

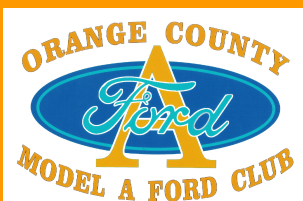
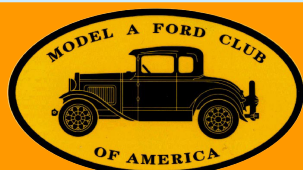
# Orange County Model A Ford Club

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"Take care of your car in the garage, and the car will take care of you on the road." Amit Kalantri



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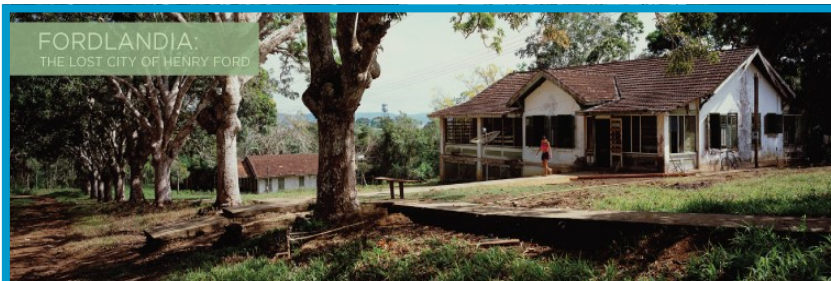
Editor Eric Engle



## International Model A Ford Day September 17th



**Be sure** to mark your calendars for the **International Model A Ford Day, Sat. Sept. 17th.** See page 8 for more information.



### The Magnificent Failure of Henry Ford

See Pages 6-7

### Fun Facts

In 1888 J.B. Dunlop, a veterinary surgeon in Belfast, Ireland, invented the first pneumatic tire. His son complained that his tricycle was too slow, so he asked his father to put "AIR TIRES" on it. This became the first vehicle to have pneumatic tires.

Special Note: C.W. MOSS was the name of Bonnie and Clyde's fictitious get away driver in the movie.

### Welcome to the Club- New Members Corner



Mark Polentz  
31 Roadster  
31 Tudor

## News From the President

By Louise Hall

**Happy September!**

Although September tends to be the hottest month here in southern California it holds some great memories. School is starting, and we'll have cooler weather ahead. Our board, with Leonard Driver as the activities director has lots of fun things planned for you at the OCMAFC.

In August Rick and I joined in on a great tour directed and well planned by Mike Edmondson and Leonard Driver. The day turned out to be overcast, comfortably cooler all day. We enjoyed the lovely ride down to the gate at Camp Pendleton and then through the base. I especially enjoyed seeing the natural land, with hawks soaring above, and palm trees along the route. We ended up at a small marina where we all enjoyed seeing a small but interesting museum featuring landing craft from WWII and Korea. I saw a dolphin jump in the marina as we were leaving the area



Next, we had lunch and filled our cars with gas. Although I don't want to throw Rick under the bus, I'll report that he got distracted at the gas station and left the gas cap on the running board. Then we took off for home. Needless to say, the gas cap became lost pretty quickly and because the tank was full, gasoline began to splash out. We needed a fix. We stopped and Rick looked into his handy tool bag and found a small cup and some tape. What a clever fix! Unfortunately, the gasoline caused the tape to not stick for very long. The next fix involved a water bottle, and then just duct tape.

Have you ever had to use your ingenuity to fix a problem with your car on the road? Here are some general hints for working on your car that I found in a little book Rick had. Each tip starts with Henry "A" sez....

The easy way to add water to that "hard to get at" battery in you Model "A" is with an ordinary turkey baster.

Are your windows hard to crank up and down and you don't want to bother removing the door panel? Try inserting a wire down to the mechanism, then put oil on the wire and let it run down the wire.

And last but not least – when working under your model "A" keep the doors closed, to prevent a pain in the head!

Well, there you go! Who knew? Get those cars on the road, small things happen to all of us and we can all use a helping hand now and again! See you soon!

