

Orange County
Model A Ford Club

THE DISTRIBUTOR

60 Years



Volume 62 Issue 6

June, 2022

Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher

Dad: A son's
first hero, a
daughter's first
love



Inside this issue:

- President's Message 2
- Board Member Contact Info/General Meeting Minutes 3
- Calendar/Swap Meets 4
- Highlights of the May the Seminar 5
- Jim's Tech Tip- Mounting Wheels 6
- Sunshine & Sorrow/O -Ring to Protect Upholstery 7
- Bob Hawkins' Celebration of Life 8
- For Sale/Upcoming Events 9
- Los Angeles County Fire Museum 10



Concert
in the Park

Presented by the
City of La Palma
at Central Park
7821 Walker St
La Palma, CA
July 16th

Diamond Tread Club has extended an invitation to the Orange County Club to join them for this concert.

Concert is from 6pm-8pm and we plan to arrive at 4pm. Parking will be around the baseball field for all to enjoy our vehicles, meet friends, listen to music and have a great time.

Concert is FREE. Food will be available for a cost.

RON ANDREWS

June 11th

Technical Seminar

At Ed Cote's House
2435 Bonnie Brae
Santa Ana



8:30am Donuts & Coffee
9am Seminar

Demonstrating Windlace Installation



On June 18th (Saturday) we will be having a tour of the historical Kellogg House, which Hirma Clay Kellogg built in 1898. It was one of the first Neo-Classical Victorian homes in Orange County. After his first wife died, he built a mansion as a gift for his second wife, Helen. We will be meeting at 11am at the Kellogg House, 3101 W Harvard St, Santa Ana



News From the President

By Louise Hall



In Louise Hall's absence, Eric Engle, the club's Vice President, conducted the May General Meeting. He was extremely entertaining and kept us on course. The crown was his super power.



JUNE



Photos by Don Dormeyer

Art Moore ran 76mph in one of his two race cars at the 50th Antigue National Drag Races at the Irwindale Speedway. YOU GO ART!!

Parade begins at 11:30am, but all parade vehicles must arrive between 10am-11am. One participant from each entry must check in at the parade check-in table. Vehicles should enter staging area at Harbor and Cypress, Anaheim.

Each vehicle occupant must email the completed entry form and "signed rules of conduct" to cj@cjeastman.com

For additional information contact Perry Wilson at 714-356-7105 or email: pertygina@msn.com.

**June 12th Sunday
Anaheim Flag Day
Parade**



Your attendance is Requested

The Sunrise Senior Living Center has requested we share our cars with their residents. They would like us there from 10am until approximately 1pm on Tuesday, **June 21st**. They are located at 12291 Newport Ave, Santa Ana. You will be met by a host representative and told where to park. You may bring a rider if you wish. This will be a nice community activity. The cars would serve as background for a "meet and greet" for the residents. They have requested 6-10 cars. The cars need not be limited to Model A's; any classic will do. They will probably have a trophy for the favorite car; might even have a door prize drawing. A box lunch would be provided. Please reply to Don Ratzlaff (email: wadedon@pacbell.net) if you are interested in attending.



2022 BOARD MEMBERS

President – Louise Hall
714-282-0499/rickandlouise76@gmail.com
VP/Activities – Eric Engle
714-552-2630/eengle@socal.rr.com
Secretary – Don Dormeyer
714-342-3259/don@dondormeyer.com
Treasurer – Darwin Kibby
310-938-6872/dkibby714@att.net
Technical – Michael Edmonson / 714-615-5751/michael.edmonson@me.com
Editor – Tissy Smith-Hatcher / 714-546-8554/tissysmith1@gmail.com
Immediate Past President – Jim Runyon
714-527-1829/jamesrunyon@aol.com

COMMITTEES

ACCC Representative – David Knapp
Breakfast Committee – Terry Collings
Club Greeter – Linda Tom
Election Chairperson – TBD
Historian & Librarian – Bruce MacIntosh
Merchandise Director – Perry Wilson
Pancake Breakfast Setup & Coordination – Frank Reese, Don Ratzlaff and Richard Bolls
Raffle – Ed Cote
Refreshments –
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 May 12, 2022
Meeting held at First Christian Church in
Orange, CA**

Members in attendance: 38

Vice President Eric Engle called the meeting to order @ 7:40pm.

