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International Model A Day Tour *pages 10 & 11*

Mark Your Calendars...

A couple of upcoming events in the City of Orange that some of our club member's cars will be part of



OLD TOWNE ORANGE
Historic Home Tour • 2022
Sat & Sun - Oct 8 & 9 - 10 am - 4 pm

Contact Bruce MacIntosh for more information



Irvine Regional Park
Sat. Oct. 1, 10am-5pm

Contact Kathie McCall, for more information



YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU !!

...so get involved.
Be a part of making the OCMAFCA even **GREAT**er than it already is!!

News From the President

By Louise Hall

October is here! Can you believe that it is fall? Ah, yes sweater weather, well maybe. October is the perfect time of year to get that car out for a little drive, or join one of our club events or tours this month.

This club means a lot to many of you, and to Rick and I as well. We enjoy the social time at the meetings and the impromptu model A stories. We love hearing about you, your family, and your adventures. One thing this club does well is eat! That's right, almost every gathering includes a meal or a snack. What better way is there to enjoying time together.

And with that said I want to remind you that these opportunities don't happen without some organization and effort. Our club needs a board to guide the club and make sure our funds are spent wisely and that we have a place to meet and that time together continues. We did very well during the COVID times, that was thanks to a dedicated board. Now it's time for a new board. Those positions open are President, Secretary and Treasurer.

It is your turn to step up!! Call Richard Parrish, or any of the current board members. Job descriptions are in your roster. I hope we hear from you soon.

Remember last month when I told you the story of Rick losing his gas cap? Well Dennis Klesen has come up with a gizmo that is handy for keeping things in order when you stop for gas. Dennis has used a hand towel, made a hole for the gas, and pockets to hold your gas cap and a flashlight. Roll it up to store.



Thanks, Dennis, for sharing your idea! (I envy you your sewing skills☐)

I will see you all at the next meeting or on the road.

Louise Hall, President

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.

**ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A FORD CLUB
 MEETING/POT LUCK**

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2022: FIRST
 CHRISTIAN CHURCH ORANGE, CA.**



59 in attendance

There was no formal board meeting; however Louise Hall (President), Darwin Kibby (Treasurer), Leonard Driver (VP/activities), Mike Edmonson (Technical), Kathie McCall (Secretary) and Jim Runyon (Past President) were present.

Following a shared potluck dinner a brief meeting to the general membership began at 7:30 pm.

Flag Salute led by Diane Gaughen and amusing story by Marilyn Hawkins.

Guests: Nathan Sherry and Jonathan Arette. Diane Gaughen introduced Steve & Liz Roberts whom she recently met.

Minutes were approved as printed in club newsletter. No corrections.

Announcements: Rick Hall shared that a Burtz block engine is available, contact Rick for details. Steve Pavich announced Tom Endy has 2 Mitchell overdrives for sale @\$3500.00 each.

Gerald Gaughen's 85th birthday this evening.

Financial Report: Darwin Kibby reviewed the financial reports (available to read by members). Rick Hall motion to approve, 2nd by Mike Edmonson. Approved.

Membership currently 143.

Activities: Leonard Driver has kept everyone busy with tours and events (see calendar page in newsletter)

Technical: Mike Edmonson (see calendar page)

Progressive Brunch planned for October 29. \$10.00 prepay to Sheila Plotkin or Karen Gaynor, to be refunded at the event if attend all 3 sites.

Newsletter: Erik absent. Deadline 25th each month.

Sunshine/Sorrow: Marilyn Hawkins reported that Don Ratzlaff is recovering from recent shoulder surgery. Bill Hatcher strong enough to attend this meeting.

Election Chairman: Richard Parrish is seeking willing nominees for President

Treasurer and Secretary for 2023-24 terms. No volunteers thus far.

Hard Luck Trophy: Candidates: Rick Hall for the gas cap incident and Ed Cote' who provided a colorful story about the shut down of his engine in the middle of a busy intersection following the Saturday breakfast requiring the need for Patty to get out and push. Of course he and Patty went home with the coveted trophy.