**Louise Hall, President**



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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 CO. MODEL A FORD CLUB  
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, AUG. 11  
 2022, FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ORANGE,  
 CA.**

**Attendance 42**



The meeting was called to order by President Louise Hall @7:40pm.

Flag salute led by Darwin Kibby.

Diane Gaughen provided a very amusing story.

Louise had board members stand for acknowledgment of their various positions as several changes have taken place as announced at the July meeting. Guests included Bob De Vour, owner of a '29 special coupe. We welcomed back Terry Collings and thanked her for many years of arranging for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday breakfast locations. She was accompanied by her son Mark.

**Secretary:** Minutes as printed in the newsletter were approved without correction. Motion by Sheila P. with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen G.

**Treasurer:** Darwin K. provided an overview of the financial reports, which are always available for perusal by members. Membership is 141. Being as there was no further discussion, a motion was made by Norm K., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam H. to approve the reports, with affirmation by attending members.

**Activities:** Leonard D. reported that the July beach cruise was well attended and proved very successful. See newsletter for upcoming events. Leonard discussed the use of radios for this tour and is encouraging members to consider these in the future. The main August tour will be to Camp Pendleton organized by Mike E.

International Model A Ford Day is 9/17/22 which will be a 'no freeway' tour through Dana Point and Trabuco Canyon. Commemorative patches will be provided to anyone driving their Model A on this date. Details to follow in newsletter.

**Other Events:** October 1<sup>st</sup> reminder of 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event at Irvine Park in Orange, coordinated by Kathie McCall. Sign up list available.

October 8 & 9. Old Town Orange Home & Garden Tour Committee is requesting Model A's to park at the various homes: Coordinated by Becky MacIntosh. Let her know if you can participate.

Other events including Oak Glen later in October, Railroad Museum in November and Christmas lights tour in December listed in newsletter.

**Progressive Brunch Event,** coordinated by Karen Gaynor and Sheila Plotkin needed 2 more hosts, Mike Edmonson and Bill Mazurie immediately volunteered.

**Technical:** See newsletter, web site and Ahooga communications from MacIntosh's.

**Sunshine/Sorrow:** Karen Gaynor thanked the group for the many cards and flowers in recognition of the death of her mother who was an early member and supporter of the OC MAFC, along with her grandparents. Their history goes back many years.

See newsletter for other information on our members in need of encouragement.

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## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**Sept. 3 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session, Denny's, 2314 17th St, Santa Ana, 8am.**  
Be sure to come hungry.



**Sept. 10 (Sat), 9am – 11am, Subj: Fuel Leaks, 1887 N. Carlsbad St, Orange, CA., 8:30am for coffee and donuts, 9am seminar begins. Bring your chairs.**



**Sept. 22 (Thurs), 4th Thursday Breakfast, 8:30, Schooner or Later Restaurant, 241 N. Marina Dr., Long Beach**



**September 8th, General Membership Meeting.** There will be a **Pot Luck Dinner** at 6:30 before the meeting. **See Page 9 for more details.** Location: First Christian Church, 1130 E. Walnut Avenue, Orange



**Sept. 17 (Sat) International Model 'A' Ford Day Cruise, Contact Leonard Driver, Tour Dir., See page 8 for more details.**



**Oct. 19 (Wed) Oak Glen Tour,** More info. from Leonard Driver coming....



**Oct 22 (Sat), Mount Wilson Tour.** We have been invited by the Santa Anita A's Club to join them on their tour to Mount Wilson. More info coming. Please let Leonard Driver know if you are interested.  
**(len.from.iowa@gmail.com)**

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

**Donut Derelicts car show, Every Sat. Morning, 6-8am, Corner of Magnolia and Adams, Huntington Beach.**

**Sep 10 (Sat) 20th Annual Santa Maria's All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet, 201 S Broadway, Orcutt, CA 93455 7am-3pm, free**

