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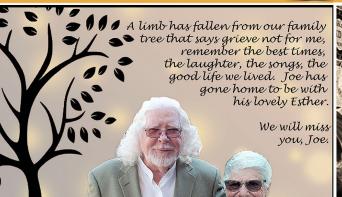


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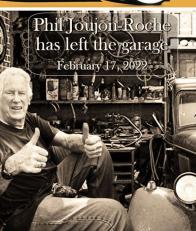


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Orange County Model A Ford Club

By Louise Hall

March, 2022

News From the President

March is an exciting month for our car club! After a 2-year hiatus we will be hosting our traditional Pancake Breakfast! We have one more general meeting to finish up with our plans, and then the big day on March 20.

From what I've heard we have had a great response from many of you. We are doing well with volunteers, but we can always use more help. It is nice to let the workers have a break so that they too can see the cars in the parking area.

We can also use raffle prizes. If you'd like to contribute something please let Karen Gaynor or Sheila Plotkin know as soon as possible. They will be accepting additional items at the March general meeting on March 10. Gifts certificates and cash are welcomed.

We became aware this year that the golf cart we've been using at the Pancake Breakfast, and thought was fully insured, was only insured for the amount of the cart, and not for any accidents or injuries. Unfortunately, the cost of full insurance was more than we are able to justify. Therefore, we will not have the convenience of a golf cart this year. We are hoping to be able to provide a drop off area for those who need to avoid a long walk. Please watch for further information regarding this dilemma.

I want to thank Eric Engel for planning another fun tour in February. As an Orange County native, I really enjoyed my first time crossing through the Marine base at Pendleton and the museum was great. We all had a great time! I also want to thank Mike Edmonson for a good seminar. I heard there was a great turn out and the donuts were again, a real hit. I know everyone appreciates being able to enjoy these club events.

Thank you, Terry Collings for your ongoing commitment to plan the Thursday breakfasts every month. I understand that things just got too hectic in February, so Don Ratzlaff stepped in to choose a location. Thank you, Don, and thank you too, Don for finding a new place for the BS breakfasts. I know that Rick and I enjoyed the new location, and their food.

Things are back on track to enjoying a great Spring and Summer. Please consider going to the CCRG in Paso Robles this year. I know there are a few folks signed up and I hope you will join us! If you have an idea or thought about a tour, please consider leading. Contact Eric with ideas and your willingness to volunteer.

I'll see you all at the March meeting AND at the Pancake Breakfast this month. Get your car out and join the fun!

Louise

Greetings from MAFFI

The organizers of Model A Days have been busy planning the 2022 Model A Days event. Model A Days 2022 will be for two days - Friday, September 16, and Saturday, September 17, at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The theme of this year's event is "Model A Trucks". This will include all types such as Panel Deliveries, Stake Beds, Deluxe Deliveries, Pickups, etc. There will be seminars, rides in Model As around the grounds, a great swap meet, and this year a tour to the "Air Zoo" Museum in Kalamazoo, and much more. Final details and registration information will begin to appear after March I.

> Linda Tom has lost her very precious OCMAFC jacket last seen at the February General Meeting. It is the navy blue colored version with he OCMAFC logo on the left side of the jacket. If you have seen it, please contact her directly. All ransoms will be paid immediately. Thanks.





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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 February 9, 2022 Meeting held at First Christian Church in Orange, CA

Members in attendance: 47

Introductions: Louise Hall began the meeting at 7:30pm.

The flag salute was conducted by Norm Kredit.

Linda Tom announced there were no new members attending this meeting. **Minutes:** Sheila Plotkin moved that the minutes of the December General Meeting be approved as presented and seconded by Norm Kredit. The motion was carried. (There were no January minutes.)

Treasurer's Report: Darwin Kibby presented the financial report as of 1/31/2022 to the membership. Diane Gaughen transferred the merchandise monies to our new merchandise committee as of the current meeting. Sheila Plotkin made a motion that the financial report be approved, and this was seconded by Rick Hall. The motion was carried.

