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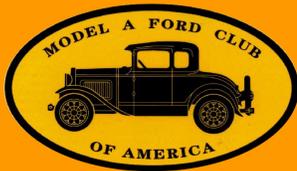


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April gets you
out of your head
and working in
the garden



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2022 Dream Team

Thank you to all those who volunteered to make this a great day



Photos courtesy of Don Ratzlaff & Frank Mowrer



**THE GENERAL MEETING DATE HAD TO
BE CHANGED TO MONDAY, APRIL 11TH.
THE TIME AND LOCATION REMAIN UNCHANGED.**

News From the President

By Louise Hall

There were many happy people at our club's Pancake Breakfast! Among them were our 3 granddaughters. They loved the cars, the pancakes and the playground. They were sure they would win something at the raffle, but didn't.

We had fun watching them enjoy the day. I also enjoyed seeing so many of you working hard. You impress me. I saw so many of you chipping in wherever needed and others committed to the job you signed up for.



We pulled it off. With little prep time and more than one obstacle we came back after 3 years to have a successful day. If you measure success by all the smiles I saw – then we continue to see great results, thanks to all of you. We did make some money. I know we made money on the breakfast, the raffle and the Burtz block, but as of this writing I'm not sure of the numbers. I can't thank all the team leaders for their devotion and persistence. They all worked hard and we will be thanking them each at the workers' thank you event.

Frank Reese is to be congratulated for continuing as the Pancake Breakfast chairman/King. Frank, as always, kept everything going. He and his family worked all day, but Frank also put in many hours prior to the event. He worked with the city to get permits and other documents needed. He talked to merchants about donations and secured some very nice items to

the raffle. Knowing Frank, in his humble way, he contributed to the success of the day in ways only he is aware of.

For all of you who worked, we'll see you at the workers' thank you event on April 7. We'll also see you all at the next general meeting. You will have an opportunity to let the board know of any suggestions you may have for next year. It appears we have outgrown Hart Park. If you know of another venue that might work for us, please let one of your board members know. Remember, there are many requirements needed for a space appropriate for our needs!

Hope to see your smiling face soon! Get your car on the road!

Louise



Don Ratzlaff will be leading a driving tour up to Mt. Baldy.

*Date: Wednesday, April 13th
Time & Route To Be Determined*

Don Ratzlaff had led this tour for many years and it is a favorite for club members. Look for the details in your email.

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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 March 10, 2022 Meeting held at First Christian Church in Orange, CA

Members in attendance: 62

Introductions: Louise Hall began the meeting at 7:41pm.

The flag salute was conducted by Ed Cote.

A joke was shared by Marilyn Hawkins.

Linda Tom acknowledged Drain Marshall and Debbie Parrish (new member).

Minutes: Sheila Plotkin moved that the minutes of the February General Meeting be approved as printed in the Distributor; Bev Marsh seconded, and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Darwin Kibby presented the financial report as of 2/28/2022 to the membership. Norm Kredit moved the financial report be accepted as presented; this was seconded by Frank Mowrer, and the motion was carried.

Activities: Eric Engle announced there were no tours planned for March because of the Pancake Breakfast. He is planning a tour to Mt. Baldy will be on 4/13 and has called LA Fire Department #112, which is basically a brand new station. LA City is expecting to open up to the public in April or May. The LA County Fire Museum is in Bellflower. The last event he wanted to mention is the 36th Annual Fabulous Fords Forever on 5/24 at the Irwindale Speedway. This is presented by the Ford Car Club Council and Ford Motor Company, celebrating all Fords from 1903 to current models. Spector fee is \$15 per person.

Technical: Mike Edmonson will be having a tech seminar on tour preparation on 4/9. He needs to confirm the location. He also would like to focus on body work in the future.

Rosters: Tissy Smith reminded the membership that any changes of information for the rosters should be submitted by 3/15. Rosters will be available at the 4/14 general meeting. [Addendum: rosters will be at the May meeting.]

Pancake Breakfast: Members were reminded that there are still positions open for volunteers, especially in the kitchen and parking. We have been offered a Burtz block kit, with many extras.