**Sept 17th (Sat) Lynwood Car Show for Victims of Human Trafficking, Contact-YVONNE LOPEZ AT (323) 636-7175**

**Sept 16&17 (Fri, Sat) THE NEW MODEL A DAYS"** at the Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI

**Sept. 18 (Sun) Summer Stampede Car Show, Mayfair Park, 5720 Clark Ave., Lakewood, Ca., 9am-2pm, (562) 531-9733, info@lakewoodchamber.com**

**Sept. 18th (Sun) Cars and Coffee, San Diego Auto Museum SDAM parking lot, 7:30-9:30**

**Oct 1 (Sat) Irvine Regional Park's 125 Birthday Celebration. For further info. cont. Kathie McCall,**

**Oct 1 (Sat) 25th Annual O.C. Model T and pre WW2 Parts Exchange and Car Show, 2311 E. Chapman Ave., Fullerton, Ca., 7am-1pm, cont. Jack Smith 529-6653, jsmodelt@aol.com**

**Oct 8 & 9 (Sat & Sun) City of Orange HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND HOMES tour, 10am-4pm.** Our cars would be parked in driveways of the homes/businesses during tours. You don't have to stay with your car. For further information cont. Bruce MacIntosh,

## Tech. Seminar Report

# The Tale of 2 Kings

by Mike Edmonson  
Technical Director

This is a tale of two Kings....King Pins that is, that were very much stuck in their ways. The battlefield was set on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at Don Dormeyer's garage and the playing field was Aaron Magdaleno's 1929 Tudor. The environment was in the steamy mid-90's outside, but thankfully inside, where much of the battle was fought, was an acceptable temperature to do battle in. At stake.... the replacement of old operating pins, actuating arms, and king pins that probably hadn't been removed since the dark ages....

While the King Pins were defending their territory, safely ensconced in Aaron's front axle, after many hours the battle was won! But this was not an easy prosecution, as shaping actions started on Friday, the day prior. Many thanks go to Eric Engle and Aaron for the assistance, as they prepped the battlefield, laboriously working on the driver's side king pin that seemingly wouldn't budge. But then the king pin started loosing ground, and with a glimmer in our eyes (or maybe those were beads of sweat!) we retired from the battle that would take place the following day.

On Saturday, about 20 club members joined to observe the battle. Setting the stage, Mike Edmonson described the physical layout of how the actuating arm, operating pin, and king pin worked together in tandem – effecting both the braking system, and in part, the steering. Moving forward, brake drums, operating pins, spindles, and actuating arms were quickly removed. But the king pins themselves were a sight seldom seen. Don Ratzlaff even commented that he had never seen king pins stuck this badly. But in the end, victory was won and the king pins were unseated with many thanks going to Eric, Aaron, Darwin Kibby, and Don Ratzlaff, effecting the change through much heat, penetrating oil, and brute strength.

On the flip side, once the spindles were removed, the judicious replacement of king pin bushings began, not a quick job to say the least, and this took place outside in the blazing heat, but fortunately in the shade. This necessary endeavor was accomplished by Darwin, who brought his king pin reamer, and Rick Hall who brought his honer. Between the two king pin bushings, this was a very challenging task. But success was born after several hours of work. The next challenge was placing the spindle onto the axle with the new king pins, thrust bearings, and assorted shims. It was discovered that the axles were corroded to the pint that they too needed to be reamed before the king pins would fit in place.

After the smoked cleared and assembly completed, Aaron was last seen driving off in his Model A with a BIG smile in place, brakes in full force and steering a bit lighter. This was a team effort for sure. To be sure, like all Model A's there are more battles to be on Aaron's car, but that will be saved for another day....







## Fordlandia – the failure of Henry Ford's utopian city in the Amazon

by Greg Grandin

Henry Ford didn't just want to be a maker of cars — he wanted to be a maker of men. He thought he could perfect society by building model factories and pristine villages

to go with them. And he was pretty successful at it in Michigan. But in the jungles of Brazil, he would ultimately be defeated.

It was 1927. Ford wanted his own supply of rubber — and he decided to get it by carving a plantation and a miniature Midwest factory town out of the Amazon jungle. It was called "Fordlandia."