Activities: Eric Engle announced there would be a tour of the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum on 2/19. Eric is looking to arrange some tours on weekends for those who can't join us for mid-week tours. A tour of Mt. Baldy will be scheduled in the near future, stopping at Art Moore's home along the way. CCRG is coming up on 4/5-6. If you plan on going, you need to jump on reservations. A suggestion for a future tour was taking a train, rather than a car. Please share your favorite place and lead a tour. Another tour suggestion was Ft. MacArthur Museum, coupled with the Battleship Iowa, but may be strenuous for some members.

Technical: Mike Edmonson has a seminar planned for this coming Saturday at his place. It will be a 6-volt/12-volt conversion on Steve Pavich's car. No tours for March due to the Pancake Breakfast. April's seminar will be at Richard Parrish's home and include troubleshooting on the road or a general maintenance checkup. Mike mentioned towing via AAA has a wait time of 3-5 hours. He is insured with Haggerty and, based on his experience, had a quicker response time.

Sunshine & Sorrow: Marilyn Hawkins had a lot of sorrow, but not much sunshine. Mark Schwing is in hospice. Bob Hawkins is out of the hospital and home now. Marilyn received a thank you card from Fran Earhart for the flowers.

Refreshments: Many thanks to Terry and Gina Wilson, James McCulloch, and Mike Edmonson for bringing the treats this month.

Radiator Medallions: Becky MacIntosh presented the design for the medallions and how they would attach to your grill. Place your order quickly.

Newsletter/Rosters: Tissy Smith reminded members to check their roster for any updates and/or corrections as the rosters will be printed in March and available at the April General Meeting.

Pancake Breakfast: Frank Reese was fact checking and learned the golf cart was not covered by the property damage insurance. The cost would be prohibitive, and the broker discouraged the golf cart option. Frank is looking into other options for drop off or access the park for disabled people. An order sheet was passed around for shirt sizes for the breakfast. (Cont'd on Page 5)



March, 2022

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Mar 5 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ Coco's Restaurant & Bakery. 12032 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840

(cross street is Chapman) 8am



Mar 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. THE MAIN EVENT

Mar 20 (Sun) 59th Annual Pancake



Breakfast, Hart Park, 701 S Glassell St, Orange, breakfast served 8am-11am



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

info, contact Don Ratzlaff or Terry Collings



Apr2 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ location to be deter-

Apr 5-6 CCRG Jam-

boree is a 2-day event. Includes a BBQ, area tours, and many selfguided 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 14 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30pm at First Christian Church of Or-

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



Apr 28 (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

The Best Jobs at the Pancake Breakfast

Cook/Server Parking Attendant Ticket Seller Donation Distributor

Swap Meets/Car Shows

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

And Many More

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

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The BS Breakfast

(New Location) Saturday, March 5th Coco's Restaurant & Bakery I 2032 Harbor Blvd Garden Grove, CA 92840 (cross street is Chapman).

Please arrive by 8am to ensure

we may sit as a group.

RSVP to Don Ratzlaff.



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 **March 20, 2022** Submit all Articles and ads to

> tissysmith I@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 10595 Santa Ana, CA 92711

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.



(Cont'd from Page 3) The shirts will be ash (not white) and will be available at the March meeting. Returning this year, Jonathan Hughes will be covering the audio and Jeremy Gaynor will be the announcer. Ron Andrews will oversee parking with assistance from the Boy Scouts. Ed Cote confirmed the Catholic church will accommodate modern cars. Don Ratzlaff will pick up the food, with the truck to be returned on Monday. Richard Bolls was happy to say we have 45-50 people signed up for the kitchen; still has a couple of spots available. Karen Gaynor and Sheila Plotkin will handle the raffle prizes. We are doing well but can always use more donations. Plan to make arrangements with Frank if you have large donations. Smaller ones may be brought to the March meeting. Karen will have an inventory of donated items at next month's meeting. Cash donations may be used to buy tires, TVs, bicycles, etc. Volunteers must wear masks at all times. People cooking will need to wear gloves. Volunteers are to pay for their own breakfasts. Darwin Kibby will collect the money from the breakfasts and raffle tickets.

