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Irvine Regional Park 125th Anniversary Celebration

New Club Members

Please be sure to introduce yourselves and make our newest members feel welcome to our club.



Jeff and Jennifer Ferrario
29 Truck, 28 Roadster,
30 Speedster, 31 Tudor



Mick & Pam Bacich
31 Roadster Pickup



Brian Mathison
30 Model A Coupe

News From the President

By Louise Hall

November is traditionally a month to be reminded of all that we have to be thankful for. Here's a few things that a ride in a Model A makes me thankful for:

- Air conditioning
- Cup holders
- Neck rests
- Arm rests
- Quiet rides
- Power windows
- Power mirrors

I'm sure you've all had that thought when you've gotten into your modern car after driving or riding in your Model A!

I can't say it enough. Rick and I are grateful for the great people we've met and have become friends with through this car club. We are proud when someone describes our group as friendly and active. If you'd like to become more involved, please contact Richard Parrish about available board positions. We have found that the more active we are in the club, the more fun we have.



Remember it is not happy people who are thankful, it is thankful people who are happy.

See you on the Road,

Louise

2022 BOARD MEMBERS

President – Louise Hall
VP/Activities – Leonard Driver
Secretary – Kathie McCall
Treasurer – Darwin Kibby
Technical – Michael Edmonson
Editor – Eric Engle
Immediate Past President – Jim Runyon

COMMITTEES

ACCC Representative – David Knapp
Breakfast Committee –
Club Greeter – Linda Tom
Election Chairperson – Richard Parrish
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.

O.C. Model A FORD CLUB MEETING, THURSDAY OCTOBER 13, 2022, FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ORANGE, CA



54 in attendance. Louise Hall welcomed everyone at 7:45 pm.

Flag Salute: Led by Steve Pavich. Humor by Marilyn Hawkins.

Guests: Jennifer Ferrario (invited by Glendinnings), Karl Bonham (met Leonard during Orange Home Tour), new members Mick & Pam Bacich.

Minutes: Approved as printed in newsletter. No corrections.

Financial: Darwin Kibby provided an overview of the financial reports, approved with motion by Diane G, 2nd by Sheila P. No questions.

Activities: Leonard Driver thanked Don Ratzlaff, Steve Pavich and others for the videos and photos taken during the recent October events and Eric for setting up the continuous tape during the meeting. Lots of fun carefully documented. These can also be found on the club website. Old Town Orange Home Tour and 125th Irvine Park Anniversary Event both had fabulous turnout of our Model A's and members. Events and tours will be printed in newsletter and/or by e-mail and text. Poker run is projected for January.

Progressive brunch: Details provided by Karen Gaynor. Oct 29.

Technical: Mike Edmonson hosting the October seminar at his home.

Newsletter: Eric Engle seeking articles, photos and ideas. 25th monthly deadline.

Sunshine/Sorrow: Marilyn Hawkins reports that Bruce Harris is once again hospitalized. Carol Person is improving but still on dialysis. Mary Dormeyer continues to be experiencing health issues. The family of Joanne Nichols welcome healing thoughts on her behalf.

Welcome back to Perry Wilson who must have spent his recovery time growing quite a facial covering. Looks good though.

Merchandise: Perry & Gina Wilson are back in business with lots of goodies for sale.

Election Chairperson: Richard Parrish has 'potential' nominees he's encouraging, but still looking for solid candidates. Step up folks! President, Treasurer & Secretary open positions.

Announcements: Don Ratzlaff has name badges.

Patches are available for ANYONE who drove their Model A on International Model A Ford Day, see Leonard.

Drawings: Raffle ticket drawing \$10.00 went to David Knapp's son. Roster drawing name drawn was new member Brian Mathison, but he was not present.

Hard Luck Trophy candidates: The trophy will apparently remain with Ed & Patty Cote' since no one provided a new story. Dennis Kliesen displayed a photo of a shredded tire, but it was after the fact so no transfer of the coveted award.

Refreshments: Jim Runyon thanked Mark Polentz, Steve & Debbie Pavich for bringing goodies tonight and the rest of us also thank Jim for supplying the cooler of drinks and dessert also. Sign up with Jim for future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm followed by socializing around the dessert table.

Submitted by Kathie McCall, Secretary

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Nov. 5 (Sat) BS Breakfast, 8am, Denny's Restaurant, 2314 17th St, Santa Ana, cont. Don Ratzlaf for more info.