Leonor Weeks DeCeco was 8 years old when she joined her father in Henry Ford's jungle utopia.

"We had everything that we really wanted. We had a swimming pool, tennis court, golf course, and I had my animals — my Chico, which was a rare monkey."

"My dad was a construction engineer, and he was in charge of everything, and I enjoyed being down there with him," she says.

But for pretty much everyone else, it was a green hell of riot and blight. Author Greg Grandin tells the story in his new book, *Fordlandia: The Rise and Fall of Henry Ford's Forgotten Jungle City*.

The project didn't start out well, Grandin says. There was a huge clash of culture between mechanized America, Ford's utopian ideals and the way the indigenous people lived.

The first failure of Fordlandia was social. "The first years of the settlement were plagued by waste and violence and vice," Grandin says.

"There were knife fights, there were riots over food and attempts to impose Ford-style regimentation," Grandin says. "When people ask me what Fordlandia was like, I tell them to think more of Deadwood than Our Town."

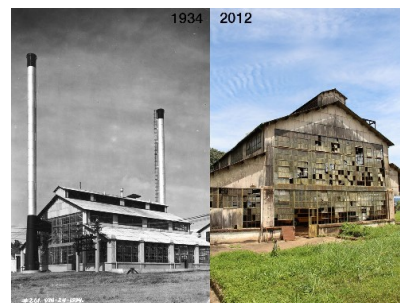
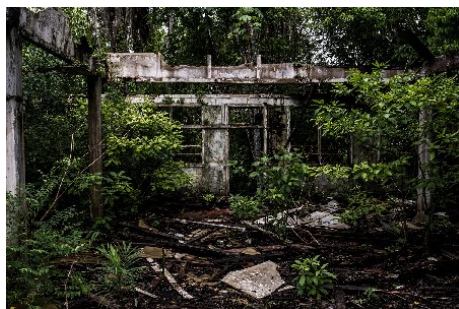
Things went bad over simple stuff, like serving food. "Ford had very particular understandings about what a proper diet should be," Grandin says. "He tried to impose brown rice and whole-wheat bread and canned peaches and oatmeal — and that itself created discontent."

But when a Ford engineer changed the way food was served — from wait service to cafeteria-style service — the workers rebelled. Angry workers destroyed the mess hall, pushed trucks into the river and nearly ruined the whole operation. It cost tens of thousands of dollars of damage, Grandin says.

But Ford didn't just want to tame men; he wanted to tame the jungle itself — and therein was his next failure.

"Ford basically tried to impose mass industrial production on the diversity of the jungle," Grandin says. But the Amazon is one of the most complex ecological systems in the world — and didn't fit into Ford's plan. "Nowhere was this more obvious and more acute than when it came to rubber production," Grandin says. Ford was so distrustful of experts that he never even consulted one about rubber trees. If he had, Grandin says, he would have learned that plantation rubber can't be grown in the Amazon. "The pests and the fungi and the blight that feed off of rubber are native to the Amazon. Basically, when you put trees close together in the Amazon, what you in effect do is create an incubator — but Ford insisted."

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*(Fordlandia- continued from page 6)*

The resulting plantation actually accelerated the production of caterpillars, leaf blight and other organisms that prey on rubber, Grandin says.

Even when not worried about riots or leaf blight, the people running the plantation — brought down from Michigan — had a hard time in the rainforest.

"They succumbed to the heat, the oppressive humidity," Grandin says. "Wives who accompanied the men down to Fordlandia had less to do. Men, at least, were charged with trying to build the town, trying to build a plantation."

Fordlandia isn't just the story of a plantation; it's a story about Ford's ego. As disaster after disaster struck, Ford continued to pour money into the project. Not one drop of latex from Fordlandia ever made it into a Ford car.

But the more it failed, the more Ford justified the project in idealistic terms. "It increasingly was justified as a work of civilization, or as a sociological experiment," Grandin says. One newspaper article even reported that Ford's intent wasn't just to cultivate rubber, but to cultivate workers and human beings.