Member Mike Edmonson led the flag salute.

Greeter Linda Tom introduced her uncle.

Minutes: Sheila Plotkin moved with second by Mike Edmonson to adopt the April minutes as printed in the newsletter. Members approved with no corrections or additions.

Financial reports: Treasurer Darwin Kibby reviewed the records previously approved by BOD. Sheila Plotkin moved with second by Dale McCall to adopt the reports. No questions were raised and motion carried.

Current Membership is 141.

Activities: Eric Engle went over the May activities which include 5/7 City of Orange parade: 5/14 Happy Days Tour: 5/19 LACF Museum: 5/22 Antique Nationals @ Irwindale Raceway: 5/30 Annual Memorial Day Patriotic Celebration at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Orange.

Don Ratzlaff introduced invitation to participate in The Great Gatsby Event at The Muckenthaler in Fullerton with request for Model A's on 6/1 and/or 6/3. A request for members to display our cars at a Father's Day Event at Sunnyside Senior Home in Tustin, details to be e-mailed.

Pam Heiland announced the annual Veteran's luncheon and car show at the Wilshire Avenue Community Church for 6/30. Flyers distributed.

Technical Report: Mike Edmonson announced brake seminar Saturday 5/21 @ Don Dormeyer's home.

Newsletter: Tissy Hatcher has 2022 rosters available for distribution. Deadline for monthly newsletter 20th of the month. Articles, photos, trivia etc. are encouraged.

Sunshine/Sorrow: No report this month.

Merchandise: Perry Wilson: Hats, t-shirts, buttons, and lanyards available. Perry announced Flag Day celebration at Pearson Park in Anaheim and encouraged members to attend displaying flags on their cars.

Jim Runyon thanked friends who provided refreshments: Aaron & Sylvia Magdaleno; Bill & Tissy Hatcher; Linda Tom and Jim & Dianne Runyon.

Hard Luck Trophy: No candidates so Kaci Terens will hold onto it.

4th Thursday Breakfast: A big thank you and applause to Terry Collings

(absent) for her many years of arranging for the monthly get togethers.

Bruce MacIntosh introduced plan to have different members arranging restaurant meet up avoiding responsibility assigned to one person.

Bruce has agreed to maintain the list and pass it around.

The 5/26 Thursday breakfast will be at Sammy's Stackhouse on Tustin Ave in Orange @8:30 am. Arranged by Kathie McCall.

The monthly membership drawing was Dennis Kliesen, who even though he was usually in attendance, was absent to receive the \$\$.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:30 pm followed by socializing and refreshments.

Submitted by: Kathie McCall, acting Secretary



Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Jun 4 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session, Arthur's Restaurant, 240 N Tustin St, Orange, 8am

Jun 4 & 5 (Sat/Sun) Huntington Beach Rod & Custom Show, our cars will be on 6/4 and on 6/5 are high and luxury cars and motorcycles at Huntington Beach Central Park at Goldenwest and Talbert from 9am-2pm. Car entrance fee \$40; general admission \$10



Jun 9 (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.



Jun 11 (Sat) Technical Seminar on Installation of windlace at Ed Cote's home, 2435 Bonnie Brae, Santa Ana, 8:30am for

coffee and donuts, 9am seminar begins.

Jun 12 (Sun) Anaheim Flag Day Parade, check in time is 10am-11am (see details on Page 2)

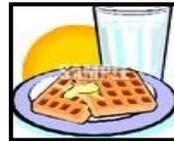
Jun 12-17 MAFCA National Convention, Kerrville, TX (note date change) hosted by Alamo A's. Contact Jimmy Taylor 830-660-8094

Jun 17 (Fri) Celebration of Life for Bob Hawkins, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 1441 W Balboa, Newport Beach, 10a-12pm, RSVP to Marilyn Hawkins 714-914-7371

