

Orange County  
Model A Ford Club

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60 Years



Our friendship  
is like a knot  
that can never  
be untied



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Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher



Bring in the  
New Year with  
a lot of noise.  
The  
Installation  
Banquet is  
just the ticket.  
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*Greg Earhart*



*Dick Smith*



Your  
Wings  
WERE READY  
BUT  
Our Hearts  
WERE NOT

## News From the President

By Louise Hall

***“Year’s end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.”***

*Hal Borland*



Experience does have some advantage. I know that we all make mistakes, and I also know that we learn from them. My wish for you is that you appreciate all that has gone into making the story of your life. As you reminisce remember that there is still a lot to do. Try something new this year! How about leading a technical seminar or a tour? Be generous with your wisdom!

As I write this column, I am reminded that 2021 was a difficult year for everyone. As a club we continued to meet and even found a new location. We celebrated 60 years as a club. We toured and ate and played together.

We also lost 8 members. We all send our condolences to the families of these members. They are and will be missed. Please consider going to any upcoming memorial services, I know it means a lot to families to see a number of Model A's in the parking lot.

We are planning to have a pancake breakfast this year. The exact date hasn't been chosen. Of course, we are all watching the latest restrictions caused by the Corona virus and the variants. We will let you all know the date when we know. Thanks for being patient.

I wish you all a healthy and happy new year! I'll see you on the road.

Louise

**JOIN OR  
RENEW  
MEMBERSHIP  
NOW TO BE INCLUDED  
IN THE 2022 ROSTER**

## CARMEN SMITH AND FRAN EARHART

Our hearts go out to both of you in your time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Greg Earhart's funeral will be held on Friday, January 14th.

Viewing from 9:30am-10:00am  
Service at 11:00.am  
Lunch to follow

Souls Catholic Cemetery  
4400 Cherry Ave, Long Beach  
(between Delano and Carson)

Please send RSVP by Jan 7 to  
Louise Hall  
rickandlouise76@gmail.com

Fran has requested we drive our vintage Model A Fords.

**2021 BOARD MEMBERS**

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**ACCC Representative** – David Knapp  
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Frank Reese, Don Ratzlaff and Richard Bolls  
**Raffle** – Ed Cote  
**Refreshments** – Robert Scott  
**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 December 9, 2021  
Meeting held at First Christian Church in  
Orange, CA**

Call To Order

President Louise Hall called the meeting to order at 7:30  
at the First Christian Church in Orange, CA.

## Roll Call - Quorum

All Board members were in attendance. Also several other members totaling  
50 were there. There was a quorum

These guests were introduced: Chris and Art Smelt (brothers)

Marilyn Hawkins told a joke.

Approval of Minutes - A motion that the minutes of the November General  
Meeting be accepted was made by Steve Pavich. It was second by Sheila Plotkin  
and the motion was adopted.

Reports of Officers

**Financial Report** - Darwin Kibby provided the complete financial report. Steve  
Pavich made a motion to accept this financial report, Diane Gaughen second-  
ed. The membership voted to accept the report and the motion passed.

We now have 145 memberships.

This month's membership drawing is \$30. Patty Cote won the drawing for the  
Saturday Breakfast.

We were reminded that Darwin is collecting \$30 for Family Dues and \$30 per  
person for the Installation Dinner

There wasn't a 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Breakfast in November so there wasn't a drawing.  
At this meeting we did 3 name badge drawings. \$10 each was won by Art  
Smelt, Linda Tom, and Bev Marsh.

#45 Manuel Gonzales was not present to win the \$30 Membership Drawing.  
This prize rolls to \$40 at the January 2022 meeting

**VP/Tour Director Report/Activities** - Joe Goff reported on the trip to tour  
The Waffle House which was a great success. Eric Engle gave details on the  
upcoming drive by parade for a WWII veteran, and a trip to see Christmas  
lights at Eagle Hills. Eric said maps would be passed out.

**Technical Report** - Richard Parish thanked members for the good turnout at  
the 2021 seminars.

**Editor's Report** - Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher did not make a report

Reports of Committees

**Quick Communications Project** - Don Dormeyer said that there is a Waiting  
List for the Text Messages

**Sunshine & Sorrow** - Marilyn Hawkins asked for members to send her hus-  
band, Bob cards. Bob was in the hospital for 5 days and 6 nights. Diane Gaugh-  
en said her husband, Gerald is recovering from a mild stroke.