Raffle tickets will be \$25 per ticket and only sold on the day of the event. There will be no limit on the number of tickets anyone may buy. If you are the successful ticket, you may pick it up at the Pancake Breakfast. The value is estimated at \$4,000+ and will not have a reserve. Leonard Nettles has accepted the gamble that ticket sales will cover his costs. The block will be available to take home the same day. Winner must be present to win. If it works out, we may set up something similar in the future. We will have a separate booth and premium tickets will look different than the regular raffle tickets.

Frank Reese confirmed the parking area will be the drainage ditch. We believe we will have Explorers to assist for parking, but if not, we will need more volunteers. Bruce MacIntosh advised masks and gloves will be required in the kitchen, no exceptions. Masks for all others. Hand sanitizer will be provided about the area. Ron Andrews will be handling the parking volunteers; however, he would like someone to assist with the stairs. The (cont'd on Page 5)

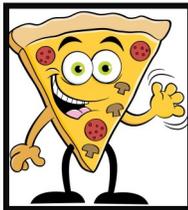


Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Apr 2 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ Coco's Restaurant & Bakery, 12032 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840

(cross street is Chapman) 8am
Apr 5-6 CCRG Jamboree is a 2-day event. Includes a BBQ, area tours, and many self-guided destinations throughout the grape vineyards and olive orchards, as well as the exciting raffle to be held at the closing dinner. Hosted by Paso Robles A's. Contact Anna Hohman 805-712-2752



Apr 7 (Thu) Pancake Breakfast Volunteer Appreciation Party, 2036 N Tustin St, Orange 92865, 6:30pm

Apr 10 (Sun) Celebration of Life for Joe Goff, Forest Gardens Clubhouse, 24001 Muirlands Blvd, Lake Forest 92630, 1pm. See Page 6 for details



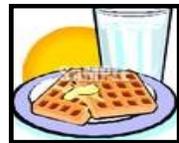
Apr 11 (Mon) General Meeting will be at 7:30pm at First Christian Church of Orange, 1130 E Walnut,

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



Apr 13 (Wed) Mt. Baldy Tour lead by Don Ratzlaff. Additional details to follow via email

Apr 24 (Sun) Fabulous Fords Forever, celebration of all Fords from 1903-current models, Irwindale Speedway, 500 Speedway Dr, Irwindale 91706, 10am-3pm, Adults \$15, under 12 free



Apr 28 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast location to be determined at 8:30am. For

more info, contact Kathie McCall or Terry Collings

Apr 29 (Fri) San Clemente High School, 700 Avenida Pico, San Clemente 92673 presentation 5pm-8pm, see Page 7 for details



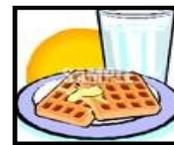
May 7 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ location to be determined

May 7 (Sat) City of Orange Parade, participating through Old Towne Preservation Assn, 10am (check in 9:45am). Contact Bruce MacIntosh to participate at brucem@genimage.com



May 12 (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.



May 26 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast location to be determined at 8:30am. For

more info, contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

Jun 12-17 MAFCA National Convention, Kerrville, TX (note date change) hosted by Alamo A's. Contact Jimmy Taylor 830-660-8094

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Apr 2-3 Southwestern Phoenix & Maricopa Classic Car Brass/Pre-War Event and Car Show, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino & Resort, 15406 N Maricopa Rd, Maricopa, AZ; 4/2/22 7am-2pm car show, 4/3/22 tour 9am Free

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

Apr 10 (Sun) 26th Annual Orange Plaza Car Show, Plaza Square, Old Towne, 8am

Apr 23-24 Tulare Swap-O-Rama, West Coast's premier Brass Era & Pre-War swap meet, International Agri-Center, 4500 S Laspina St, Tulare 93274, \$10/Adults, 12 and under free

Apr 24 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm

May 8 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm

Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

"The Right Tool for the Job" - Part 1



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I've been working with a new Model A mechanic lately, which reminded me of some basics on choosing the right tool for the job. Today we talk about choosing wrenches and sockets for use on nuts and bolts. The thing that determines your choice is how well you need to grip the hex, to allow you to apply the torque (twist) you need... and your access to the nut or bolt head.