Jun 18 (Sat) Marconi Museum Weekend Cars & Coffee, 1302 Industrial Dr, Tustin, 7am-10am (details on Page 6)



Jun 18 (Sat) Tour of Kellogg House, meeting at 11am at the Kellogg House, 3101 Harvard St, Santa Ana. For info, contact Eric Engle



Jun 23 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast at Black Bear Diner, 1011 N Harbor Blvd, Fullerton, at 8:30am. For more info, contact Bruce MacIntosh

Jun 30 (Thu) Wilshire Avenue Community Church Veterans Lunch and Car Show 212 E Wilshire Ave, Fullerton (Details on Page 7)

Jul 2 (Sat) Ice Cream Social, Cotes' home, more details to follow.



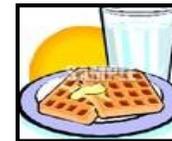
Jul 2 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session, location to be determined, 8am



Jul 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.

Jul 16 (Sat) Concert in the Park, join the Diamond Tread Club at Central Park, 7821 Walker St, La Palma, meeting at 4pm with music from 6pm-8pm. Concert is free. (Details see Page 1)



Jul 28 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast location to be determined

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Jun 3—Sep 30 (Fridays) Cruise the Beach, Redondo Beach Marina 3pm-7pm

Jun 5 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm

Jun 11 (Sat) Wellington Classic Car Show with lunch & ice cream social, Wellington Retirement Community, 24903 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Hills, 1pm-2:30pm

Jun 12 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm

Jun 16 (Thu) Classic Car Show & BBQ, Park Plaza, 620 S Glassell St, Orange, 4pm-6pm, to register your car, call 714-997-5355

Jun 17 -18 Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm

Jun 18 (Sat) Whittier Area Classic Car Show, 8100 Colima Rd, Whittier, 9am-3pm

Jun 19 (Sun) Father's Day Antique Car Show & Flea Market, Sully, VA

Jun 26 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm

Highlights of the May Tech Seminar

By Michael Edmonson
Technical Director



On 21 May we had about 15 members join together to discuss brake adjustments and a bit about brake drums. Richard Parrish loaned us several types of brake drums, to include rear steel drums (the type Henry first started using) and a very unusual 1931 cast iron front brake drum – Henry's first foray into cast iron drums. We discussed the standard way of adjusting brakes, as Henry (and of course Les Andrews) outlined, the importance of ensuring brake rods have zero slack so that free play is eliminated, and the possible need to use oversized clevis pins if the clevis shows wear (or simply purchasing new clevis and pins).



We had an interesting discussion about the actual adjustment of brakes using the brake adjustment tool or a wrench (a 12pt 1/2 inch socket works as well). The original method of adjusting brakes is to make the rear brakes grab before the front brakes. Rick Hall mentioned that he likes to have all four brakes adjusted the same as opposed to the original adjustment Henry used. This might make more sense as we drive our Model A's on much better roads and at faster speeds. Given these conditions, would Henry adjust his brakes differently? Interesting question, but ultimately it's up to the driver.



One other interesting topic was the discussion of using floating brakes sets. Darwin Kibby stated that not all floating brakes are made the same and he had some real problems with the set he purchased. But, Rick Hall and Don Ratzlaff had some very good things to say about Flathead Ted's (Ted Spain) floating brake energizer kit. I scanned his website at www.flatheadted.com and he had some very good reviews from Model A Times, as well as positive comments from those using them, so this just might be something you want to consider. We all are concerned about our cars moving forward, but stopping safely is just as important.

As for actual brake adjustment, Aaron Magdaleno was the only one that stepped up to have his brakes adjusted. Four of five joined into assist, but in so doing discovered a lot more areas to work on before his brakes could be fully adjusted. For some reason I see a future seminar on king pins.....