Standard Order of Business-Open Issues

President Louise Hall asked for members to donate door prizes for the Instal-  
lation Dinner.

New Business

**Announcements** - Ray Salman said he is having a big garage sale because he  
needs back surgery. Interested members can speak to him at the end of the  
meeting. (Cont'd on Page 7)



## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**Jan 1 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ **can-celed due to holi-day.**



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

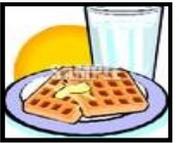
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**Jan 27 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast. Location to be determined. Look for an email or text for loca-

tion.



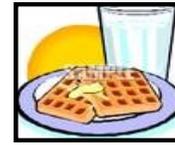
**Feb 5 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange,

8am



**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.



**Feb 24 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast location to be determined at 8:30am. For

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

**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.



## Swap Meets/Car Shows

**Jan 9 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm

**Jan 15-16** Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm

**Jan 29-30** Turlock Swap Meet, 900 N Broadway (Stanislaus County Fairgrounds), Turlock, CA 95380

**Jan 30 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm

**Feb 13 (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**

**February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**8am**

Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is

**January 20, 2021**

Submit all Articles and ads to [tissysmith1@gmail.com](mailto:tissysmith1@gmail.com) or mail to

P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711

My memory is so terrible that I had to change my password to "Incorrect." Now I get a reminder "Your Password Is Incorrect" every time I enter it wrong!



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**THOSE WE LOST**  
**IN 2021**

*Bob Jeffries*  
*Marlene Virus*  
*Walt Otto*  
*Glenn Johnson*  
*Doris Marshall*  
*Rick Smyser*  
*Greg Earhart*  
*Dick Smith*



## DECEMBER'S BIG WINNERS

<b>BS Breakfast</b>	<b>Patty Cote</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Name Badge (3)</b>	<b>Art Smelt</b>	<b>\$10</b>
	<b>Linda Tom</b>	<b>\$10</b>
	<b>Bev Marsh</b>	<b>\$10</b>

**Membership drawing** \$30

**There was no winner because Manuel Gonzalez (#45) was not present. ☹️ It will be \$40 next month.**

## Sunshine & Sorrow

By: Marilyn Hawkins  
m\_hawkins33@cox.net

Let's started the new year of 2022 with sunshine news: **John Burroughs** became a first-time grandfather of baby girl, Avery, who was born November 26<sup>th</sup>. He even knows her weight of 6.5 lbs. and 19-1/2 inches. We know John will be showing us photos and more photos.

Our sorrow list is a very long this month. **Dick Smith**, long-time club member, perished in a head-on collision on December 5<sup>th</sup>. What a shock to learn of the fatal collision that happened near Mono Lake, CA. His wife Carmen, sustained no serious bodily injuries. **Bill Hatcher** experienced cardiac arrest (heart stopped) on December 8<sup>th</sup>, has miraculously survived. Had kidney failure requiring daily dialysis and other critical health issues. He came home Christmas day. Now under the excellent care of his wife Tissy. After a long battle with cancer, **Greg Earhart** passed on December 12. Understand he knew more about Model A judging than anyone in our club. Services will be held in mid-January. And finally, **Bob Hawkins** not only missed Thanksgiving with his family, but Christmas too. He was hospitalized on December 20 with a serious hip wound where 8 oz. of fluid was removed during surgery, He's now home and for 6 weeks will need IV infusion twice daily (nurse, Marilyn). As always, cards and/or phone calls to all would be greatly appreciated.



*"Here's to a bright New Year and a farewell to the old; here's to the things that are yet to come, and to the memories that we hold."*



*With great joy and excitement  
you are invited to celebrate the installation of the*

### **2022-2023 Board and Committee Members**

*on Sunday, January 9, 2022  
1pm to 4pm*

*The Villa  
510 E Katella Ave  
Orange, CA 92867*

*Cost is \$30 per person. Send payment to the club's  
P.O. Box or give to Darwin Kibby directly.*

*For more info, contact Kathie McCall at  
kathleenmccall1941@gmail.com or 714-469-0946*



**TEXAS HILL COUNTRY**

**June 12-17 2022**

*No Place Offers The Model A Experience Like The Texas Hill Country*

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Some of the week's highlights:

- San Antonio's Famous River Walk
- The Alamo - Birthplace of Texas
- Great Sightseeing & Restaurants!
- Fine Point Vehicle Judging
- Era Fashions & Judging
- Restorers Class

Hosted by **ALAMO AIS**  
Model A Ford Club of San Antonio



WHERE ARE MY KEYS?