Rusted and seized nuts and bolts need the torque from the wrenches at the top. And some good penetrating oil! Until next time,

Have a Model A Day! Jim

Best Grip
(highest torque)



6-point socket and box end



12-point socket and box end wrench



Flare-nut wrenches

Open-end wrench



Crescent wrench



Slip-joint pliers



Poor Grip
(can chew up the nut or bolt - don't use them)



(cont'd from Page 3) goal is to park the modern cars at the Catholic Church. Disabled individuals will have a designated drop off area. The city will have water available. The food truck will be there at 6am. We will need 4-5 people on Saturday to get things out of the shed. We must be out of the park by 1:30pm.

Merchandise: Perry Wilson has the Pancake Breakfast shirts available, along with other merchandise for sale tonight.

Refreshments: Many thanks to Sheila Plotkin, Karen Gaynor, Aaron Magdelano and Frank Mowrer for tonight's refreshments.

Hard Luck Trophy: Tonight's Hard Luck Trophy winner received a hat of their choosing. It was won by Norm Kredit for his valiant effort to deal with Canadian parts for his Model A. It is such a good feeling when bolts go together. Rick Hall reminded us that we have an A Team that is here to help you. For assistance, email request@ocmafc.com.

Name Badge Drawing: Was won by Becky MacIntosh. Congratulations on that \$10.

Membership Drawing: The drawing this month was for \$60. Unfortunately, Jeffrey Marks was not here when his name was called. It increases to \$70 next month.

Moment of Silence: Louise Hall asked everyone to take a moment to think about Joe Goff. He and Esther joined the club in 2008. Joe held board positions, was an accountant, and helped the club numerous times regarding our finances. At the time of his passing, he was our VP and Activities Director, with assistance from his granddaughter, Kaci Terens. Members found Joe to be kind and always willing to listen. He will be missed.

Tissy Smith for

Don Dormeyer, Secretary



Sunshine & Sorrow

The Pancake Breakfast was a joyful event and will have to cover the sunshine for this month as we were able to renew friendships with people we haven't seen in quite some time. However, this month has been challenging for several of our club members. Please keep these people in your prayers, along with their wives and families. Marilyn Hawkins was kind enough to send cards to the following families:

Sadly, former long-time club member, John Knox (11/10/1933-11/15/2021) passed away in Cypress, TX. [See article by the Riggs on Page 7.]

Don Schmidt has been moved to assisted living.

Bob Hawkins has been moved to a skilled rehabilitation facility. His oxygen levels are better.

Bruce Harris has to undergo brain surgery.

Please contact Marilyn Hawkins at m_hawkings33@cox.net if you hear of anyone that needs a little pick me up.



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



Celebration of Life

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOE GOFF

MAY 27, 1935 - FEBRUARY 26, 2022

Sunday, April 10th

Forest Gardens Clubhouse
24001 Muirlands Blvd, Lake Forest, CA 92630

- | | |
|--------|--|
| 1:00PM | Lunch and Social Time |
| 1:45PM | Celebration-Welcome, Eulogy, Reflections from Friends, and Family, Color Guard |
| 2:30PM | Memorial Slide Show, Cake and Beverages |

RSVP to Kaci by April 3rd --wp.jillian@gmail.com



**OCAFC Supports
Orange County
Ronald
McDonald
House**

Now that the Pancake Breakfast is behind us, it is time to give some attention to one of our charities, the Orange County Ronald McDonald House. Did you know that 92.5% of the money donated to the Ronald McDonald House goes directly to the program? Items they are needing are toiletries such as hand and body lotion, hair ties and headbands, lip balm, deodorant (men's and women's), soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, socks, shampoo, hair brushes and combs. They provide Welcome Bags that might also include water bottles, children's coloring books, activity books, and crossword/Sudoku books for the parents. You can help support families by bringing these items to a club meeting. Due to the sensitivity of the patients and families, please donate new items only. Kathie McCall will collect and deliver the items to the Ronald McDonald House. **Thank you for your donations.**

Greetings All,

Our club has been approached by the San Clemente High School Auto Academy, asking if we would possibly attend an event for their students on **Friday, April 29th, from 5pm-8pm**. I'm including below who they are and what their goals are. Sounds like a worthy endeavor and I'm hoping that our club might be willing to participate. Seems to me that it could be a GREAT means to encourage younger adults to dive into this great hobby of ours.