Raffle Ticket Drawing: Jim Runyon (\$10.00)

Roster Drawing: Ron Andrews went home with \$20.00 simply for being present.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by Kathie McCall, Secretary

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Oct 1st (Sat), B.S. Breakfast, 8.00 am, Denny's Restaurant, 2314 17th St, Santa Ana, Cont. Don Ratzlaff and Venus for more info.



Oct 1st (Sat) 125th Anniversary Celebration of Irvine Regional Park, 10 am-5pm, Event free, Parking \$5,

Cont. Kathie McCall for info.



Oct 8-9th (Sat/Sun), City of Orange Historic Homes Tour,

10am-4pm, For info. cont. Bruce MacIntosh



Oct 13th (Thurs), Board and General Membership Meetings, 6:30 Board, 7:30 General membership, Location:

First Christian Church, 1130 E. Walnut Avenue, Orange



Oct 15th (Sat) Gas Tanks / Fuel Gauges, 15702 Grey Oaks St., Westminster, coffee/donuts

8:30-9am, seminar starts at 9. Bring chairs. Contact Mike Edmonson for info.



Oct 19th (Wed), Oak Glen Tour, Meet at 7:30-8:30 am at Brea Panera Bread, 423 So.

Associated Rd., Brea, Leaving at 8:30 am, Cont. Leonard Driver, See page 12 for more information.



Oct 22 (Sat), Mount Wilson Tour, Santa Anita "A's" hosting, More info TBA later.



Oct 27th (Thurs), 4th Thurs. Breakfast, 8:30 am, Coco's Restaurant, 2750 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa, there

will be once again for those interested a tour from Newport Beach to Long Beach, with lunch at Ballast Point Brewing. Cont. Leonard Driver for more info.



Oct 29th (Sat), Progressive Brunch, Cont. Karen Gaynor, Karen has asked everyone going

to **RSVP** her, **There is a \$10 deposit that will be re-funded at the last stop of the Progressive Brunch.,**

November Tour Event



Nov. 19th, Southern California Railway Museum (SCRM), City of Perris, Ca., Departing location TBD.,

This route **DOES** include 3 miles of freeway, Unavoidable but short. Pleasant drive up Cajalco Rd. and past Lake Mathews. **Parking is free, but entrance fee \$12.** Train rides available. See full size steam locomotive, narrow gauge locomotive, Pacific electric car, Los Angeles transit line, historical displays and more.

As a note, our tour date has no children events scheduled, so less crowded. Cont. Leonard Driver.

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Donut Derelicks, every Saturday morning, 6-8am, Huntington each, Adams Ave. & Magnolia St. Oct. 15 th (Sat) Pancakes and Classic Cars, 8:30—11 am, \$5 pre-purchase or \$7 day of event, Florence Sylvester Senior Center, 23721 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Hills, CA , RSVP 949-380-0155, cont. Aimee Roberts

Oct 16 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm

IF YOU LEARN OF OTHER SWAP MEETS, PLEASE SEND THE INFO TO OUR EDITOR SO THEY MAY BE INCLUDED HERE.

Highlights of the Sept. Tech Seminar

By Michael Edmonson
Technical Director



On September 10th Rick Hall gave a great technical seminar on fuel leaks starting at the bottom of the gas tank all of the way to the carburetor. A lot of twists and turns with points of failure along the way. The two main culprits for leaks are rust and sediment in the gas tank, or gas lines not mating up properly at connection points.

When it comes to the gas tank that has rust problems, the ideal course of action is to pull it and have it professionally cleaned and sealed; this can normally be accomplished by a radiator repair shop. Of course this is not always possible, so filling and draining several times accompanied by a de-rusting agent until it drains clear. A good preventative is to add a gas tank screen at the fuel shut-off valve, as well as in the sediment bowl. An interesting idea mentioned by Rick is to place several magnets around the shut-off valve area of the gas tank which will help collect rust particles (and the same can be done on the bottom of the oil pan).