After a meeting several days ago, I couldn't find my keys. I quickly gave myself a personal "TSA Pat Down."

They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, can you come and get me?"

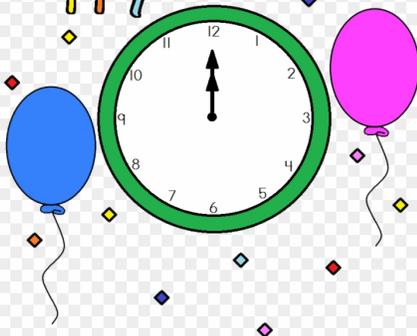
He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your car!"

Welcome to the golden years...

**ATTENTION**  
**All Renewing Members**  
 Check that the website info is accurate. To update any changes, email your Editor at [tissysmith1@gmail.com](mailto:tissysmith1@gmail.com). If you don't already have one in the roster, include a photo so others can remember who you are.

(Cont'd from Page 3) Linda Tom will be our new Greeter. Hard Luck Trophy - Steve Pavich beating out Eric Engels and Ray Salman won the Hard Luck Trophy  
Adjournment & Submission and Approval of Minutes  
 The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm  
 These minutes were written and submitted by Mary Dormeyer

**Happy New Year**



### Jim's Technical Tip—Lubricating Locks

By Jim Cannon



The best lubricant I have found for car door locks, truck handle locks, and ignition locks, recommended by every locksmith that I know, is dry powdered graphite.

You buy the graphite in a small tube with a pointed tip, you insert the tip into the key hole

and "puff" some graphite into the lock. Then you insert and remove the key several times to work the graphite into the lock tumblers, and operate the lock a few times.

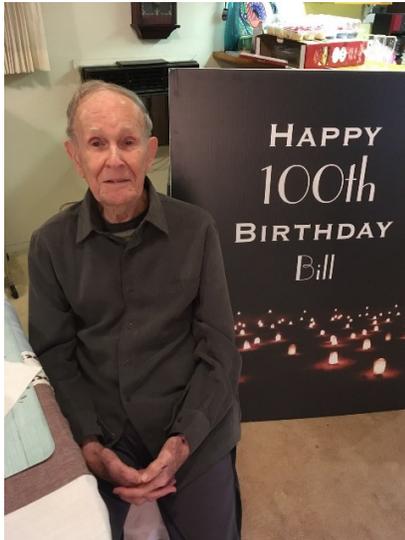
Jim Cannon



### 100th Birthday Celebration for WWII Bomber Pilot December 11th, Anaheim

By: Eric Engle

A very nice size group of club members got together to wish one of America's Greatest Generation a very happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mr. Bill Rowe served in the Army Air Corp. as a B-29 pilot in the Pacific theater during WW2. A group of club members celebrated Mr. Rowe's birthday, along with his entire neighborhood, friends, and relatives. Our club members lined up just around the corner from Mr. Rowe's block to do a drive-by salute. As we rounded the corner, we noticed that almost the entire block was lined with balloons, signs, and all sorts of birthday greetings. It was very touching to see the entire neighborhood celebrating this very momentous day for one of America's heroes. Thank you one and all for such a great turnout . . .



**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.**

## It Happened in a Heartbeat

By Tissy Smith-Hatcher, Editor

First, a bit of history. My daughter and I have been my mother's primary caretakers since she had back surgery several months ago. At first, I would stay one night and go home the next. After a month, we decided it would be better if I stayed fulltime. I had not been home since before Thanksgiving so my husband, Bill Hatcher, would "visit" me most days.



On December 7<sup>th</sup>, I just wanted to spend the night at my home, in my own bed. On the rare occasion when I would do this, I would usually go back to my daughter's home early the next morning. However, on this day, I decided to see if my husband wanted to have breakfast together. He's one of those people we all admire/hate who goes to the gym for two hours, three times a week, like clockwork.