Please contact me ASAP, so that I can forward onto the organizers how many of our members will be there... I would love to think that this could be a great means to build interest in those younger adults that are just starting to learn about the automotive world. No finer means to learn, other than with "Henry's Lady" !!!

Here's their stated goals:



Cars continue to fascinate for generations

" The Automotive Technology Partnership Academy is a three-year program, in grades 10-12, structured as a

school-within-a-school incorporating:

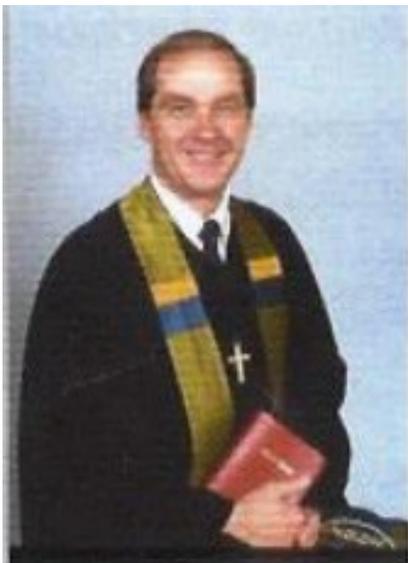
- Curriculum focused on automotives as a career theme, coordinated with academic classes;
- A voluntary student selection process that identifies interested ninth graders;
- A team of teachers and staff who work together to plan and implement the program;
- An extensive list of active business partners who provide financial, technical, and advisory support;
- A variety of motivational activities including parental support, a well-developed reward structure, guest

speakers, field trips, a mentor program, work experience, and regular monitoring of progress with feedback to students. "

Eric Engle, VP/Activities

Celebration of John Knox' Life

By: Richard & Velma Riggs



Richard and I attended a Celebration of Life for John Knox in La Habra on Saturday, March 19, 2022. John passed away at his new location in Texas, where he and Dorothy were near their eldest daughter and family. If you wish to contact Dorothy, her address is Dorothy Knox, 16718 Huffmeister Rd, #330, Cypress, TX 77429. She now lives in Cypress, TX in an assisted living facility.

John was not only twice president of the club, but he and Dorothy also served as Tour, Membership and Pancake Breakfast leadership roles for the club. Their love of the A took them on several unique Model A tours, including an international tour across Europe, a coast-to-coast tour and a Big Island (Hawaii) tour, as well as many US/California ones. They had so many wonderful times in their A.

Ah-ooo-gah!

Richard & Velma Riggs



GREETINGS EVERYONE

I've been mulling around the idea of letting everyone know what possible tours and/or events I might be considering. No dates...No final details...Just the basic concepts of places that I find interesting. I would love to hear everyone's thoughts on such.

So, here goes...

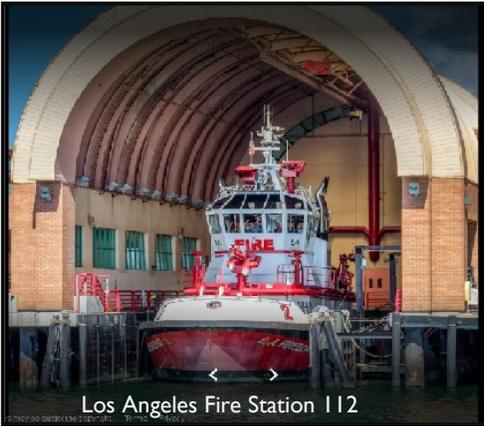


One place that I'm firmly committed to visiting is Los Angeles Fire Station 112. Why??? Because that's where L.A. Fire houses their latest, greatest, brand new fire boat... And the station looks to be quite the showplace also. Beautiful station, located very close to the Battleship Iowa... This tour might be in May, or June. I don't

know about you, but I'm VERY excited about this one!!!!



