Breakfast Setup & Coordination** –  
Frank Reese, Don Ratzlaff and Richard Bolls  
**Raffle** – Ed Cote  
**Refreshments** – Carolyn Ratzlaff and  
Dianne Runyon  
**Regional Representative, SCRG** -  
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.

**Orange County Model A Ford Club****General Meeting Minutes on September 9, 2021**

**Call To Order** - President Louise Hall called the meeting to order at 7:37 at the First Christian Church in Orange, CA.  
**Roll Call – Quorum** - All Board members were in attendance. Also several other members totaling 48 were there, including invited new member, Robert Scott (who may become Refreshment Coordinator.) There was a quorum. There were three first timers at the meeting. Marilyn Hawkins told a joke.

**Approval of Minutes** - A motion that the minutes of the July General Meeting be accepted was made by Sheila Plotkin. It was second by Tissy Smith Thatcher, and the motion was adopted.

**Reports of Officers**

**Financial Report** - The complete financial report was given by Darwin Kibby. It is attached. A motion was made by Jim Runyon to accept it, and was second by Tissy Smith-Hatcher.

Membership is at 147 people.

This month's drawing is \$20.

Darwin will prepare next year's budget.

It was stated that Frank Reese should personally contact the club's storage unit manager because the company has increased the cost.

President Louise Hall thanked Darwin Kibby for working on finances throughout the Covid Pandemic.

**VP/Tour Director Report -Activities** - Sept 10 & 11 Joe Goff gave information on the winery tour to Temecula with an overnight stay at a casino. Also, some members will drive, in modern cars for just the day on Saturday, to The Motte Museum followed by lunch at Tom's Farms.

September 18 O.C. Supervisor's Car Show will be free from 4-7pm

September 25 from 5-7pm members are invited to The British Car Show at the Great Park followed by a pro soccer game. The club will receive up to 20 free tickets to the game.

Sept 30 - there will be First Responder Tour for approximately 2.5 hours in Anaheim.

There may be 35 to 40 cars. Some of the places that will be visited are 3 fire stations, 1 police station, hospitals-La Palma Community, Anaheim General, West Anaheim, Anaheim Memorial

October 30 members are invited to a Pancake Breakfast at the Florence Silverstein Senior Center in Laguna Woods.

For Thanksgiving there is a Cambria Weekend planned.

Next January or February a proposed drive by at Laguna Woods was mentioned.

There will be a funeral for Rick Schmur on October 23 at 1 pm

There will be a funeral for Doris Marshall.

Joe Goff is in charge of elections. He said the open positions are Technical Director and VP of Activities. Nominations are due in October and the ballots are printed in the November Newsletter.

**Technical Report** - Richard Parrish said that the Aug Technical Seminar was at his home and covered seat belts. Handouts about seat belts were also given. There will be a seminar on Saturday, Sept 25.

**Editor's Report** - Tissy Hatcher-Smith will continue on doing the Newsletter. Under motions there is a motion regarding paid ads.

**Reports of Committees**

**Quick Communications Project** - Don Dormeyer asked for volunteers to help oversee the text administration. He has a simple manual available.

**Sunshine & Sorrow** - Marilyn Hawkins said we are invited to funerals for Rick Smyser and Doris Marshall. Marilyn said Jim Runyon will tell (cont'd on Page 8)



## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**Oct 2 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange, 8am



**Oct 9 (Sat)** Doris Marshall's funeral. Drain has requested club members drive their Model A's to Inglewood Park

Cemetery Mortuary, 720 E Florence Ave, Inglewood 90301. Please bring a chair. Additional details on Page 6.



**Oct 14 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30pm at First Christian Church of Orange, 1130 E Walnut, Orange

(between Tustin & Cambridge). Follow the signs. Lots of free parking. The Board Meeting will be held at 6:30pm and all are welcome.

**Oct 16 (Sat)** Heels & Wheels, 8am-10am Marconi Automotive Museum, 1302 Industrial Dr, Tustin, details on Page 8.



**Oct 23 (Sat)** Rick Smyser's funeral. Judy has requested club members drive their Model A's to Saints Simon & Jude

Catholic Church, 20444 Magnolia St, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 at 1pm. A reception will follow the service. Additional details on Page 7.