Nov 19 (Sat) So. Calif. Railway Museum Tour, City of Perris, Ca., meet 7:15 am at Panera Brea, Brea, 423 So. Associated Rd., Brea, Departing time- 8:00 am, cont: Leonard Driver
See flyer on page 11



Nov. 5 (Sat) Neighborhood Chili Cook Off, First Congregational Church of Santa Ana has requested several club cars for their chili cook off, **2555 Santiago St., Santa Ana, FREE** chili for participants, Cont. Leonard Driver for more info.



NO 4TH THURS. BREAKFAST DUE TO HOLIDAYS



Nov 10 (Thu) Board/General Membership Meet, 6:30 & 7:30, First Christian Church-Orange, 1130 E Walnut Ave, Orange,



TBD



Save The Dates
January 8th 1-4pm
Annual Installation Banquet –The Villa in Orange



January 14th
Poker Run—Starting point:
Train Station in Orange
Cont. Doug Marsh
805-903-3617

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Every Sat. morning, 6-8am, Donut Derelicts Car Show, 9015 Adams Ave, Huntington Beach (corner of Adams Ave. and Magnolia Blvd.)

Nov 5 (Sat) 1st Annual Vintage Car Show, Host Orange Blossom A's, Riverside Elks Lodge, Check in 7-9am, Show 9-3pm, Free to spectators, **NO HOT RODS OR MUSCLE CARS!** 1900-1953 Vintage cars only, <https://obamodela.wixsite.com/riverside> for more info. and registration

Nov 6 (Sun), San Fernando Model A Swap Meet, 7am-2pm, 21000 Plumber St., Chatsworth, Ca., Spectators free, \$5 onsite parking, Host S.F. Model A Ford Club

Nov 13 (Sun), Long Beach High Performance Swap Meet, 6am-1pm, \$12, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, L.B., 1-800-762-9785

Dec 4 (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

This month's technical seminar occurred on October 15th, taking place at Mike and Chrisanne Edmonson's home in Westminster. While the rain held off, the 15 or so members that attended enjoyed a cloudy but mild morning of coffee, donuts, and a rusty old gas tank courtesy of Don Dormeyer via Rick Hall; many were indeed enthralled to see what the inside of a Ford Model A gas tank actually looked like!

Gas tanks aside, the morning's topic was a carryover from Rick Hall's technical seminar on gas leaks – primarily the gas leak that can, and eventually will happen in the area of the dash – this being leakage around the gas gauge. This is bound to leave some pretty good stories, and as I recall Norm Kredit had a pretty good story about this occurring to him a couple of years ago (a “hard luck trophy” winning month as I recall, right Norm?) Anyway, gaskets are known to age a bit with the car they are accompanied with, so the discussion was at hand. We discussed three types of fixes depending on the situation. 1) replace the main gasket between the gas gauge and the gas tank, 2) should the gauge be extremely old and weathered, rebuild the entire gas gauge by disassembling and using a complete rebuild kit from a parts warehouse, and 3) should the gauge be too far gone or unable to be disassembled, replace with an entirely new (and expensive) gas gauge assembly.

During the seminar we discussed various forms of the special tool required to take said gas gauge apart. It was also noted that not all rebuild kits are the same! Some use cork (old school), and some use either neoprene or a composite type material. The challenge with neoprene gaskets is that they tend to be too thick to fit within the gauge and glass (Les Andrews notes this challenge in his book as well). Also, Les Andrews say to use two brass slip rings when assembling the gauge, but it appears that Model A parts warehouses are now scrimping and only supplying one brass ring (is it no wonder the initials for Bratton's and Snyder's sometime equals BS!). The rebuild kit I picked up came from CW Moss, but was a Snyder's part (with one brass ring). If you want two rings plan to buy an extra at \$1.25 a pop.

Another discussion came to the gas gauge float. Rebuild kits and new assemblies come with cork or neoprene rubber. The idea is that the cork (which you will want to coat liberally with shellac) eventually becomes “gas” logged and fails to float properly after quite a few years, so the replacement option was either a rubber neoprene material, that gas supposedly wouldn't eat up, or modifying a Tillotson carburetor float. Rick Hall brought up the name of someone down in San Diego that makes a brass float for exactly this purpose.....for only \$8 bucks! Well, I had to see this to believe it, so I met up with Reenlee Kotas while in San Diego for an event. Very interesting Model A enthusiast. He demonstrated how he makes these floats completely from scratch; with the work he puts into these, he should be getting double what we pay for them. Incidentally, he sells these through Mike's Affordable A's and Smith & Jones parts warehouses.

