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April, 2023

Editor Eric Engle



New Members Corner
Please introduce yourselves
to our new members when
you see them



Kevin Schaner Anaheim, Ca. 31 5-Window Coupe



Robert (Robbie)
Jefferies

Brea, Ca

Special Guest Visitors

We had some special out of town guest visit our March 9th club meeting. Mark and Sue Leder, from Minneapolis, MN., dropped in just to say, "Howdy y'all." They are long time members of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club. Mark is also the Editor for their club's newsletter, "Aoogah" Newsletter." Thank you Mark and Sue for stopping in. It was a real pleasure



visiting with you.
If anyone would like to read some of their fine newsletter, click on the link below.

http://www.tcmafc.com

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News From the President

Greetings Everyone!

If you recall, I started off last month's column with "the cold winds of March..." I'd like to amend that to "the cold rains of March!" Little did we know that the month of March would bring so much rainfall to the normally sunny skies of Southern California (actually rather odd to California).

As with anything in life, there is almost always a bright side and dark side to everything. Getting the dark side out of the way first; we all know that our wonderfully planned Annual Pancake Breakfast failed to occur due to record breaking rainfall and melting snow in the mountains -- everyone should know that the parking area is also a waterway for runoff from precipitation, not only in the local Orange County area, but in the San Bernardino Mountains as well (which still holds quite a bit of snow as I write). So, with safety in mind and advice from the City of Orange and

By Mike Edmonson



the Water District, we decided to postpone the Pancake Breakfast.

And now to the bright side of things!!! Our Annual Pancake Breakfast will now take place Sunday, 30 April -- same bat time (7:30am) and same bat channel (Hart Park). So get the word out to one and all.

Speaking of another bright side, think of all that glorious rainfall in the hills, mountains, and deserts of Southern California! I think (or rather hope) that our April showers were actually March showers, because those April flowers are already a bloomin' in our neighborhood! Our faithful Editor, Eric Engle, pointed out to me that a drive up to the desert areas should be an absolute must this month or next, as Mother Nature is sure to reward everyone with an abundance of desert wildflowers for our patience during the rainy month of March! So please, make it a point to consider a tour somewhere in the hills or deserts of Southern California before the summer weather overtakes us.

While our Pancake Breakfast month is normally relatively quiet when it comes to club activities, Ron Andrews was busy with a technical seminar over at Richard Parrish's home (thank you once again Richard and Jeanne!) The topic of this well-attended seminar was cylinder heads, specifically the Burtz cylinder head. Great discussions on the differences of cylinder heads as well as their accompanying gaskets. Also discussed was the ease (haha) and challenges of removing cylinder

heads; Ron and Leonard Driver (Leonard's car was the victim) found out the hard way that this procedure isn't always the easiest. Fortunately they started the removal process two days prior to the seminar (the rest of the story can best be told at a BS breakfast).

Needless to say, success was found in both removal and installation (eventually). Now, Leonard can take his car on his next planned tour with more robust power!

See you at the turnaround point,



Mike

Example of anticipated Calif. Desert Wildflowers

2023 BOARD MEMBERS

President – Mike Edmonson
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Treasurer – Darwin Kibby
Technical – Ron Andrews
Editor – Eric Engle
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Frank Reese, Don Ratzlaff and Richard Bolls
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Refreshments – Jim Runyon
Regional Representative, SCRG - Jim

Sunshine & Sorrow – Marilyn Hawkins **Webmaster** – Bruce MacIntosh

NEW COMMITTEE

Era Fashions—Kaci Terens

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 CLUB GENERAL MEETING MARCH 9, 2023, 730PM

Meeting was called to order by Mike Edmonson. Sheila Plotkin led the flag salute. Marilyn Hawkins was absent, but Leonard Driver told a farmer's joke.



MINUTES: The past minutes were corrected with a name change. Steve Pavich made a motion to accept and Sheila Plotkin 2nd.

FINANCIAL: The financial report was presented by Darwin Kibby. Steve Pavich made a motion to accept and Sheila Plotkin 2nd. All approved. Total membership is 147.

ACTIVITIES: Poker run had 8 cars and Karen Gaynor was the overall winner. Mileage started for the annual calculations. CCRG registration deadline is March 10, 2023. Fab Fords will be celebrating 120 years in Irwindale on April 16,2023.

TECHNICAL: Ron Andrews announced that a Burtz engine, cylinder head replacement, would take place at Richard Parrish's garage on March 11, 2023.