**Oct 28 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast at 8:30am at Black Bear Diner, 3355 S Bristol St,

Santa Ana 92704. For more info, contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

**Oct 30 (Sat)** Pancake Breakfast at the Florence Silverstein Senior Center, Laguna Woods



**Nov 6 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange, 8am



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ange, 1130 E Walnut, Orange (between Tustin & Cambridge). Follow the signs. Lots of free parking. The Board Meeting will be held at 6:30pm and all are welcome.

**Nov 24 (Wed)** Jaunt to Cambria. Contact Diane Gaughen for questions. See Page 10 for additional info.



**Nov 25 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast **can-**  
**celed due to hol-**  
**iday.** For more

info, contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

**Dec 2-5** MAFCA National Awards Banquet hosted by Cowtown A's. Contact Jordan Douglass, 817-584-8125

**Jan 9 (Sun)** Board Members' Installation at The Villa, 510 E Katella Ave, Orange 92867. \$30 per person. Checks payable to OCMAFC

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

**Oct 2 (Sat)** 24th Annual Orange County Model T Ford Club Parts Exchange & Car Show, 2311 E Chapman Ave, Fullerton 92831, 7am-1pm

**Oct 2 (Sat)** The Big Tulare Swap-O-Rama Classic Car Pars & Motorcycle Swap Meet, International Agri-Center, 4500 S Laspina, Tulare, CA \$10 for adults, 12 yrs and under free, 8am-4pm

**Oct 3 (Sun)** Pickin' Under the Antlers, Antique & Vintage Auto Swap Meet, Buena Park Elks Lodge, 7212 Melrose St, Buena Park 6am-10am

**Oct 10 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm

**Oct 10 (Sun)** Model Car Guys, Spirit of Speed Car Show & Swap Meet, "Rat Rods", NHRA Motorsports Museum, Fairplex Gate 1, 1101 McKinley Ave, Pomona, 10am-5pm

**Nov 7 (Sun)** Pickin' Under the Antlers, Antique & Vintage Auto Swap Meet, Buena Park Elks Lodge, 7212 Melrose St, Buena Park 6am-10am

**Nov 14 (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**  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**8am**

*A buffet will be offered for \$15.50 and includes breakfast, tax & tip*

Join us for a long awaited and very enjoyable event!

**Fourth Thursday Breakfast**  
**October 28th at 8:30am**

**Black Bear Diner**  
 3355 S Bristol St  
 Santa Ana 92704

**Info: Terry Collings**  
 714-970-7194



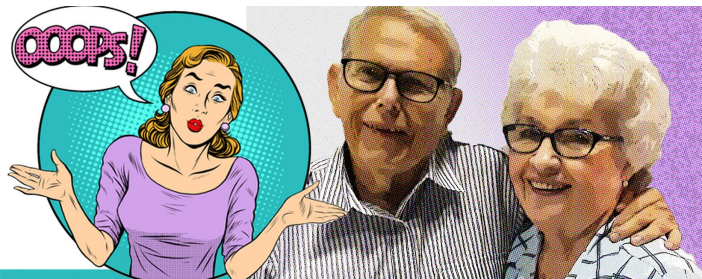
**time to renew your membership**

**Renewal form on Page 9**

Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is

**October 20, 2021**

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



**Correction to last month's newsletter. The McCalls have been married 63 years, not 60.**



**REFRESHMENT COORDINATOR NEEDED**  
**IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION, CONTACT LOUISE HALL**

**MODEL A Roster Raffle**

**CURRENT JACKPOT 20 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.

# *In Loving Memory*

## DORIS MARSHALL

Inglewood Park Cemetery Mortuary  
720 E Florence Ave, Inglewood 90301  
October 9<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at 11:30am

All are welcome. The service will be held outdoors under a tent with 44 chairs. Family requests we drive Model A's and bring chairs to place around the tent. Hats are suggested.

Doris' favorite activity since the tender age of 4 years was singing. In the Marshalls' 22 years as members of OCMAFC, Doris honored us with many holiday songs, and don't forget the infamous Model A Song. Doris and Drain are members of three Model A clubs! As well as being an integral part of our club, they belong to the Hangtown A's in Placerville, and the Harbor Area Model A Club in Torrance, where Doris served as President, Vice President and Greeter. Of course, volunteering was simply in her nature as she never met a person she didn't like.