This was a wonderful seminar. All of us learned many new things about gas gauges, dealing with leaks, and how to fix them! I picked up several additional floats from Reenlee, so if you are interested, just let me know. I have a feeling I will be down to see Reenlee again in the near future; I'll be sure to let folks know should someone want to place an order – maybe a great idea for a future tour/tech seminar???



Tom's Farm Tour 10/22/2022 by Leonard Driver

Five Model A's and one modern met at Panera Bread in Brea on Saturday morning. Don Ratzlaff joined us to wish us a safe journey.

The drive started through Carbon Canyon, then on through the dairy farms remaining in Chino. We mingled with morning traffic, as we passed under the 91 Freeway. Then on to Temescal Canyon Rd. Getting to Tom's farm in 1.5 hrs and 36 miles. Everyone really enjoyed this route, as it was very scenic most of the time, with little traffic and comfortable speeds.

Plenty of parking when we arrived but boy did it fill up in an hour. We enjoyed a breakfast on the outside patio, overlooking the water pond. (with turtles). Then it was time to stroll through the different shops. The wine & cheese shop was nice, with different & unusual offerings. The produce area was full of fresh pickings and boy oh boy, the old fashioned candy store captured all our hearts. Everyone of us put a bag of goodies in our cars from that store.

Then there was the furniture store. Huge store. I guess they must sell a lot to the locals out there. I don't know where they come from. If you stand in the parking lot, all you see is empty hills. Which does make for a nice view.

As we gathered back at the cars, we were greeted by the usual curious group of others, that had driven to Tom's farm that day also. It is a fun part of the hobby, to answer questions and of course, honk the horn.

Then it was time to depart. While we had a route plan for the return trip, it was adjusted a couple of times, to avoid unusually heavy traffic near the 91 Freeway. They had shut down all Eastbound lanes of the 91 Fwy through Corona. That created a lot of street traffic. With the radios and Becky's excellent use of a GPS, we took Foothill Parkway through the foothills South of Corona. Which led right into Green River Rd. We actually climbed up pretty high and had a beautiful view and nice downhill as we approached the 91 Freeway West bound.

Yes, we joined the Freeway, which happened to only be going 30MPH. We drove that for 3 miles, getting off at Gypsum Canyon Rd. Then taking Santa Ana Canyon Rd. home.

Weather cooperated with us the entire day. Beautiful day for the windows down.

Great group and fun conversations. [To see video of tour- https://youtu.be/orxRG8JMkOI](https://youtu.be/orxRG8JMkOI)



SUNSHINE & SORROW

Marilyn Hawkins
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November brings us to the beginning of the holiday season with Thanksgiving with family and friends. However, a few of our members are under the weather. **Ed and Patty Cote** missed our general meeting due to a viral infection...not too serious. **Kay Nettles** is slowly recovering from back surgery with the help of hubby. Mailed a thinking of you card to **Carol Persons** as she is unable to attend our activities. **Bruce Harris** spent several days in hospital last month with COVID. **Joanie** also had a minor bout with it, but was only quarantined at home. That's all for this month...stay happy and stay healthy.

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

Old Town Orange Historic Home Tour by Bruce MacIntosh

On Saturday and Sunday, October 8th and 9th, the Old Towne Preservation Association held a home tour in Old Town Orange. Five houses and a former packing house were opened to visitor tours. The houses ranged from extremely small carriage houses turned into homes to bungalows to a packing house being turned into a Chapman University dance studio. All from the early 20th century representing the various architectural styles of California, from storybook to craftsman to pure industrial. Docents were provided at each location to provide information about the history of the individual homes.

The Orange Country Model A Ford Club and the Orange County Model T Ford Club provided cars on both days to lend a period atmosphere to each of the individual properties and were provided free tour tickets for participating.

The event drew well and the cars were noticed and commented on. Thank you to club members Kathie & Dale McCall, Norm & Lori Kredit, Eric Engle, Bruce & Becky MacIntosh, Mike & Chrisanne Edmonson, Leonard & Sandy Driver and Steve & Debbie Pavich for spending a day representing our club and supporting this event.



It would seem that a lot of Model A owners do not have Engine Pans installed in their engine compartments. Here's an interesting article on why they may be an important item to add to your car.