Bill came home a few minutes earlier on this day, was wobbling and sweating, saying he didn't feel well. He sat down and we took his blood pressure – 70/40. Neither of us have a medical background but I knew his blood pressure was too low and wanted him to go to Urgent Care. Being a typical man, he elected to wait a few minutes and re-check it. Ten minutes later, his blood pressure was 119/74 (normal). I thought everything was fine when he said he was hungry and was going to have some cereal. Sitting two feet away from him, I looked away and when I looked back, Bill had slumped forward. I called his name and pushed him back, while pressing hard on his sternum. When I saw he wasn't responding, I quickly realized we were in trouble . . . he was having a heart attack. In my haste to call 911, I misdialed 9911. I took a breath, told myself to calm down, redialed, dropped the phone and

screamed our address into the phone.

Pulling my husband to the floor, I immediately began CPR. I could hear his ribs breaking as I continued CPR. Eight minutes is a lifetime. At one point, I didn't think I could go on. When would help arrive? Finally, the 911 operator responded, "Open the door". Nine people came rushing in - there were paramedics, firemen, and police. As they worked on him, I grabbed medications and answered questions. Placing him on a backboard with a machine continuing to perform CPR, I watched from the door as they put the love of my life in an ambulance and were gone in a moment.

There were some scary hours/days ahead, however on Christmas Day, my very special husband came home; best Christmas present ever. All the medical personnel said it was a miracle he survived. He is a bit weak from sitting in a hospital bed for an extended period of time but has no deficits, mentally or physically. He ribs are painful and he frequently holds a pillow to his chest if he must cough or sneeze. I think he just wants to remind me that I hurt him.

Approximately 35 years ago, when I was just a spring chicken, I took CPR training at the Red Cross. Since then, I have re-certified 3-4 times. Never did I think I would need to use the training after retirement.

The reason I share this story with you today is because I urge everyone, meaning you and all your family members to take a CPR course. They are offered through the Red Cross or your local fire department. It takes about half a day to go through the training session, however, you may just save the life of someone very precious to you.

Since Bill's admission to the hospital, almost every doctor and nurse has commented upon the fact I performed the CPR. I thought it was because my husband mentions his chest pain whenever he is asked to move about. But, in speaking with one of the RN's recently, she stated in all the years she has worked at the hospital, she has never known of a family member who performed CPR. She said most people freeze and wait valuable minutes for the paramedics to arrive and began life-saving measures; don't be that person. Take the training so you will know what to do if something so terrifying should happen to your spouse, child or grandchild.





### Friends Helping Friends/October 30th

By: Eric Engle

Our latest “seminar”, which was really just a time of club members helping Don Dormeyer to get his Tudor motor reassembled and his car back on the road, turned out to be a great time of friends helping friends. The turnout was fantastic, maybe one of the best. I deeply appreciate all that attended and helped out. And I’m SURE that Don does also. Thank you, one and all.

Don’s engine has been torn apart for several years while replacing several damaged valves and valve guides. He and several other members had taken care of most of the hard work beforehand. What was mostly left was installing the valve cover, the head, the intake/exhaust manifolds, etc.

Our “pie-in-the-sky” hopes were that we’d actually be able to hear Don’s old girl fire up once again. But, as is all too common, that was not to be. One thing I’ve learned through the years is, things OFTEN pop up that have to be addressed before all finish work can be completed...and this one was no exception. Nothing critical. Just enough to postpone hearing the old girl come back to life once again today...

The main thing that really stopped us was when we checked the exhaust manifold for the alignment of all the ports. Turned out, they were quite a distance off. And then, as if that wasn’t enough, the coup de grace was a rather large crack in the manifold. “Curses!!! Foiled again!!!” Don now has a nice piece of “Wall Art” for his garage. Hopefully we’ll have a new manifold in the next couple of days and we’ll be able to finish.

We’re not that far off from completion, and hopefully sometime this next week we’ll have all the remaining items and Don will be able to drive his old girl on the street for the first time in several years. Should be a VERY happy moment.

One last shout-out to Don’s wife, Mary, for graciously making hot dogs, sandwiches, and deserts for everyone. Thank you very much...

Thank you once again, to everyone who so kindly lent their expertise today. To me, this is exactly what being a club member is all about.



**MODEL A**  
Roster Raffle

**CURRENT JACKPOT 40 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.

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**Next General Meeting**

[Second Thursday of every month]

**Next Meeting February 13, 2021**

Time: 7:30pm

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



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