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Hard Luck Trophy: No one had issues with their Model A's this month.

Merchandise Sales: Diane Gaughen recruited her own replacement, Perry Wilson. We should have new merchandise at the next meeting.

Special Presentation: Louise Hall acknowledged the work of many people, such as Kathie McCall and Sheila Plotkin, at the installation banquet in January. However, one particular person goes above and beyond to keep the club going. Don Ratzlaff sends email blasts weekly, plans the BS (Breakfast Scuttlebutt) breakfasts and is part of the club's A Team. Because of his generosity with his time and knowledge, he was presented with a special award.

Name Badge Drawing: Was won by Doug Marsh.

Membership Drawing: The amount was \$50, but the name drawn was not present. Tissy Smith for Don Dormeyer, Secretary

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The Distributor

Sunshine & Sorrow

By: Marilyn Hawkins m_hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: Sort of, we received wind, rain and a little hail mid-February...l actually took photos. Sorrow: On February 17, one of our long-time members, **Phillip Joujon-Roche** passed away. No services has been scheduled. Sympathy card sent to his wife and family. Our pancake breakfast coordinator, **Frank Reese** is recuperating from his shoulder replacement. Painful, but now in physical therapy. Our Assistant Secretary, **Mary Dormeyer** has been experiencing terrible nausea pains. CT scan of her abdomen showed cysts. More test are scheduled. **Don Schmidt** was hospitalized mid February then transferred to a rehab facility. Having trouble with his balance and walking. **Bill Hatcher** was also hospitalized for a few days, but is out and about now. And last one, **Bob Hawkins** was hospitalized for couple of days for a breathing treatment due to lifetime asthma. Plus, he has a chronic ulcerated leg in its 10th month and last week, severe bleeding occurred. Now you know, Dollar and 99 Cents Stores are getting our business, plus beautiful, meaningful sympathy cards at CVS.

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

HILLIN CHARTEN

Time is getting close

"Keeping the hobby moving forward by assisting young Model A'ers"

Every two years since 1994, the Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA) has given financial support to youth who Our reason for doing so is to solidly cement the idea of the Model A hobby in the minds of our youth at an impressionable age with the intent and hope that this will be a lasting association that will help support Model A restorations and the hobby into the future.

There were 12 recipients of the previous awards in 2020, each receiving \$2,500 in financial support. The next awards are in June. Eligible youth and young adults between the ages of 12 and less than 22 are eligible to apply. May 31, 2022, is the final date to apply.

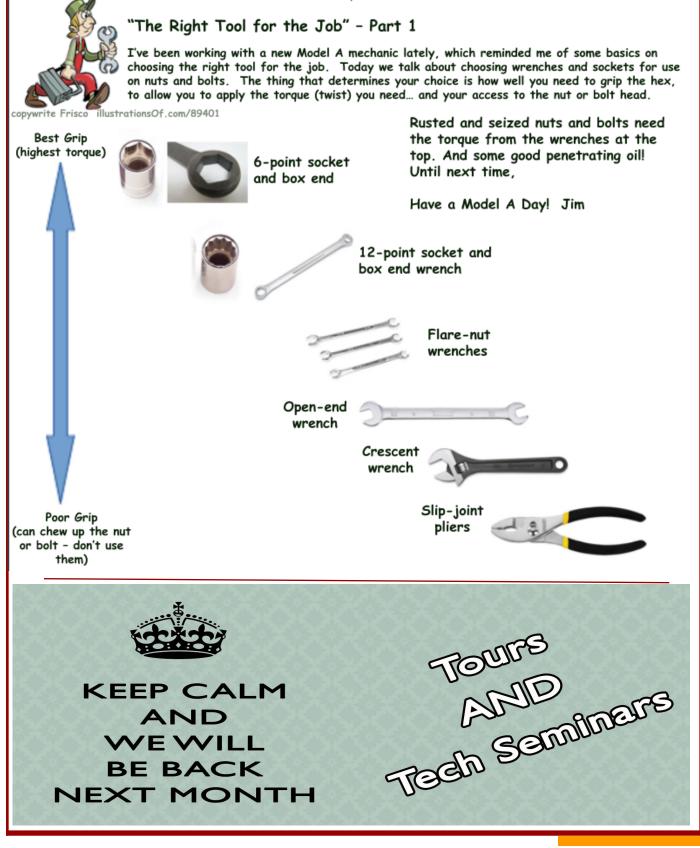
Complete information on the award program can be found on www.Modelarestorationaward.org.