EDITOR: Eric Engle asked if anyone having problems with receiving The Distributor. Seems like a few are not receiving monthly newsletter. Please see Eric with any questions.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: Kathie McCall sent plants and cards to the Haak and Sickman families. Gerald Gaughen has had another stroke.

Ed Cote introduced Mark and Sue Leder from Twin City Model A Club. Welcome back to Kevin Shaner and Rob Jeffries. Andy Timko is interested in our club and owns 2 Model A's.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Frank Reese still needs volunteers for parking and kitchen. All plans are coming together and getting ready for the day March 19.2023.

HARD LUCK TROPHY: Eric Engle stated he has never-ending issues, Dennis Kliesen had a headlight problem, but Kaci Terens & family won when their stick shift came off during the Poker Run.

Terri Collings won ten dollars for the raffle. Darwin Kibby won twenty dollars for the membership raffle.

REFRESHMENTS: were provided by Diane Runyan, Chrisanne Edmonson, Aaron Magdaleno, Debbie Parrish and Linda Tom.

Meeting adjourned with 54 members.

Submitted by Secretary Debbie Parrish awaiting approval.

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Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



B.S. Breakfast, April 1st (Sat) 8a.m., Denny's, 2314 17th St, Santa Ana., It's been long enough that you can now tell

the same stories and tales that you told last month and no one will remember. Come join the fun.



April 13th(Thurs), Board and General membership Meetings, 6:30 & 7:30 pm, First

Christian Church-Orange, 1130 E Walnut Ave, Orange,



April 8th, (Sat), 8:30-9 a.m. coffee/donuts, 9:00

start, Subj: Front windshield replacement, Darwin Kibby hosting, 5660 Avenida Antigua, Yorba Linda, CA.



No tour scheuled due to Pancake Breakfast Event, Next month tours will

resume.



April 27th (Thurs), 4th Thur. Breakfast, 8:30-10a.m., Red

Hill Cafe, 420 E Dyer Rd, Santa Ana, Ca.

Cont: Aaron Magdaleno

60th Annual OCMAC Pancake Breakfast Rescheduled Date:

Sunday, April 30th
Hart Park,701 So. Glassell,
City of Orange.

7:30—II am.

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Juice/Coffee/Hot Cocoa. \$10 for Adults, \$5 Children (2-10)

Rescheduled from March 19th due to rain, this will be the BIG event of the year ...one that everyone looks forward to. Be sure to be there.

Cont: Frank Reese 714-348-2507

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Donut Derelicts Car Show and Coffe/Donuts, every Saturday Morning, 6-8 am, 9015 Adams Ave, Huntington Beach, CA., Corner of Magnolia and Adams.

April 15th (Sat), Paradise Valley Model A Club Swap Meet, San Bernardino, Vendor space (20x20) \$35, Cont: Richard Bronstrup 909-658-5914, or pymafc.org

April 16th (Sun) 5a.m.—2p.m., Pomona Swap Meet & Car Show, L.A. Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, Ca., Rain or Shine.

April 20-23- CCRG Model A Conference & Tours, Santa Maria, CA.

www.santamariamodelaclub.com

May 5-6 (Fri.-Sat.) Temecula Rod Run https://temeculaca.gov/991/Temecula-Rod-Run

June 25th (Sun) 5a.m.—2p.m., Pomona Swap Meet & Car Show, L.A. Fairplex, I 101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, Ca., Rain or Shine.

July 16-22, 2023 MAFCA National Tour, "Backroads To The Classics", beginning and ending in Auburn, Indiana, tour will travel through northern Indiana and into southwestern Michigan. See several museums and ending with banquet. https://www.southeasterntouringgroup.com/2023-mafca-national-tour

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

Highlights of the March Tech Seminar

By Ron Andrews
Technical Director

About twenty brave souls dodged the light rain drops to gather at Richard Parrish house for warm Donuts and hot coffee.

The discussion included information on what could be expected and unexpected with removing and replacing an engine head. The previous several days during the teardown we experienced several situations. We used the compression separation procedure, in which the head bolts were loosened and then the engine started to separate the head from the block.(often used to remove the head) Unfortunately, that didn't quite work, so......

When using the head puller, make sure it is level and all the bolts tight (second way to remove) or else you won't get an even pull and separation. Sometimes you encounter stubborn parts like the fan stuck on the water pump shaft (heat on the hub and a gentle tap seems to do the trick). One important point is head studs (replace or stay?). Opinions were split 50/50. Chances are you could break one going through the torque setting or break one while removing them. Personal choices need to be made at this point.

