

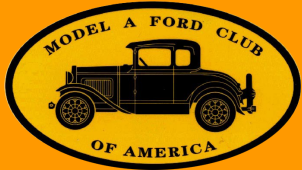
Orange County Model A Ford Club

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60 Years



Leonard Bernstein said "To achieve great things, two things are needed: a plan and not quite enough time," which is very apropos for the Pancake Breakfast, but we will make it.



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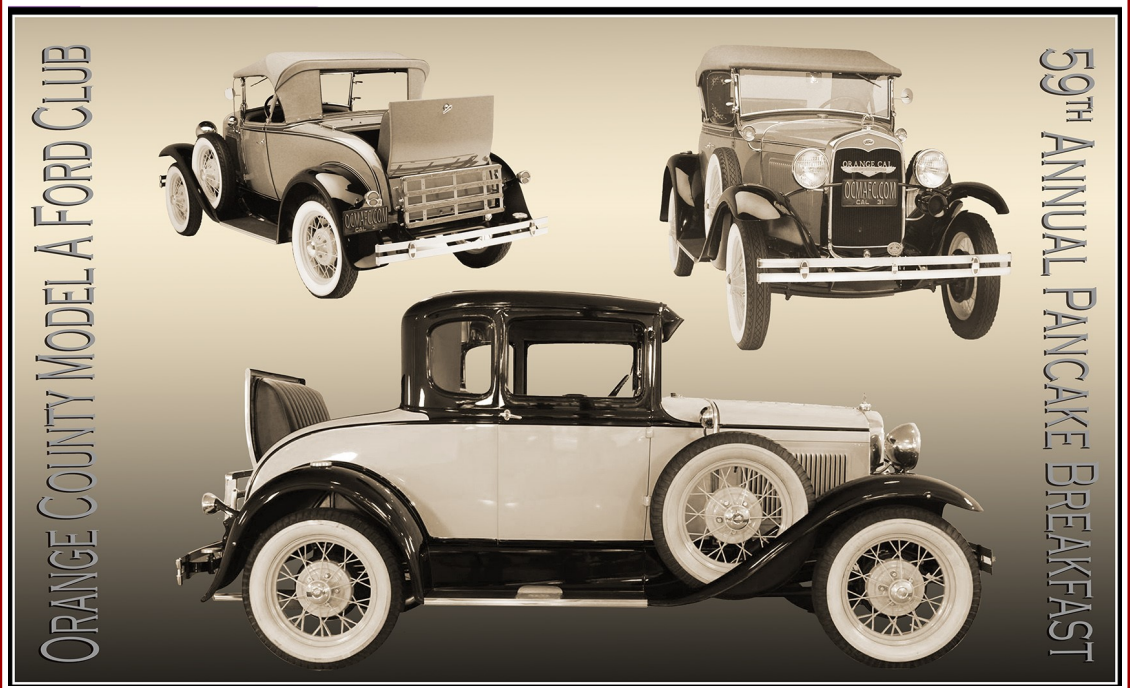
Time to
RENEW
your membership

Renew by 2/28/22 to be
included in the roster.

Please verify info on the Members' Only section of the website is current. (Login info is on the inside cover of last year's roster.)

*We're
Back*

We are going forward with the Pancake Breakfast on March 20th. Normally, we would have many months to plan, order t-shirts and pins, and assemble our trusty volunteers. This year, we have 2 months. We urgently need your assistance. Come to the February and March General Meetings to see where you can help.



News From the President

By Louise Hall

PANCAKE BREAKFAST **MARCH 20, 8:00 – 11:00 am** **ALL HANDS ON DECK!**

At the January general meeting the board recommended and the membership voted to go ahead with the pancake breakfast this year.

We are going to need every member's help! There's lots to do, so start thinking about where you want to fit in and sign up. We need help loading and unloading trucks, setting up line barriers, setting up cooking equipment, setting up easy-ups for various stations. Help with selling raffle and breakfast tickets, parking, and of course cooking and cleanup. There is more to do than I can name!