In the end, Ford's utopia failed. Fordlandia's residents, ever in hope their patriarch would someday visit their Midwestern industrial town in the middle of the jungle, gave up and left.

These days, Fordlandia is quite beautiful, Grandin says. The "American" town where the managers and administrators lived is abandoned and overgrown. Weeds grow over the American-style bungalows, and bats roost in the rafters, and little red fire hydrants sit covered in vines.

## Sunshine & Sorrow

By Marilyn Hawkins

On September 22 brings us the beginning of the fall months. Now we all know that it is still very hot, but California has the cool evenings. Yea! Happiness/Sadness is part of life and our new, new member **Philip Verzani** passed away last month. First he battled w/COVID-19, then pneumonia. Karen Gaynor's mother at 89 years old passed away late July. She had been ill for a very long time under the loving care of her daughter. **Bill Hatcher** is home from the hospital but needs to have dialysis four times/week. While in Washington DC, **Perry Wilson** had a minor stroke and was hospitalized for 5 days until he could fly home. **Linda Tom** missed our August meeting as she was recovering from a minor bout of COVID-19. That's all for this month...stay happy and well.

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

**Meeting minutes cont. from page 3**

Announcements: Bruce MacIntosh provided information on how to use the web site to get the latest up to date information. Thank you to Becky MacIntosh who is now providing the e-mail flashes previously sent by Don Ratzlaff. Don was applauded for his many years of keeping us all current with his timely reminders of 'happenings'. Another big thank you came from the Gaughens with their recent need for help in arranging for the pick up and delivery of a block to replace their "cracked" engine to Steve Pavich who went above and beyond to see that it happened.

Hard Luck Trophy: Joe Goff family returned the coveted trophy and even though their purple Model A is still being worked on by the "A" team it was decided to award it to Diane and Gerald Gaughen who proudly accepted it.

Raffle Drawing: Sheila Plotkin. Roster Drawing: Ken Blankshain who was absent. Next month the pot will increase to \$20.00.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:40 pm followed by refreshments provided by Jim Runyon, Richard Parrish and Ron Andrews.

Submitted by Kathie McCall, Secretary

## ***International Model A Ford Day- Sept. 17th (Sat)***



Leonard Driver, our Tour Director, has planned a very special tour down the coast from PCH/Warner, through Laguna Beach to Dana Point. The tour will then turn inland and cruise by San Juan Capistrano Mission. We will be stopping at the Rose Canyon Cantina, near O'Neil Park, for a great lunch and story telling opportunities. From there we will travel through the Live Oaks Canyon Rd. ( one of the most picturesque and photographed roads in Orange County ) to Santiago Canyon Rd. Cruising right by Cook's Corner on our way to the City of Orange, where we will make a lap, or two, around the traffic

circle (Plaza Square), before driving home.

We have pre-driven this route with Model A's in mind and it all looks good. There **WILL** be a re-grouping point (Rally Point) in Dana Point, about 1 1/2 hrs. from the start of tour, for everyone to stretch their legs, get fuel, etc. Once we leave San Juan Capo area, the lights and traffic are fewer, so it should be free sailing all the way to the Rose Canyon Cantina and Grill.

We advise members to consider bringing such items as drinking water, water for radiators, etc., just in case. For more info., contact Leonard Driver ([len.from.iowa@gmail.com](mailto:len.from.iowa@gmail.com))

This is a very special day to join the international community that **LOVE** "Henry's Lady", the finest car ever built!!

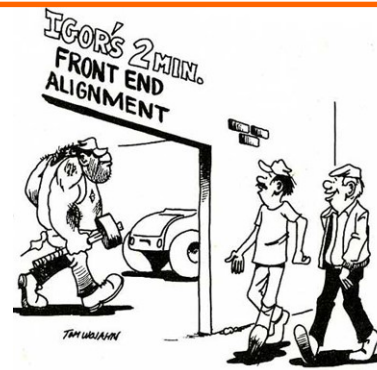
## ***Just for Laughs***

### **And remember...**

**A car's weakest part, is the nut holding the steering wheel...**



"Wiring harness for my roadster - got it really cheap too."