"A" Engine Pans

By Bill Lee, *Colonial "A" News*, Aug 2004

Do not remove the engine pans from your Model "A" Ford. They are an important part of the cooling system for your engine. They route the flow of the air thru the radiator across the engine and exhaust manifold out thru the louvers of the hood sides. When the engine pans are removed from the Model "A", the air comes up from under the engine creating a high pressure area inside the engine compartment. This high pressure area is turbulent air and does not let the

outside air flow smoothly thru the radiator across the engine out thru the louvers in order to cool the hot water generated from operation of the engine. When the engine pans are installed, the cooler outside air not only flows thru the radiator to cool the hot engine but cooler air is directed under the Model "A" and also cools the transmission and the differential. Engine pans are difficult to remove and replace when you work on the engine. It was an early practice for Ford mechanics and backyard mechanics to leave the engine pans off the car. If your engine is overheating, it may not be the radiator or water pump; it may be that you do not have engine pans installed on the car. Another benefit of the engine pans is that they provide an additional electrical ground between the engine and the chassis; therefore assists in the faster starting of your engine.

- Colonial A's

MAFFI Newsletter Minute-September-October, 2022

As you will have read in the MARC *Model A News* and the MAFCA *Restorer* magazines by now the Model A Museum celebrated its 10th anniversary at Model A Days on September 16-17 on the Gilmore campus near Hickory Corners, MI. Those same magazines will have published the MAFFI Hall of Fame (HOF) inductees for the 2022 year. You, however, will probably not read any of the inductee's acceptance speeches.

Howard Minner's became the first person to make his HOF acceptance speech live at the MAFFI Annual Membership Meeting, using "ZOOM" and seen on a big screen television. Below are excerpts from his remarks that history buffs of the Model A hobby will find interesting:

"Two milestone events stand out and I'll make them very brief. Once MAFFI decided to establish a museum, two issues became an immediate focus.

'The first was the obvious question of where the museum would be located. I ended up spending time with other Board members, personally visiting a number of possible sites. Among them the AACA Museum in Hershey, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, the Petersen in California, the Gilmore, of course here in Michigan and the Early V-8 Museum outside of Auburn, Indiana. The latter had been a prime consideration. But MAFFI Board members subsequently visited the Gilmore and agreed this is where we wanted to be.

'Thereafter, the question arose, what should our museum look like. I, along with Loukie Smith and Stan Johnson, came together and brought along pictures of various Ford dealerships from the Model A Ford era. By chance, I brought along a May 1929 article from a magazine called *Ford Dealer and Service Seal*. This was a private magazine for dealers and edited by Mary Bronstein. (Page 40) showed a front face view of a suggested medium size Ford dealership building. That drawing eventually won the day, and that is what you now see as the facade of our MAFFI Museum here at the Gilmore."

You now know, "the rest of the story".

Mike DuBreuil, MAFFI clubcontact@maffi.org

Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is **25th of ea. month-**

Submit all Articles and ads to eengle@socal.rr.com or mail to Eric Engle, 16732 Redwood St., Fountain Valley, Ca., 92708

MAFCA is accepting 2023 renewals. Call 866-379-3619

or visit

www.mafca.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

NATIONAL AWARD BANQUET, Dec. 5-8, Golden, CO.

OCMAFC Annual Installation

Banquet, Jan, 8th 1-4pm, The Villa in Orange

POKER RUN

January 14, Starting point-Train Station in Orange across from CW

Moss, Cont. Doug Marsh

For Sale

1929 Tudor - \$16K OBO

One of our members, Robert Wervick, has this fine looking 1929 Tudor for sale. Looks stock, but has a B-engine, 12 volt system, and hydraulic brakes. For information please contact Robert Wervick at 714-600-2541 or rwerbick@pacbell.net