I know we can do it! We have a short time to get ready, but we have a fantastic group of workers. AND we have great team leaders who are already working hard to put all the pieces together.

Don't forget we need raffle prizes, so please ask your local businesses for gift certificates and donations. You can bring these to the February meeting

And be sure to come to the February meeting to sign up for your choice of job, and show up early to the breakfast.

Working together is one way to connect with other club members. Also, please spread the word to other clubs that we are on for March 20, 2022 at Hart Park in Orange!

Get your car ready for the display of cars. I'll see you soon!

Louise Hall



The Precursor to the GPS

engadget.com/2018-08-03-backlog-pre-gps-navigation.html

Standalone navigation devices are a dying breed. These days vehicles tend to have navigators plumbed into their dashboards, and as long as there's a smartphone to hand... well, there's an app for that. Demand for the devices nosedived years ago, but the technology underpinning them is alive and well, floating out there in space. What we all know as GPS wasn't operational until the mid '90s, though this was predated by Transit, the first satellite-based geolocation network completed in the '60s. But the first automated in-car navigation system was developed long before we had the technology to put anything into space.

The concept of the modern navigator can be traced back to the early 1930s and the creation of the Iter-Auto. Manufactured by an Italian company based in Rome, the contraption was designed to be mounted to your car's dashboard and loaded with routes printed on long paper scrolls. It was hooked up to the vehicle's speedometer, and so the scroll would wind automatically in proportion with distance travelled. The maps themselves also included alerts of upcoming road features, like bridges and level crossings, as well as garages, hotels and such -- much like their digital equivalents today.

The key innovation of the Iter-Auto over previous, similar designs was the added level of automation. Thanks to its speedometer tether, it offered a new hands-free approach to roughly accurate navigation. The Iter-Auto proved to be ahead of its time,

however. Car ownership was rare in the early '30s, and maps printed on scrolls were only really viable for routes along predominantly straight, Roman-style roads; a wrong turn, or any turn in fact, could quickly take you off-grid. As such, the Iter-Auto never achieved mass-market success. (Provided courtesy of Eric Engle.)



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Raffle – Ed Cote
Refreshments – TBA
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 January 13, 2022 Meeting held at First Christian Church in Orange, CA

Call To Order-President Louise Hall called the meeting to order at 7:35 at the First Christian Church in Orange, CA.

Roll Call-Board members in attendance- Louise Hall, Mary Dormeyer, Don Dormeyer, Jim Runyon, Darwin Kibby, Tissy Smith-Hatcher, Eric Engle and Mike Edmonson. 29 members attended this meeting.

Approval of Minutes-A motion that the minutes of the November General Meeting be accepted was made by Jim Runyon. It was second by Tissy Smith-Hatcher and the motion passed.

Standard Order of Business-Open Issues

President, Louise Hall wished everyone a Happy New Year. Members saluted the flag and Marilyn Hawkins told a joke. President Louise Hall asked for someone to volunteer to be the new Refreshment Coordinator. A monthly signup sheet to bring refreshments was passed around. New member, Jerry Gafney was introduced.

Pancake Breakfast-Frank Reese made a presentation listing pros and cons of having the Annual Pancake Breakfast on March 20, 2022 at Hart Park. Some details discussed were that Tissy Smith-Hatcher will design the Pancake Breakfast T-shirt and flyer. The meal cost is \$9 per adult, \$5 per child. New member, William (Bill) Vagen's number was drawn so he won the drawing and his Model A will be featured on the Pancake Breakfast Model A T-shirt.

Motions-Eric Engle moved that the Model A Ford Club cautiously move ahead with the Annual Pancake Breakfast. It was seconded by Tissy Smith-Hatcher. The motion passed.

Reports of Officers

Financial Report-Darwin Kibby provided the complete financial report. We now have 145 memberships. Steve Pavich made a motion that we accept the Financial Report. It was second by Ed Cote. The motion passed. \$200 donated by member, Christine Foster will be donated to the Red Cross.