As far as leaks outside of the gas tank, the first point of failure is the fuel shut-off valve; replace with a new one or rebuild/repair (a much more economical solution!). Also, as some have found, new is not always better, so a repair route might be the way to go, and Rick went into detail in this area, and sometimes the use of course polishing compound or fine valve grinding compound. Lubrication of the valve can be accomplished by using "EZ Turn Lubricant".

For those that have problems with leaks with the inside fuel line, be sure mating surfaces are smooth and clean. If the mating surfaces don't kiss each other without manipulating the fuel line, a leak may occur as the threads are designed to "reinforce" the connection, not "force" the connection. But, if you want peace of mind, use a product discussed called "Gasola" on the threads – do not use Teflon tape as particles can eventually work their way into the fuel line and clog up your carburetor.

Under the hood, we discussed the sediment bowl, both solid and glass. Periodically draining some gas from the bowl to release any sediment build up should be done for preventative maintenance at least annually. Rebuild kits are available if there is a leak there, or purchase a new one. Again, make sure mating surfaces are in good shape. The fuel line from the sediment bowl to the carburetor are treated much the same as the inside fuel line. Threads on fittings and the ferrules need to be in good condition. A discussion on the one-piece fitting and ferrule vice the two-piece where the ferrule is separate came up, and all are in agreement that the two-piece is the way to go as the one piece invention, while maybe convenient, is very prone to leaking – the exact thing we are trying to prevent! Again, no Teflon tape here, but Gasola or a non-hardening thread sealant maybe an alternative if you are having some leaking and all other boxes are checked off.

Lastly, discussion in areas on the carburetor was an area of focus. Starting with the mating surface of the ferrule, to the bowl gaskets, screen gaskets, and main jet gaskets, as well as the fuel screen/filter. Leveling the float using valve shim gaskets (and NOT bending anything). An interesting point was checking the dimple where the float rubs against float valve; ensure this area is smooth or it may cause the float to hang up and prevent it from closing. Other areas included cleaning and burnishing the float valve and adjusting the main jet and cap jet height.

A very comprehensive seminar on points of failure that can cause a fuel leak. A big thank you to both Rick and Louise for hosting us once again at their beautiful home! Next seminar will be on rebuilding/replacing a fuel gauge as well as adjusting that pesky booger to be accurate (ok, somewhat accurate). Location will be at Mike and Chrisanne Edmonson's home on October 15th; donuts and coffee at 8:30am, start time at 9:00am.



The Ahooguh Origin

by Tom Endy

The ahooguh horn, also known as a Klaxon horn was developed and patented by Miller Reese Hutchison, an inventor of the early 20th century. Hutch, as he was known, patented the mechanism in 1908. The Lovell-McConnell Manufacturing Company of Newark, New Jersey bought the rights to manufacture the device and it later became standard equipment on motor cars. Franklyn Hallett Lovell Jr., the company founder, coined the name *klaxon* from the Ancient Greek verb *klazō*, meaning shriek. Klaxon horns produce an easily identifiable sound, often described in English as "ahooguh". Like most mechanical

horns, the klaxon has largely been replaced by solid-state electronic devices, though the memorable tone has persisted on in classic cars of the era. Klaxon later became a brand name. The Klaxon horn was used on U.S. submarines during WWII. The Klaxon horn's characteristic sound is produced by a spring-steel diaphragm with a rivet in the center that is repeatedly struck by the teeth of a rotating cogwheel. The diaphragm is attached to a horn that acts as an acoustic transformer and controls the direction of the sound. In the first Klaxons, the wheel was driven either by hand or by an electric motor. Hutchison went to work for Thomas Edison in 1909, and was the chief engineer for Edison from 1912 to 1918. The ahooguh sound is usually heard today when a Model A Ford goes rolling down the road.



Miller Reese Hutchison 1876 - 1944

December 13, 1929

Liberty

A Treasured

Gift

at Christmas Time



Dreams will come true in many homes this Christmas. For there, among the holiday gifts, will be a gleaming New Ford. From Dad to Mother. Or from Mother and Dad to Son or Daughter.