**Wilshire Avenue
Community Church**
212 E Wilshire Ave
Fullerton, CA 92832

**** prime time ****
VETERANS LUNCH
Honoring Veterans

June 30, 2022 // 11:15AM

**** FREE ** for Veterans! ****

Join us **June 30th** as the Prime Time group honors veterans!
10AM: Classic car show & brass quintet on the plaza
11:15AM: All-American BBQ lunch served in-doors
Event is FREE for veterans. \$8 for non-veterans.
Featured speaker Majorie Anne Snell, author of "Lest We Forget A World War II 101st Airborne Paratrooper Francis Russel Snell" as told by his wife.
RSVP by JUNE 26 to Pam Heiland (714-417-3111)/Register to show your car!

Technical Tip—Mounting Wheels

By Jim Cannon

I know that my Dad reads these Tech Tips, so today's is a special shout out to him, who taught me this Tip for mounting wheels when I was about 12 years old. Thanks, Dad!

Start with a classic X-style lug nut wrench. If you don't already have one, mine is 20" across and works quite well.

Place the wheel/tire next to the vehicle, leaning it against the hub and brake drum you plan to mount it on. Adjust the jack so that the wheel needs to be lifted an inch or two onto the studs.

Now slip two of the tire iron arms under the tire, one arm to the left of where the tire touches the ground, and the other arm to the right. Grab one of the tire iron arms that is pointing out toward you, and lift the tire up with one hand while you guide the wheel to hang on a stud or two with the other hand.



Hold the wheel in against the drum while you lower the lug wrench and use that free hand to start a lug nut on one of the studs. Once you have that lug nut started, you can let go of the wheel and start the rest of them. Use the tire iron to run them all in snug, then lower the jack and tighten them all again.

This Tip is not just applicable to mounting a wheel/tire on a Model A. It works on pretty much any vehicle: car, truck, trailer... In fact, the larger and heavier the wheel/tire is that you are putting on, the bigger help this is.

So in the shop or out on the road, use a simple tire iron to help you lift a wheel up into place and hold it there while you start the lug nuts.

Until next time, Have a Model A Day! Jim

THE MARCONI MUSEUM & FOUNDATION FOR KIDS PRESENTS...



FATHER'S DAY CARS & COFFEE



SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2022
7:00AM - 10:00AM
1302 INDUSTRIAL DR. TUSTIN, CA

EVENT DETAILS

\$10 Admission per person includes:

- Event & Museum Admission
- Cup of Coffee and Donut
- Benefitting the Marconi Foundation for Kids

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2022

TIME: GATES OPEN AT 7:00AM

PLACE: 1302 Industrial Dr.
TUSTIN, CA 92780

**AN EXCLUSIVE ON-SITE DEMO
FROM TRUSTED PROFESSIONALS:**

Wicked Auto Detailing is a one stop Automotive paint protection, detailing and restyling service in Santa Ana. Specializing in clear protection film, vinyl wraps and ceramic coating with unmatched attention to detail. If you're looking to do it once and do it right then Wicked is the place to be.

Wicked
AUTO DETAILING

Dent Pro specializes in Professional Paint-less Dent Repair and offers a variety of services along with top of the line customer service. Everything from door dings and small dents or scuffs, to paint touch up and even minor collision damage, Dent Pro is your guy!

DentPro
PAINTLESS DENT REPAIR

BBSTILE is a true professional when it comes to Italian Tailored Interiors. Although they specialize in Classic and Exotic cars, their Italian craftsmanship does not stop there. BBSTILE creates custom made interiors for cars, aircrafts, and even marine vessels focusing on tradition, innovation and high quality services in all they do.

BBSTILE
ITALY UNDER MY SKIN

Sunshine & Sorrow

By Marilyn Hawkins
m_hawkins33@cox.net

My hubby, **Bob Hawkins**, 85 yrs old, passed away peacefully at home on May 19 (two days after our 8th anniversary). His body was just depleted of energy and willpower after so many trips to the hospital and rehab. **Louise Hall** made a trip to Arizona as her sister passed away early May. No matter the distance or time, our families support each other in times of grief. Keep that thought in mind because **Kathie McCall** also traveled to Arizona for the tragic death of her younger brother. **Patti Cote** had a lung biopsy as she was having shortness of breath (pneumothorax - occurs when air leaks into space between lungs and chest wall). She was hospitalized for 2 days to remove excess air. **Mary Dormeyer** is still not feeling well. Had another doctor's appointment late May for her nausea (better known as acid reflex) condition. **Bruce Harris** is out of hospital and at home w/caregivers. Slowly getting better with physical therapy; starting to walk a little. And one more, **Jeanne Parrish** had emergency surgery also late May and is now home recovering. Enough! Get out there people and exercise, keep moving those legs...so important. I do chair exercises three times/weekly. YOU can too or just walk.