Drawings & Raffles-Patty Cote won a \$60 Money Hat at the Installation Dinner; Dennis Kliesen won \$10 Membership Raffle. No one won the membership Drawing because #134 Tim & Ginger Stone were not present. The February Drawing will be \$50.

VP/Tour Director Report-Activities - Eric Engle reported on many possible future tours. On January 22 there will be a tour to the Modjeska House. Eric asked for help from the members. He asked to email him any tour ideas.

Technical Report-Mike Edmonson said there will be 2 seminars; (1) 1/15 in Westminster Tom Endy's Method of Installing Mitchell Overdrives; and (2) 1/16 at Richard Parrish's Installing a Battery Disconnect Switch. Steve Pavich invited members to Don Dormeyer's on Saturday, 1/15, when Steve would be working on his own Model A.

Editor's Report-Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher asked for any updates to the Roster. She plans to include information about the Pancake Breakfast in the next edition of the newsletter. Tours and other activity information should be submitted to her by January 25. (Cont'd on Page 10)



Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Feb 3 (Thu) Birthday Drive-By for Mel Collings and Don Schmidt. Meet at the Valley View Shopping Center parking lot, 17474-17580 Yorba Linda Blvd, Yorba Linda at 10:30am. Call or text Eric Engle at 714-552-2630



Feb 5 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ The Original Pancake House, 3322 E Chapman Ave, Orange.

Seating is at 7:30am [Note New Location]



Feb 10 (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.



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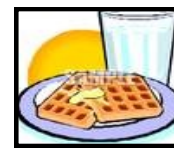
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Mar 20 (Sun) 59th Annual Pancake Breakfast, Hart Park, 701 S Glassell St, Orange, breakfast served 8am-11am



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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

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

The Best Jobs at the Pancake Breakfast



- ☑ Cook/Server
- ☑ Parking Attendant
- ☑ Ticket Seller
- ☑ Donation Distributor
- ☑ And Many More

Contact Richard Bolts
(rwb.sunbreeze@gmail.com)
to volunteer for one of
these very fun positions

Swap Meets/Car Shows

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

Mar 12 (Sat) Women 'n' Wheels Car Show, The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum, 610 Lairport St, El Segundo, 10am-4pm

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

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

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

The BS Breakfast

location has **MOVED.**

On Saturday, February 5th, we will be meeting at The Original Pancake House, 3322 E Chapman Ave, Orange (cross street is Prospect).



Please arrive at 7:30am to ensure we have sufficient seating. RSVP to Don Ratzlaff.

Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is **March 20, 2022**

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

So Many Thanks

To Kathie McCall, Kaci Terens, Bruce & Becky MacIntosh, Sheila Plotkin and many others for making the 2022 Installation Banquet such a wonderful success.



Modjeska House Tour

By Eric Engle, VP/Activities

Recently some of our club members took a short tour to visit the historical Arden Helena Modjeska House in the Silverado Canyon area, not far from Irvine Lake. What started out as a rather blustery day, eventually turned into a beautiful, clear day, once the short lived winds died off. Arriving at the Modjeska House, club members were given a full tour of this rather interesting century-old home of world renowned actress Madame Helena Modjeska. Very interesting tour, to say the least.

Once finished there, club members took a very short tour to the Rose Canyon Cantina for a very nice luncheon. Basically across the street from O'Neill Regional Park, it's a very lovely place for a Sunday drive. If you have never been there, it's a VERY nice cantina.



Rival Gang?



Sunshine & Sorrow

By: Marilyn Hawkins
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Sunshine News: Two really big birthdays this month: Just heard that **Mel Collings** turned 90 years old on January 24; mailed him a "Happy Birthday" card. And **Don Schmidt** turned 90 years old on February 3. "Happy Birthday" card was mailed to Don and a surprise drive-by was organized to wish him well. Sorrow News: Cards were mailed to the following members last month: **Mel Collings**, "Wishing You Well" as he fell on the stairs, fractured his ankle early January and was hospitalized. He's on the mend after two operations. "We're Thinking of You" to **Carol Persons** who continues to have dialysis 3 times/week along with other major health issues. **Bill Hatcher** no longer requires dialysis. Sent him a funny "Just a Spot Check" card. A second foot surgery was performed on **Patti Cote** (did anyone even notice her black boot?). Her card read "Sending Healing Thoughts." Last one, **Frank Reese** is scheduled for a shoulder replacement on February 15. Let's all stay safe and healthy and maybe, just maybe, give our ailing members a phone call.