Married on August 12, 1951, Doris and Drain recently celebrated their 70th anniversary. They have two sons (Tom and Ted). Drain expressed she was a wonderful mother and great partner.

Doris enjoyed selling real estate, becoming a part of the Hawthorne-Lawndale Board of Realtors and also working for a life insurance company.

Doris was a gift to all of us. In our hearts, we will pause before the General Meeting to wait for Doris' joke and "**HI EVERYBODY!**"



# A Celebration of Life

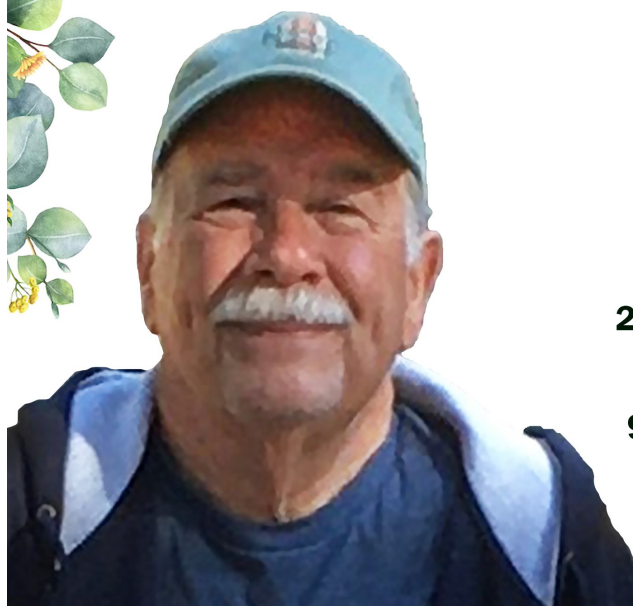
## RICK SMYSER

**A service will be held on  
October 23, 2021 at 1pm**

**Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Church  
20444 Magnolia St, Huntington Beach 92646**

**Reception will follow at the Smysers' home,  
9072 Rhodesia Dr, Huntington Beach 92646**

**Family has requested club members  
drive their Model A's**



Rick Smyser was born in Los Angeles and raised in San Gabriel.

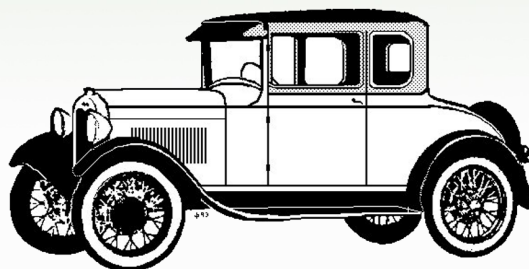
He graduated from CSULA with a degree in Industrial Arts.

Rick bought his first Model A as a teenager. He and Judy joined the OCMAFC in 2015.

In his career, Rick was the foreman of machine shops and a purchasing agent. He retired from Wilcox Machine Co. in Bell Gardens.

Like so many members of the Model A Club, Rick and Judy have been married for a long time, 55 years in fact. They are the proud parents of three sons; Michael, Todd and Timothy. In addition to his children, Rick has also loved and cared for seven grandchildren! He enjoyed working on his sons' houses and yards.

Rick was greatly loved and will be remembered for his quiet strength, his humor and his dimples.





THE MARCONI AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM PRESENTS  
OUR FIRST EVER ALL WOMEN DRIVEN CARS & COFFEE

*Heels* & **WHEELS**

SATURDAY, OCT. 16TH, 2021 || 8:00AM - 10:00AM  
1302 INDUSTRIAL DR. TUSTIN, CA

*The Marconi Museum would like to present their first ever ALL Women driven Cars & Coffee Event! Taking place on Saturday, October 16th, 2021, Men are more than welcome to attend, as long as they are in the passenger seat! Specialty Coffee will be provided by NUJAE Coffee - A Female owned company. The Gates will open at 7:30am and the event will run from 8:00am-10:00am. Spread the word, spectators are welcome! If you will be arriving in a car or motorcycle to display for Cars & Coffee all we ask is you arrive early as possible, spots are limited and will fill up fast. Plenty of street parking is available for overflow, as well as, spectators and guests. We are counting down the days, See you there! \*No Heels Required\**

(cont'd from Page 3) us how nice the flower arrangement for Doris Marshall looked.