Not a gift for the day only, but one that will be Used and treasured throughout the year. A practical, Lasting gift that will bring countless happy hours

And shorten the miles to friends and distant places.

Illustrated above is the new Ford Coupe. There are Many other body types to select from. In a changing Variety of beautiful colors. A choice of soft, luxurious Mohair or fashionable Bedford cord upholstery is offered in the Town Sedan, The De Luxe Sedan, and the De Luxe Coupe.



Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins

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What a delightful surprise to see **Bill and Tissy Hatcher** at our general meeting last month. However, he still needs to have dialysis four times/week. Called **Bruce & Joanie Harris**; they seem to be doing well. Big decision to terminate caregiver due lack of privacy and the high \$\$ cost. **Don Ratzlaff** is recovering nicely from his September 1st outpatient surgery for shoulder rotator cuff repair. Had his first session of physical therapy; my guess, it was painful. Update on **Perry Wilson's** stroke (early August), it was 2-fold: both a clot and a bleed. That precluded the doctors from giving him the latest drug to reduce strokes by dissolving the clots. Guardian angels have been very active with our club this year. 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.*

What movie is it ?



First released in 1996, this "Shoot 'Em Up" movie stars **Bruce Willis, Christopher Walken, Bruce Dern, and David Patrick Kelly**. Not exactly your "Good guys vs. Bad Guys", but more of a "Bad Guys vs. Bad Guys" story .

What movie is it????

Answer on bottom of Page 8

ACCC Update

by Dave Knapp— ACCC Representative

The Covid virus that gripped the Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC) has finally waned! In May, the ACCC finally put together an updated newsletter and they appeared to be back in business. Or so I thought—there hasn't been any additional newsletter or updates from them since May. So, taking some of the recent-ish information from the ACCC Newsletter and doing some research myself, I have some information for you.

California Passes Law to Ban the Sale of NEW Gas-Powered Cars in 2035

If you haven't heard this by now, well here it is—a timeline to ban gasoline car sales. The irony of the announcement was that the following day Californians were asked not to charge their electric vehicles due to high temperatures and stress on the electrical grid.

This is not the first time there has been a deadline for sale of electric vehicles in California. In 1990, California Air Resources Board passed the Zero Emissions Mandate whereby 2% of vehicles sold had to be electric by 1998. That date came and went. Going further back, in 1976 the Hybrid & Electric Vehicle Act directed that we have an 'all electric economy' by the year 2000. That didn't happen either. However, maybe it is time—innovation is almost always good.

Speaking of innovation—for those that have Range Anxiety over electric cars, a conference I attended this week reported on a Tesla Model S that was fitted with an aftermarket battery from startup company, Our Next Energy, achieved 752 miles on a single charge. Try that with a single tank in your gas powered car!

You may be surprised to hear that Battery Electric Vehicles surpassed 8% of total vehicles sold in June of 2022 (source: CollisionWeek). Tesla isn't the only electric vehicle manufacturer, you may have seen Rivians and Karmas on the road, but you will soon see cars from Lucid, VinFast and more quietly moving through our streets. That doesn't even count the electric vehicles from the car companies you already recognize (i.e. Ford).

There are 17 States set to make a decision in the near term whether to follow California's 2035 decision or to go their own pace. Obstacles to making the leap to electric are numerous: raw materials for making batteries (Copper, Cobalt, Lithium, etc) are in short supply and expensive, the recharging network is limited outside of California, and electrical generation capacity likely will struggle if not improved. One of the conference speakers suggested that the US needs to reconsider its position on Nuclear Power Generation in order to shore up the capacity demands if we electrify. All this and it does not consider whether consumers want this to happen—another potential headwind.