MAYRA is asking the reader to share this information with anyone interested in the hobby and with his or her fellow Model A club members. Somewhere out there are youth and young adults restoring Model As who will benefit from a financial boost. Please help make that happen. THINK YOUTH !!!

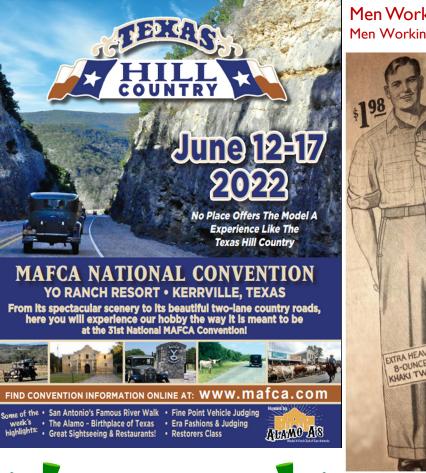


Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,









1:Montgomery Ward & Co., Spring and Summer 1928

Our Sincere Condolences to the Frazee Family



It's with great sadness and a heavy heart that I share the passing of John Frazee, he has been battling cancer for the last few years. John & Dianne have been San Diego Club members since 2005, members of the Palomar Model A club for decades and a MAFCA Past President. The Frazee name is well known in the north county area. John is well known in the Model A community, he was a real Model A enthusiast. He led many a tour to conventions and meets all over the US. He and Dianne were high school sweethearts, and just celebrated 60 years of marriage this past March. He loved the Model A, (Panel delivery

trucks, might have been his favorite). My

favorite picture of he and Dianne, is in the Model A, he put together with spare parts, that were just laying around. He never took it to far from home because it wasn't dependable but they called it "Rusty". I'm sure if you knew him, you'll have a favorite memory when you think of John too. Our sincere condolences to Dianne and the family. No arrangement have been made yet, but we'll let you know when we hear.

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By Melanie G. Whittington Men Working Men Working www.mafca.com September 2021





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How does the Model A man dress when he isn't a suit and tie or overall wearin' kinda guy? There are plenty of choices to give your Model A excursion an era feel. Tailored Garments by the Women's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences states.

"Shirts for men are really of four types – the dress shirt, the negligee shirt, the outing shirt, and the work shirt." Besides the bosom on a dress shirt, the main difference between

the rest is the material used to con-

struct the shirt. A work shirt will be

used rougher, laundered often, and is made to be mended to save money.

Your focus should be on the outing and work shirt. Long sleeved button

up shirts made of cotton, flannel,

checker board. A modern, longsleeved button up dress shirt is a good start. Referencing the Fashion

Guidelines, look for solid colors,

nizing or contrasting colors. Ties were not a requirement, but don't forget you can also use bowties. One pocket, two pocket or no pocket

striped or figured designs in harmo-

wool, or blends of these fabrics are common. A flannel shirt in plaid or solid colors would fit in perfectly at the local general store around the

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Tour of the Antique Gas & Steam Museum

By Eric Engle VP/Activities Director

This last Saturday, our club cruised down to Vista to visit the Antique Gas & Steam Museum, just off of Highway 76. What a beautiful day for a tour! Weather couldn't have been better...!

Everyone arrived Saturday morning Irvine Armstrong

Garden Center for the start of our tour. There were several times that I found myself having to scramble with some last second changes, and yesterday morn was no exception. Mike Edmonson and I took a prerun of the tour 2 days prior of the actual tour to Camp Pendleton to obtain some passes that would allow our group to pass through the base, only to find the information that we were given was incorrect. So, the *FIRST* "last second" scramble

was to change the route to include 18 miles of freeway. Come Saturday morning, however, we found that we did indeed have 4 or 5 members with military ID's that would allow our caravan to pass through the base to our destination. "SECOND" last second scramble. It pays to be flexible at times. Whew!!! Slower?? Yes!! But so much more interesting traveling through the Marine base!!