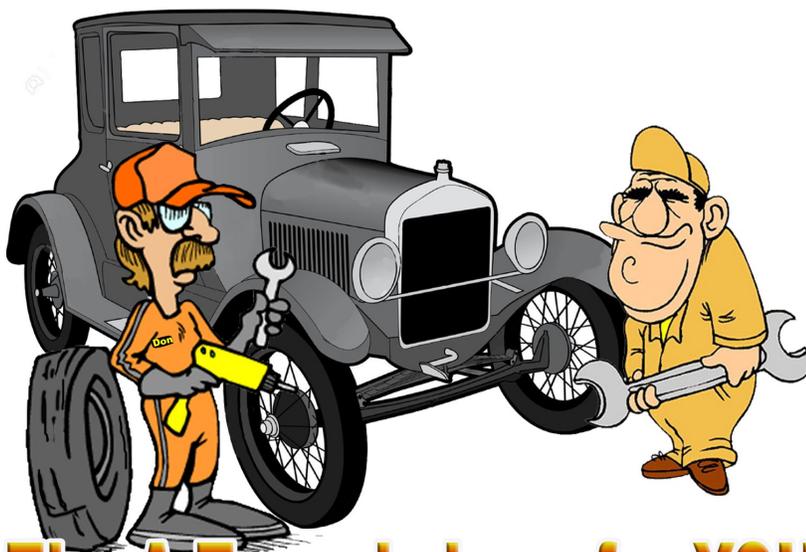
An ear to listen, a hand to hold, a heart to share and a friend who cares.



O-Ring to Protect Upholstery

By: Doug Zinn, Little Rock, AR
 Illustrated by John Pratt, Urbana, IL

I GOT THIS SIMPLE IDEA from a friend of mine – Bobby Roy, who lives in Ola, Arkansas. Behind a finish washer for upholstery, use a #78 O-ring under the washer as a backup to keep from cutting into the material. I have put this idea to use with good results.
 #78 O-Ring/The Restorer May/June 2020—Volume 65, Issue 1



The A Team is here for YOU

Members of the OCMAFCA out in force this Memorial Day, to honor some of our Nation's military heroes at the Fairhaven Memorial Park, in Santa Ana, Ca. Hundreds of family members and friends of those being honored, crowded the park to enjoy the scheduled program, complete with vintage airplanes flying in formation overhead. It was a very good day of remembrance for our brave military members, past and present.

A Celebration of Life



BOB HAWKINS

Sept 22, 1936 - May 19, 2022

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
1441 W Balboa Blvd Avenue
Newport Beach, CA
June 17, 2022 10am-12pm

Please contact Marilyn if you plan to attend
(714-730-4026 Hm or 714-914-7371 Cell)





NEED SOMETHING? Jim Nichols wants to reduce his inventory of Model A car parts. So, if you need something, contact Jim and, if he has it, negotiate a deal. [714-546-2969 shop or 949-380-1067 hm]



We have two positions available. First is a short-term position as Secretary for the club. If you're looking to see if you might like a position

on the Board, this is perfect because you can try it out until January, when we do elections. The second is Editor of the newsletter. Stretch your creativity. The newsletter is a very rewarding and fun job. I speak from experience. We have people who are willing to help you do the minutes and newsletter each month. If interested in either position, please reach out to Louise Hall.

TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

June 12-17 2022

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

MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION
YO RANCH RESORT • KERRVILLE, TEXAS

From its spectacular scenery to its beautiful two-lane country roads, here you will experience our hobby the way it is meant to be at the 31st National MAFCA Convention!