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



A Bit of History

By Gerry Reid
(original author unknown)

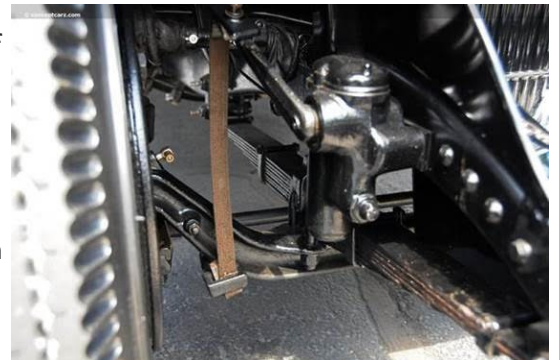
Hours after Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941, the Secret Service found themselves in a bind. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was to give his Day of Infamy speech to Congress on Monday, and although the trip from the White House to Capitol Hill was short, agents weren't sure how to transport him safely. At the time, Federal Law prohibited buying any cars that cost more than \$750, so they would have to get clearance from Congress to do that, and nobody had time for that. One of



the Secret Service members, however, discovered that the US Treasury had seized the bulletproof car that mobster Al Capone owned when he was sent to jail in 1931. They cleaned it, made sure it was running perfectly and had it ready for the President the next day. Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac V-8 "Al Capone" Town Sedan became the President's limo in December 1941.



Mechanics are said to have cleaned and checked each feature of the Caddy well into the night of December 7th, to make sure that it would run properly the next day for the Commander in Chief. And run properly it did. It had been painted black and green to look identical to (Cont'd on Page 7)



(Cont'd from Page 6) Chicago's police cars at the time.

To top it off, the gangster's 1928 Cadillac Town Sedan had 3,000

pounds of armor and inch-thick bulletproof windows.

It also had a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner radio.



"Previous Owner."

Footnote: The car sold at auction in 2012 for \$341,000.00. Just thought that you might like to know.

59th Annual



See you at
Hart Park
701 S Glassell St
Orange, CA

~~2020~~
2021

Breakfast served
from 8am-11am
Pancakes, eggs,
sausage, juice
and coffee

Pancake Breakfast

Donations
Adults \$9
Children \$5
(ages 2-10)

Sunday
March 20, 2022

Many raffle
opportunities
Expecting 300+
Model A's
on Display

Sponsored by the
Orange County
Model A Ford Club

For info contact Frank Reese at 714-348-2507

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

You may confirm current info by going to the OC Members page at 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.



Even Colonel Harland Sanders had a Model A

(Cont'd from Page 3)

Reports of Committees

Quick Communications Project-

Don Dormeyer said everything is going OK and that there is a waiting list.

Sunshine and Sorrow-Marilyn Hawkins reported that approximately 15 members would be attending Greg Earhart's funeral. Mel Collings, Terry's husband, has been hospitalized. Frank Reese will have surgery on his shoulder on February 15. Patty Cote had a procedure on her foot.

Refreshments-We thanked Patty Cote, Marilyn Hawkins, Debbie Pavich and Linda Tom for the yummy desserts and healthy choices including home grown oranges from Patty!

Hard Luck Stories-Steve Pavich won the Hard Luck Trophy because his rear end fell out...excuse me! His Model A's rear end fell out. His competition was Eric Engel's pancake breakfast story.

New Business

Discussion on a Lending Library led by Bruce MacIntosh was postponed.

Adjournment & Submission and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm

These minutes were written and submitted by Mary Dormeyer

BACK IN 1932

30'S SLANG

- Giggle Juice
Alcohol
- Blow Your Wig
Excited
- Gripter
Con man
- Clam Bake
Fun time
- Slip me a Five
Shake hands

AVERAGE COST

First class stamp	\$0.03
Gallon of gas	\$0.18
Dozen eggs	\$0.15
Movie ticket	\$0.35
New house	\$6,305

U.S. PRESIDENT

Herbert Hoover



AVERAGE INCOME

Per year
\$1,650

30's Style...