We reached our destination of the museum, and everyone fanned out over the 40+ acres to take in as much as possible. Unfortunately, we found that there was just too much to visit in the short time we had. There were VERY elaborate miniature train displays, old clocks and watches, steam and gas tractors/engines/pumps, along with all sorts of other interesting farm equipment, old cars and trucks, spinning and weaving implements... Very interesting place, to say the least. And for what it's worth, in June and October they have events where they will run, drive, and show everything there. Sounds like a BIG event with a good number of spectators. Just might have to consider going.

After leaving the museum, the entire group cruised about 6 miles down Hwy. 76 to the San Luis Rey Mexican Bakery and Restaurant for a late lunch. If you're ever in the area, do yourself a favor and check it out... Good food...and maybe even better pastries. Very nice people too.

So, once again, thank you everyone for a great day. I do hope all of you had as much fun as I did.... See y'all on the next tour... Until then, as they say, keep the rubber side down and the shinny side up...

You will see this new feature in the newsletter. We are looking to give club members a heads up as to future tours where dates haven't been finalized and/or seeking members' possible interest in future events.

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Highlights of the February Tech Seminar

By Michael Edmonson Technical Director

On February 12th we had about 20 members at Mike Edmonson's house to discuss the pro's and con's of a 6 volt to 12 volt conversion. Great discussions as we looked at all of the elements required for a successful conversion: battery, alternator with appropriate fan belt pulley and fan belt, coil, horn conversion, starter, ammeter, and light bulbs. We then conducted practical application of this conversion on Steve Pavich's Model A.

After our much needed resurgence of energy thanks to a few dozen donuts and coffee, the foundation of our discussion was based on Les Andrew's conversion article in Vol 2 of his book "Model A Mechanics Handbook". Some of the more interesting topics that were discussed included the need for a smaller yet wider pulley which would help excite the alternator for charging, as well as the fan belt – and the challenges of finding the right size for a Model A with and alternator. To ensure proper sizing, all were in agreement that taking your current fan belt into the auto parts store is the best way to complete this task; widths and lengths are slightly different. Additionally, the need for a mounting bracket is critical for proper adjustment of tension on the fan belt! There was also a lot of discussion about the 6v horn. Options are to buy a 12v horn, or to follow a great article by Tom Endy (http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Converting-the-Ahooguh-Horn-to-12v.pdf) that describes how to convert a 6v horn to 12v by re-wrapping the field windings; from an economics standpoint, Tom's procedure sounds like a real winner! Lastly, the starter is always a bone of contention when converting to a 12v system as most everyone starts out with a 6v starter. The majority of everyone present kept using their 6v starter without a problem (many for 30 years+), but there are some out there that have had issues and either switch to an improved starter drive gear that replaces the older "Bendix", or play it safe and switch

to a 12v starter? The debate continues.....

After our enjoyable (and amicable) discussion we moved to Steve's car. His conversion was relatively easy because he was already using a 6v alternator so appropriate brackets were already in place for the new 12v alternator. One crew was busy replacing front and rear light bulbs, while another was changing out the battery and swapping out the old 6v coil for a new 12v coil. Also, since we were changing from a 6v positive ground to a 12v negative ground, we had someone in the cab reversing the wiring on the ammeter. The biggest challenge was removing the pulley on the new alternator and replacing it with proper 2-1/4" wider pulley. Once all of this was accomplished, Steve gave her a start and she fired right up. EXCELLENT! Conversion complete and Steve was off and running. An interesting back story to this -- Steve had a Borg-Warner overdrive repaired and installed a few weeks earlier, but had not been able to get the overdrive to work properly. After the conversion to 12 volt, it started working too! Perhaps he had a 12v solenoid installed with the overdrive? Regardless, a great success story X2.



Photos courtesy of Steve Pavich

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ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A FORD CLUB

Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting March 10, 2022

Time: 7:30pm

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



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