A Team – No News.

Merchandise - Diane Gaughen said all in stock items are on sale for \$10.

Raffle Marilyn and Bob Hawkins won \$20.

Standard Order of Business-Open Issues

Until further notice the monthly meetings will be held at First Christian Church of Orange at an approximate cost of \$50 per meeting.

President Louise Hall thanked the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Motions

New Business - Frank Reese has started discussing the 2022 Pancake Breakfast with The City of Orange.

Installation Dinner was discussed.

Suggestions for a new location for the Saturday Breakfast was discussed. Mary Dormeyer was asked to call the Elks Club to see if they would do individual checks.

President Louise Hall asked for feedback on our new meeting location. Beverly Marsh said she liked the new location, and the parking is free.

Announcements—The meeting refreshment coordinator position is open.

Rick Hall reported that a Model A very similar to his and Louise's will be coming up for sale by the daughter of Walt Dressler who passed away about three years ago.

Steve Pavich informed us about a \$29 photo shirt from Kool Kool Custom Design.

President Louis Hall thanked Jim Runyon for all his donation and storage of paper goods. She also thanked this meeting's hostess.

Don Ratzlaff suggested that members should consider paying cash at the First Saturday Breakfast.

Hard Luck Trophy - Michael Edmonson told of a bad coil incident after the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Breakfast. Next his car died again on the way to the technical seminar and he was towed. Another problem was the wire melted through the distributor, rear bearing problem all went wrong in a week and a half.

Gerald Gaughen told about his Head Gasket problem and said his and Diane's car was pictured in the local newspaper as "Car of the Week"

Tongue in Cheek, Ed Cote told us all about Marvelous Mystery Oil.

Mike Edmonson won the trophy.

Adjournment & Submission and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

These minutes were written and submitted by Mary Dormeyer



**2022 DUES RENEWAL INVOICE** ~ You can use this form to submit your dues

## *Orange County Model A Ford Club*

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \$30.00 per family at same address

ANY ROSTER CHANGES?

If so, please list below:

New Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Cars: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Any other changes: \_\_\_\_\_

*Would you like to add or update your photo in the Roster? Just send to the Editor at: [tissysmith1@gmail.com](mailto:tissysmith1@gmail.com)*

*You may confirm current info by going to the OC Members page at [www.ocmafc.com](http://www.ocmafc.com) (Members Only Section) or the 2021 Roster for accuracy!!!!*

Make your check payable to Orange County Model A Ford Club (OCMAFC) and mail to the club at:

P.O. Box10595  
Santa Ana CA 92711

**Payment MUST be received by 2/28/22 to be included in the club's Roster.**

# Q U I Z

Here is a club quiz you might find fun. Some people's Model A's are more than just metal and paint but are given names. Try going out in the parking lot and talking with them sometime. See if you can match the name with their owners. As a last resort, you may recruit your grandchildren to help you along with the 2021 directory. Answers on Page 11. (Quiz courtesy of Norm Kredit)

## Can You Match the Car's Name to Its Owner(s)?

	Car's Name	Owner's Name
1	Mariah	Joe & Penny Recker
2	Purple Penguin	Tom Endy
3	Charlie	Joe Goff
4	Butter Cup	Bob & Patty Ferazzi
5	Miss Vicky	Robert & Janet Walker-Polito
6	Elmo	Don & Karen Geisen
7	Serendipity	Joe & Penny Recker
8	Annie	Bob & Patty Ferazzi
9	Grandpa's Taxi	Diana Stewart & Bill Douglas
10	Toots	Doug Marsh
11	Annie	Steve & Linda Perry
12	Sadie Rose	Dick & Carmen Smith



## 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](http://www.robinsrestaurant.com) (still have space available)

There are many restaurants in town, but book early.  
Check at [www.cambriachamber.org](http://www.cambriachamber.org) for alternative hotel or restaurant accommodations

Contact Diane Gaughen for more info at [diane@lifeinthedash.com](mailto:diane@lifeinthedash.com)