Eric Engle would like your thoughts/comments



Los Angeles Fire Station 112



Los Angeles County Fire Museum

I also am looking to a future visit to the Los Angeles County Fire Museum, located in Bellflower. Looks to have a VERY impressive array of fire rigs, some dating back more than 100 years ago... They also have the actual fire rigs that were used in the TV hit show, "Emergency"... Yup, Squad 51 and Engine 51... Remember Paramedics Johnny Gage and Roy DeSoto? Two of the most extraordinary paramedics ever!



So there they are....only a couple of my ideas for future tours. I hope that everyone will be as excited as I am about the prospect of visiting these places. I will also be letting everyone know about other future events that I think will excite and enthuse everyone. At least I hope so...

Take care and look forward to the future events.

Eric Engle, Vice President/Activities (Email to: eengle@socal.rr.com)



The NEW Model A Days 2-Day Swap Meet Fashion, Seminars, Guided Tours, Driving Class! September 16 & 17, 2022 9-5pm

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

Celebrating
Model A Ford
Trucks

Technical Seminars, Fashion, Hall of Fame Induction

A NEW 2 DAY EVENT
FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE AIR ZOO*
& SATURDAY BBQ*

Hotel Info: Delta Hotels by Marriott, 2747 S. 11th St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49001 269.375.6000



For event info 803.727.4392 John Begg
For Swap Reservations or Seminar information
Mark Maron 847-302-7900

*Both events require PRI Registration

For Sale



WANTED: Ron Andrews is looking for members interested in getting their Model A wheels powder coated for a volume discount, If Interested, please give Ron a call at 714-395-1132.

Possible Tour to Frazier Park on October 4th

In past years the Bakersfield Chapter of MAFCA. has hosted a potluck event at Frazier Park, CA. The event was always an enjoyable time, lots of good food, friendship together with a "Hubley-car" track and race.

Ron Black (661-588-8762) of the Bakersfield Model A Club is considering reviving the event for October 4th and has asked for a show of interest from Southern California area clubs.

It'll be a LONG Driving tour of about 90 miles one way, expensive with gas at \$6/gal however: you could drive your modern car and/or car-pool. Spending the night up there in Frazier Park might also be in the mix.

Contact Eric Engle (at 714-552-2630), the club activity person, if you are interested in this tour.

MODEL A
Roster Raffle

CURRENT JACKPOT **70** 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.

Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is
April 20, 2022

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or mail to
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Santa Ana, CA 92711



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Pancake Breakfast 2022 Recap

By Eric Engle
VP/Activities Director

Well, our 2022 Pancake Breakfast is now in the history books, and I would say that it was a resounding success. We had some amazing vehicles show up. What a joyous return, after a 2-year "Covid" hiatus, of the much beloved event that so many people look forward to.

Whew!!! What a lot of work!!! Great job everyone. Thank you for all the effort. I don't know about all the rest, but it took a couple of days for this po' boy to rest back up. But boy, was it worth it!!!!

I'm already looking to the next breakfast show and looking to see if there are any means by which to make our annual club event even greater.

Here are just a few photos of some of the stunning vehicles that show up... Please take special notice of the Town Car that had JUST been picked up by its owner after being fully restored to a full Points Car.... Absolutely amazing!!! And as it isn't rare enough for 1 Town Car to show up and an event, we actually had 2 show up....

Those two exceptionally rare vehicles alone were worth the "price of admission".....

Great show...Great club....Great members doing a Great job!!!!





Did you Volunteer your time at the Pancake Breakfast? If so, the club would like to show their appreciation for your hard work.

Join us at Zito's Pizza
2036 N Tustin St, Orange 92865
on April 7th at 6:30 pm



ATTENTION

All Renewing Members Check that the website info is accurate. To update any changes, email your Editor at tissysmith1@gmail.com. If you don't already have a photo in the roster, send one over so others can remember who you are.

I am so happy I have places to drive my Model A this month

(Just don't ask how I am going to shift.)



**MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION
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- Era Fashions & Judging
- Restorers Class



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Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting April 11, 2022

Time: 7:30pm

Location:
First Christian Church of Orange
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Orange, CA
(Between Tustin & Cambridge)



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