"I hear he blindfolds you while he does it."



## Potluck Dinner COME ONE...COME ALL

Our General Membership Meeting, **Sept. 8th (Thurs.)**, is going to include a **Potluck!** Join the Orange County Model A Ford Club for Potluck dinner night. Doors **OPEN** at **6PM**. Potluck **STARTS** at **6:30**.

Your potluck dish needs to serve 6-8 people. Bring serving spoons or tongs.

Potluck dish categories are assigned by Last name:

**A--G: Desserts**

**H--P: Side Dish – (Salads, Fruit, Beans)**

**Q--Z: Main Dish – (meats, casseroles, pasta)**

**Utensils, plates, napkins and drinks will be provided.**

### Mystery Member of the Month

by Kaci Terens

This mystery member of the month is a newer club member. They don't own their car, but it is a part of their family as they inherited it from their parents. Their favorites include jazz music or artists like Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darrin, and Ella Fitzgerald. Their favorite food is peanut butter or anything with peanuts. Their favorite color is blue, like Cinderella's dress in the classic Disney movie, which is their favorite character. They were not in the service, and they are single. Something that the club members probably don't know about this member is that they used to be a manager of a movie theater. She likes musicals, and her favorite is 1776. Her first car was a Toyota Corona, she doesn't remember the year. She's been a member for a few months now.

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### 20th Annual All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet



**Saturday September 10, 2022**

Car Show • 9 am-3 pm | Swap Meet 7 am

AWARDS • RAFFLE PRIZES • 50/50 • MUSIC  
Non-Food Vendors Welcome!

ENTRY APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT: [www.santamariamodelaclub.com](http://www.santamariamodelaclub.com)

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201 S. Broadway, Orcutt, CA 93455

Contact: Jay McCord (865) 596-8133 • Curt Warner (865) 478-1231



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SAVE THE DATES :**

**"THE NEW MODEL A DAYS"** at  
the Gilmore Car Museum, September  
16 & 17, 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory  
Corners, MI

**International Model A Ford  
Day-Sept. 17th-Costal Tour-  
H.B. to Dana Point-Lunch at**

**Rose Canyon Cantina**

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

**Kathie McCall**

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TOUR on October 8th and 9th at  
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in driveways of the homes/  
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don't have to stay with your car.**

**(cont) Bruce MacIntosh**

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## *A Dead Battery!*

by Tom Endy

### **A common occurrence:**

It's not uncommon for a Model A Ford to incur a dead battery, especially those that are still operating on six volts. Model A's are usually not driven daily and prolonged periods of sitting around tend to run the battery down. It is usually discovered when you climb in to go somewhere. You push on the starter button, and nothing.

### **Modern inconvenience:**

What a lot of Model A hobbyist may not understand is that we the modern day owners may be contributing to this phenomenon. In a modern car when you switch off the ignition it shuts off all the electrical systems in the car, except maybe for the digital clock. In a Model A Ford when you switch off the ignition, at least the original pop out type, all you are switching off is the power that goes to the ignition points. That may have been fine in Henry's day, but stop and think about what a lot of us have done to the Model A Ford to improve on Henry's design.

### **The cutout:**

The cutout used with the generator disconnects the battery from the generator whenever the engine is shut down. Without it the battery would discharge itself through the generator and you would have a dead battery. The cutout has a simple set of contacts that are either open or closed. The problem with the cutout is that the contacts can sometimes become welded shut over a period of time and not open, thus draining the battery when the car is parked. This is highly likely with the poor reproduction cutouts that are on the market. Modern day advancements in electronics provided the world with the diode. The diode is like a switch (sort of) in that it has a high resistance to current in one direction and a low resistance in the other. The low resistance path allows the generator to flow current to the battery to charge it. The high resistance path is supposed to not allow the battery to drain itself through the generator. An abundance of diode mod kits were made available at all the Model A hobby stores. The cutout contacts are replaced with the diode (hopefully in the right polarity) and welded contacts are a thing of the past. However, that high resistance direction is still allowing a small amount of current to flow out of the

battery through the generator to ground. The amount of current is minute, in the milliamps, but over time it draws the battery down. Turning the ignition key off does not shut the circuit off. Only removal of the fuse on top of the starter (if one is installed) will open the circuit and prevent the drain.