WOMEN

- Soft & Feminine Looks
- Puffed/Butterfly Sleeves
- Flowing Full Skirts
- Bobs and Finger Waves
- Pumps · Peep Toe Shoes

MEN

- Wide Pointed Lapels
- High Waisted Pants
- V-neck Sweaters
- Fedora Hats · Oxfords
- Wingtip Shoes
- Newsboy Caps



FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN

- Johnny Cash
- Elizabeth Taylor
- Debbie Reynolds
- Tiny Tim
- Little Richard
- John Williams
- Loretta Lynn

IN THE NEWS

The Dow Jones Industrial Average in the United States reaches its lowest level of the Great Depression, bottoming out at 41.22

Hattie W. Caraway becomes the first woman elected to the United States Senate

Adolf Hitler obtains German citizenship by naturalization, opening the opportunity for him to run in the 1932 election

The electric golf cart is invented by a California golfer who was physically unable to walk to all 18 holes on a golf course

The staple remover is invented by William G. Pankonin of Chicago, Illinois

Charles Lindbergh Jr. is kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, New Jersey

World Population
2.15 BILLION
PEOPLE ON THE PLANET



ON THE RADIO

- Fred Astaire & Leo Reisman "Night & Day"
- Bing Crosby "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?"
- Rudy Vallee & his Connecticut Yankees "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?"
- George Olsen "Lullaby of the Leaves"
- Bing Crosby & The Mills Brothers "Dinah"
- Duke Ellington "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)"
- Bing Crosby "Please"
- Louis Armstrong "All of Me"



IN THEATERS

- Shanghai Express
- The Kid from Spain
- Grand Hotel
- Tarzan the Ape Man
- Smilin' Through



Popular Names

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| Robert | Mary |
| James | Betty |
| John | Barbara |
| William | Dorothy |
| Richard | Joan |

FAMOUS CLUB MEMBERS' 90TH BIRTHDAYS

Mel Collings & Don Schmidt

In celebration of their birthdays, a drive by is set for February 3rd

January Tech Seminar

By Michael Edmonson

January found us with the opportunity to learn from a master (Tom Endy) and amateur (me!). On Saturday - January 15, several of us headed over to Tom Endy's place to learn and assist with the installation of two Mitchell Overdrives. The first install was on a beautiful 1930 Roadster, and the second was on a 1928 Tudor. The Roadster installation took 4 hours and the Tudor install took about 3.5 hours that also included a meal break, so learning must have taken place! It was quite the experience seeing and using some of the special equipment that Tom has developed and refined over the years, and is certainly reason enough why Tom has come to be known as one of the more sought after installers of the Mitchell Overdrive in the area. And of special note, while the installation charge is \$500, all proceeds are donated to the Model A Youth Restoration Award program that financially assist young people between the ages of 12 to 22 who are restoring a Model A Ford.

Because of the overdrive installation party on the 15th, we shifted the traditional OCMAFC Technical Seminar to the following Sunday afternoon of January 16th at Richard Parrish's house. The subject at hand was the installation of a "Battery Disconnect Switch". We discussed a number of different locations to install the switch, such as within the floor board, on the firewall, and using a commercial bracket that attaches to the bottom bolt of the starter. All will work, but for the most part will be left to the personal preference of the user. The guinea pig for our installation project was Ron Andrews' Model A and he made the decision to mount the switch on the cutout on the front floor board brace that was sandwiched in with a metal bracket. This also required cutting a hole in his floorboard with a 2 1/2 " hole saw. Results: a very nice and clean installation that I think Ron is pretty happy with. More importantly, everyone in attendance had some great pizza (courtesy of Aaron Magdalero) and conversation on all things Model A.



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MODEL A FORD
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Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting February 10, 2022

Time: 7:30pm

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



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