FIND CONVENTION INFORMATION ONLINE AT: www.mafca.com

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 AS**
Model A Ford Club of San Antonio

Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is **June 20, 2022**
Submit all Articles and ads to tissysmith1@gmail.com or mail to
P.O. Box 10595
Santa Ana, CA 92711



Don't Forget
Renew your **2022** membership today
Call 866-379-3619 or visit www.mafca.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :
"THE NEW MODEL A DAYS" at the Gilmore Care Museum, September 16 & 17
HISTORIC HOME TOUR on October 8th and 9th at 10am. Our

cars would be parked in driveways of the homes/businesses during tours. You don't have to stay with your car.

IRVINE REGIONAL PARK'S 125TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION,

November 5 (Sat)
NATIONAL AWARD BANQUET, in December, Golden, CO

MODEL A Roster Raffle

CURRENT JACKPOT 90 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.

L.A. County Fire Museum

By Eric Engle
VP/Activities Director

Today was an especially good day for me, and I feel confident that it was for all the club members who joined me at the Los Angeles Co. Fire Museum in Bellflower, Ca. VERY nice museum with a host of really great fire rigs and equipment. Everyone even got a chance to visit with several TV stars....that being the 2 original Engine 51 and Squad 51 from the TV series "Emergency!" The only thing missing were Paramedics Johnny Gage and Roy Desoto. Maybe in August, when they have the 50 year anniversary of the show, I'll take a trip up there to actually meet Randolph Mantooth and Kevin Tighe. The two actors who portrayed Johnny and Roy will be there live Aug. 20th. Hummm...just might have to visit a couple of my heroes that were VERY instrumental in prompting me to join the fire service. (Cont'd on Page 11)



1974 DODGE
 Los Angeles County Fire Department Squad 51
 Model: D300
 Engine: 440 Cubic Inch Dodge V8
 Body: Custom built by Universal Studios Crafts Unit

This 1974 Dodge is thee most famous "Rescue Squad" in the world! Originally, it was owned by NBC/Universal and served as the fictional LA County Fire Department "Squad 51" in the TV Show "EMERGENCY!". The 1970's hit television series featured stories of early LACoFD Paramedics. It is known for introducing the World to the idea of firefighters and paramedics providing emergency medicine out in the field. Before "Emergency!" debuted, paramedics were unheard of.

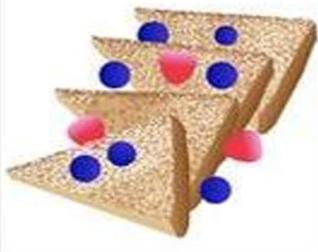
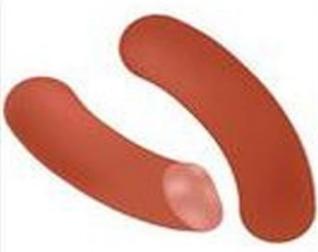
After the conclusion of the series, "Squad 51" was given to the LA County Fire Museum. At the time, the museum did not have a facility to store the famous vehicle. So, in the interim, it was transferred to the LA County Fire Department where it was stored at the Department's headquarters in East Los Angeles. Occasionally, yet unofficially, the Squad was utilized by various LA County Fire stations in emergent situations when an assigned squad had mechanical issues and a reserve squad was not available.

www.lacountyfiremuseum.com



Fire Fighter Richard Parrish doing what he does best....saving babies!! Good job Richard!

4th Thursday Breakfast

		8:30AM Come Hungry	
	Black Bear Diner		Thursday June 23
		1011 N Harbor Blvd Fullerton	

(Cont'd from Page 10)

The museum docents were retired L.A. County firefighters, sharing with everyone their wealth of knowledge from their years with the fire service.

After our museum visit, we took a very short walk down the street to Kalveras Mexican Restaurant for a wonderful luncheon. Beautiful restaurant with very good food.

Thank you everyone for joining in visiting with me the museum. Love just hanging out with all the club members...!



**ORANGE COUNTY
MODEL A FORD
CLUB**

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

E-mail: info@ocmafc.org

Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting June 9, 2022

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



Return Address:
OCMAFC
P.O. Box 10595
Santa Ana, CA 92711

To:

First Class Mail