For our Model A's—don't worry, there will still be gasoline in the year 2035. Projections are that 89.2% of the vehicles on the road in the US will NOT be electric (Source: Schwartz Advisors, presented at CAWA 2-2022). While there are alternate power sources such as Hydrogen, Propane, and Natural Gas, I expect a large portion of the 89% to be traditional gasoline internal combustion engines. For now, just fill 'er up and continue to enjoy your A!

Answer to movie trivia question:
Last Man Standing

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

**IRVINE REGIONAL PARK'S
125TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRA-
TION, Oct. 1 (Sat), (cont)**

Kathie McCall

City of Orange 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. (cont) Bruce MacIntosh

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



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...so to get involved.
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OCMAFCA even greater than
it already is

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



Just for Laughs



Drive, George, drive! This one's got a coathanger!"



"By the way, how are the brakes?"



I'm going to be frank with you, it's an old car.

International Model A Day Tour by Eric Engle

Saturday, Sept. 17th, was International Model A Day. As such, our club's Tour Director, Leonard Driver, devised a tour from the north end of Huntington Beach, all the way down the coast through Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, and into Dana Point. Normally the hottest time of the year here in So. California, the weather turned out to be perrrr-fect for our tour; sunny and clear, with temperatures in the mid to upper 70's°. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day!

Our tour consisted not only of our club, the Orange Co. MAFCA, but also Diamond Tread A's and Capistrano Valley A's. Our "parade" consisted of a total of 24 Model A's and 50 Model A enthusiasts. Wow!!! We were quite the spectacle rolling down the road, to say the least. Our goal was to honk, wave, and bring smiles to as many pedestrians and motorists as possible as we traveled along. It would seem that our goals were clearly met. Awwful lot of VERY happy folks enjoying our parade of vehicles.

From Dana Point we turned inland and cruised right by the 240+ year old historic San Juan Capistrano Mission. Beautiful old Spanish mission, established in 1776 !

Our tour finally stopped at the Rose Canyon Cantina & Grill in the Trabuco Canyon area for lunch. What a beautiful/peaceful restaurant in a gorgeous location! And the owner, Melanie, and her staff were some of the nicest people! Great food, great place !!

After a very pleasant lunch, those in the group were encouraged to drive into the City of Orange to the city's traffic circle (Orange Plaza Square). A good number of members did just that, making several laps around the traffic circle, honking and waving the entire time, before heading off to their homes. The responses from the visitors were a joy to see... Lots of smiles, waves, and parents pointing out the parade of fine old Model A's to their children. It was a very gratifying end to a really great tour.

Our tour amounted to 75 miles of some of the prettiest coastal and canyon areas in So. California. Our International Model A Day was a resounding success for our club, and those clubs that were kind enough to join us for a celebration of Henry's Lady, the finest car ever built!



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International Model A Day Tour

continued...



Does anything say "So. Calif." better than sunny-blue skies, palm trees, beautiful ocean waves and fine looking cars ?!?!..... Just doesn't get any better!!



To see two very nice videos of our last couple of tours, search the internet for:

Int. Model A Day Coastal Tour-
 " **YouTube: OCMAFC IMAFD** "

And/Or -
 Camp Pendleton Tour-
 " **YouTube: OCMAFC Pendleton** "



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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 Oct. 13th 2022

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



Oak Glen Apples Tour - Oct. 19th



Meet Panera Bread 7:30 - 8:30 am, 423 Associated Rd. 92821
Near Imperial & 57 Fwy. Arco station near by.

Depart 8:30 68 miles to Oak Glen.

We will be visiting Los Rios Rancho. **Entrance/Parking FREE**. A working apple & fruit farm that offers U-Pick & fresh picked at the fruit stand. There will be available Apples, Tomatoes, Strawberries, Raspberry's and Pumpkins during our visit.

Their farm kitchen serves a variety of lunch items. **There will be NO freeway driving** and the route is an enjoyable one,

Driving through Carbon Canyon, Live Oak Canyon Rd, Wildwood Canyon, Oak Glen Rd. Since it will be a two hour drive to Oak Glen, there will be a stretch stop enroute.

Contact Tour Director, Leonard Driver, for further information.
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