# Election Form

## Now is your time to *VOTE*

Please complete your ballot, one per membership, and mail to the club at  
P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA


OR

Bring to the November General Meeting

**PLEASE BE SURE TO VOTE!!**

For further info, please contact Joe Goff

<b>BALLOT</b>		<b>BALLOT</b>
<b>Vice President/Tour Director (2-year term/Write In)</b>		<b>Technical Director (2-year term)/Write In</b>



In 36 BCE, Roman statesman Marcus Varro wrote about germs, describing "minute creatures which cannot be seen by the eyes, which...enter the body through the mouth and nose and there cause serious diseases." The germ theory of disease would not be accepted widely for another 1,900 years.

(Courtesy of Eric Engle)

<b>ANSWERS TO Can You Match the Car's Name to Its Owner(s)?</b>		
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## Sunshine and Sorrow

By Marilyn Hawkins (714-914-7371)

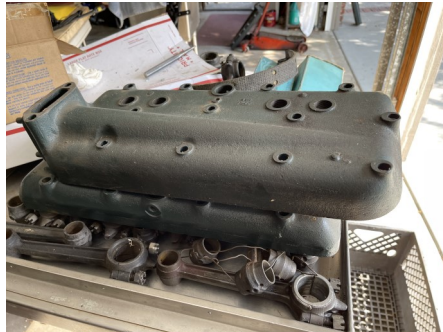
The sunshine news this month is when you read this newsletter, **Marilyn** will be in Reykjavik, Iceland on vacation! Brrrrrr cold. The family celebrated **Bob Hawkins** 85<sup>th</sup> birthday with a BBQ at The Groves park on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The sorrow news...I mailed two sympathy cards, one to **Drain Marshall** as our dear greeter, Doris, passed away last month. The other one to **Judy Smyser**, as Rick also passed away. Flowers and/or plant will delivered to their services this month. Mailed a card to **Frank Reese**, his arm is in a sling due to shoulder operation. **Norm Kredit** had a gall bladder operation on September 21. Mailed "I hear ur whatchamacallit got it" funny card. And on the same day, **Joe Goff** had two stents placed in his arteries; one that was 99% blocked and other one 100%. Called his granddaughter to get an update and mailed him a get well card. Last card, "Thinking of You" card to **Carl & Ellie Pease** in South Carolina. Carl is currently undergoing chemotherapy for bladder cancer. Please, please stay safe and healthy. Phone calls to all would be greatly appreciated.

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



## Original restored Model A Ford parts available:

I am clearing out the estate of Walt Dressel...a collector and restorer of Model A Ford's for about 30 years. I have a pile of original Model A parts that are all cleaned up and painted and I would like to give them **FREE** to anyone who is willing to pick them all up (no cherry picking) at my home in North Tustin. Include are:



### **FREE:**

- 5- Model A heads (1 model B)
- 40 engine rods in excellent condition
- 4- Timing gear covers
- Set of 4 (2-front + 2 rear) original brake drums in great condition
- Flywheel housing

### **Also have for sale cheap the following rebuilt parts:**

Model A starters, generators, distributors, cowl light arms, water pumps w/ fans, steering gears, chromed spark & throttle rods and more.

If you are interested, please call or email me.

**Terry Lucas** cell:714-514-0390

# Tour to Motte Museum & Wilson Creek Winery & Vineyards

Photos by Joe Goff & Kaci Terens



Dedicated to the History and Preservation of the Model A Ford

**ORANGE COUNTY  
MODEL A FORD  
CLUB**

Primary Business Address  
Address Line 2  
Address Line 3  
Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555

Email: someone@example.com

**Next General Meeting**

**7:30 PM**

**[Second Thursday of every month]**

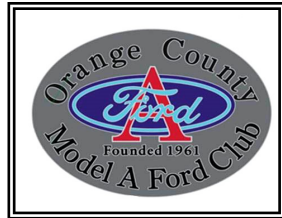
**Next Meeting October 14, 2021**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Location:  
First Christian Church of Orange  
1130 E Walnut  
Orange, CA  
(Between Tustin & Cambridge)**



We are on the Web!  
[www.ocmafc.org](http://www.ocmafc.org)



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