### **The alternator:**

Another modern convenience seen on many Model A's today is the alternator. It is much more efficient than the old fashioned generator. You can buy them in either six volt or twelve volt. In fact you can even buy a six-volt positive ground alternator. However, the alternator has six diodes in it and the high resistance path will eventually drain the battery. This arrangement is also not switched off with the ignition key and it sits there and draws a small amount of current from the battery.

### **A failed alternator:**

It is also possible to have an alternator that from all appearances is working fine. You start the car up and the ammeter shows it is charging. However, you can have one or more diodes that are partially shorted. With this situation the current drain from the battery is considerably more and in just a day or so the battery is dead.

### **Good advice:**

Whenever you park your car for the night or any other extended period of time. Pull the fuse out of the holder and stand it on its head in one end of the holder. This way everything except the starter switch is disconnected from the battery and there is no chance that a sneaky diode will ultimately cause you to have a dead battery.☺



**Answer to Mystery Member's  
identity...  
Lori Goff**



## USMC Pendleton WW2 & Korean Museum Tour

By Leonard Driver



The August tour thru Camp Pendleton started on a promising overcast day in Irvine with 6 Model A's (and 3 modern cars). We took off winding through the southern OC cities on Irvine Center Drive, Moulton Pkwy and Golden Lantern...so easy since it is one straight street that just changes names many times. Mike did a great job being the lead car in managing his speed so that all of us made it through the green lights together most of the time. We picked up one more Model A in South County as we headed to Dana Point. The steep downhill headed into Dana Point was not long and was mastered by all.

While traveling PCH, watching the surf and the bicyclists waving at us, we greeted the morning with our Ahooga horns. A rest stop at the San Clemente Train Station gave everyone a break and a chance to talk with people and beautiful views of the ocean. It was actually a little cool here (a treat for August!). Entering Camp Pendleton at the Cristianitos Gate outside of San Clemente and thanks to our retired military members with their military id's, entrance through the gate for all 10 vehicles went smoothly. We enjoyed 28 miles through the hills and wilderness of Camp Pendleton (felt like stepping back in time) only slowing when we came upon "camp facilities" where speed limits are strictly enforced to protect personnel moving around on foot. On this day, Camp Pendleton was very quiet. For some reason, no one was moving around on this Saturday morning.

Our destination of the LTV Museum was on the Harbor of Camp Pendleton. We were met by a couple of Marines very familiar

with these amphibious vehicles originally created to rescue people from floods in Florida and then adapted by the military to use for water landings and beach offensives in the Pacific during WWII. We were able to enter the LTV's and wander thru the exhibits. Of course, we had plenty of room to move around unlike the marines that were packed into these vehicles like sardines and, in the early days before a ramp was designed, had to jump over the side to enter and exit.

A stop at Panera Bread and gas station on the base to fuel up our bodies and cars left us ready to enjoy our drive home. Some continued to enjoy the scenery through the base while others took the direct way home and jumped on the freeway.

Pendleton is one of the few areas in Orange County where we can get our Model A's onto roads that take us back in time....quiet, hilly, undeveloped.





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## **Next General Meeting**

**[Second Thursday of every month]**

**Next Meeting Sept. 8, 2022, will  
be a Potluck Dinner.**

**Special times:**

Doors Open: 6:00 pm  
Dinner begins: 6:30pm

**Location:**

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



## **Badges, badges, who's got the badges??**

Show your club spirit with pride. Get creative in finding the best mounting place, then send us a photo so that we can feature it in the next newsletter. Be sure to get one from Perry and Gina Wilson at the merchandise table at the General Membership Meetings, or contact Perry or Gina directly.