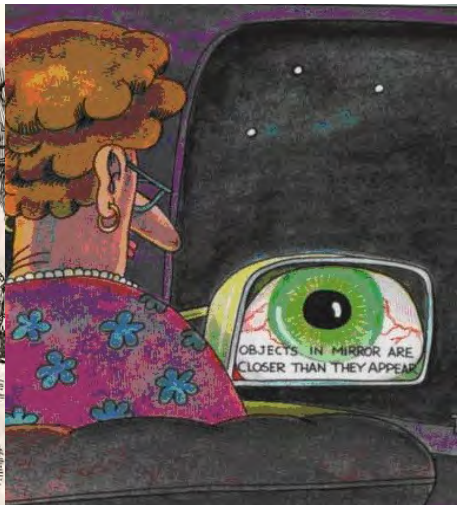
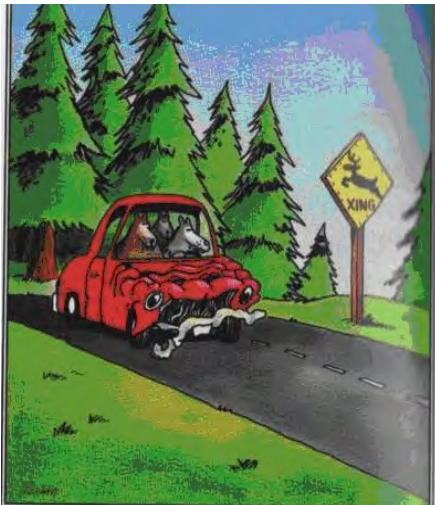
56th Annual San Fernando Valley Model A Ford Club Swap Meet & Car Show
Swap Meet 7am-2pm

Car Show 9am-1:30pm

Rancho San Antonio Boy Town-21000 Plummer St., Chatsworth, Calif.

Cont. Jack Lank, phone (818) 367-4757, Email- jimclank@gmail.com

Just for Laughs



Progressive Brunch Event— by Karen Gaynor and Becky MacIntosh

What a beautiful day we had!!! The weather was perfect and the hosts/hostess did a fantastic job! Our journey started off with 8 Model A's and 32 members.

First stop was to the home of Bill & Dianne Mazurie with a gorgeous patio setting. What a spectacular home! They began our Progressive Brunch journey by serving everyone with a spread of quiche, deviled eggs, lemon bread, donuts and fruits.

We then headed over to Mike and Chrisanne Edmonson's home in Westminster to have lunch across the street in a beautiful park setting. The sun was out, the breeze was cool, in a beautiful park with large trees. Mike, Chrisanne and Eric Engle provided homemade chili (Mike's "famous" recipe), spaghetti and garlic/cheese bread (Eric's firehouse recipe), Chrisanne's broccoli salad and a three bean salad. Yummy!!

Then it was off to Marilyn Hawkins' mobile home park in Irvine. There, in another beautiful park setting, Marilyn, along with the help of Kathie and Dale McCall, provided desserts galore: Cakes, pies, cookies and Jell-O goodies seemed almost never ending.

A few brave souls (Norm, Darwin, Lori & Mary) rose to the challenge of playing Cornhole. And a few people were even spotted on the putting green.

All in all, it was a very good day! Special thanks to all of our hosts and hostess. And a **VERY** special thanks to Karen Gaynor and Sheila Plotkin for organizing what turned out to be a GREAT Progressive Brunch. Thank you, one and all for a wonderful day of "breaking bread" with friends



Hear-ye, hear-ye, Up coming So. Calif. Railway Museum Tour, Saturday 11/19/2022

Meet at Panera Bread 7:17am Sunrise 7:01am
423 S. Associated Rd. Brea
Imperial & 57 Fwy. Depart 8am

Carbon Canyon Route - NO Freeway

55 miles through Chino, Corona, Lake Mathews, Gavilan Heights, Santa Rosa Mine Rd. to Peris and SCRM

No Entry Fee Catered Lunch \$15 at the Fred Harvey Museum, inside SCRM.

We will be served a croissant sandwich, potato salad, a bag of chips a cookie and a bottle of water. Equal number of Turkey and Beef sandwich's
We park at the Museum. **Limit to 24 lunches. First to sign up, secures a lunch spot.**

On the day we visit, there will no trains or trolly's running. They are changing over for the Polar Express event through Christmas. This means, very little attendance by general public. This will be a personal tour of the historical barns by Dave Wolven. He is one of the long time volunteers who helped shape this museum. He built the train turntable that is used there for the large locomotives. In the Red Barn is Ward Kimball's narrow gauge train, undergoing restoration. Mr. Kimball is famous for his work with Walt Disney. There are three separate barns to visit, besides the Fred Harvey Museum.

We will be departing for home at 2:30pm, as the sunset is at 4:45pm, on 11/19 due to time change.

RSVP to Leonard, so we have a meal count. Len.from.iowa@gmail.com 714-469-2399



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Dedicated to the History and Preservation of the Model A Ford

Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting Nov. 10, 2022

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



2023 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

Please, make any roster CHANGES below...

New Family Members: _____

Cars: _____

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Any other changes: _____

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