During the new head installation torquing process, two head studs were broken off below the block surface. Various methods were tried to extract these: penetrating oil and a punch, EZ Out tool, welding a nut to stud itself, or drilling out the stud with a burr bit (finally did the job) and then carefully running a tap through until all remnants of the old studs were removed. This was a very delicate process with Darwin Kibby doing a masterful job. Threads were not damaged in the block. No Heli-Coil inserts were needed.

The hand out included a diagram of the head bolt tighting sequence provided by MAFCA.

About the Burtz head:

The Burtz head has a 6.5-I compression ratio, compared to the stock Model A head of 4.2-I. Coolant circulation is improved and modern cast iron is used. It is an accurate replacement visually to the stock head.

Editor's Note

A minor issue came up that delayed installing the new Burtz head until the following day, namely 2 broken head studs. Curses!! However. Darwin Kibby came to the rescue in removing those. Yay!!! Our hero! The next day after the seminar, with his brand new Burtz head in place and all torqued down, Leonard Driver was all smiles after taking his "Hot Rod" out for it's first "shakedown" drive. Leonard was last seen driving down the 5 freeway about 90+ with a grin from ear to ear.







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Pancake Breakfast Postponement

By Eric Engle Editor

As everyone is now aware, our much anticipated 60th annual Pancake Breakfast that was scheduled for March 19th, had to be postponed until April 30th. It was a VERY hard decision to make, but one that had to be made! We felt that we needed to have about 3-4 days to work on informing everyone the best that we could, that the event had to be held on another day, that being the last day of April.

"What happened?", you might have ask? The parking lot for Hart Park is part of the Water District's flood control, with a dam upstream from the park's parking lot. Ever notice how the entire parking lot slopes rather steeply towards the middle?? That is the water channel for the Water District's runoff!

With the recent over abundant of rains we've had lately, the Water District decided that it needed to open up their dam. As a result, the City of Orange Parks Department closed the entire parking lot AND park for an undetermined number of days to everyone who might want to visit the park,.. So it was left to those club members in charge of our Pancake Breakfast event to make the decision with the best information they had at the time. A very difficult decision, to be sure! But with the best information available, and the short amount of time left, the difficult decision to postpone the event had to be made.

Word went out of the postponement as best as we could, but there is always a few folks that couldn't be contacted. So, on the day that the event was supposed to be held, a small group of club members decided to kindly show up at the crack of dawn and wait for several hours, just in case a few eager Model A'ers showed up...And sure nuff, there were a small handful who did just that. Heartbreaking, to say the least!

Below are a few photos to help show the situation that our club was faced with, and the kind club members who volunteered to try to ease the pain of those that needed to be turned aound

Many thanks to Frank Reese, Steve Pavich, Leonard Driver and Bruce MacIntosh for donat-

ing their time on the morning of the canceled event to inform any Model A'ers that came for the event, only to be turned around.

So, long story made short, re-mark your calendars for Sunday, April 30th as the new date for the O.C. Model A Ford Club's 60th Annual Pancake Breakfast.

See you there.





Sunshine & Sorrow

By Marilyn Hawkins m hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: This month we celebrate Easter...I'll probably be the only one in church wearing once-a-year hat with my spring dress. Sorrow: Late in the month of February two of our members passed away: Mimi Sickman on February 22 and Pete Haak on February 28. Their memorials are noted on separate pages. Received confirmation from Don that Carolyn's Ratzlaff memorial will be on June 10 at First Christian Church of Orange. Talked to Diane re hubby, Gerald Gaughen's second stroke. He is now home with 24-hour care. Pretty sure he'll be at the general meeting. Bruce Harris is still at Alamitos Belmont Rehabilitation, Long Beach. Had another surgery to implant screws and plates to keep his foot together. However, as of this date, still unable to stand or walk.

Take care of yourself...life can change in a heartbeat!



Mimi Sickman (wife of Red Sickman) passed on February 22. Red and Mimi joined the Model

A club in 2004. Mimi was normally referred to as "Mom" by her loving husband, Red.



My dear friend Pete Haak passed on February 28th. He will be remembered by his many friends for the countless acts of kindness and charitable events he participated in for the cities of Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Garden Grove and

more. Thank you all for your prayers and well wishes. 'Til we meet again.....

-Steve Pavich-



It is with sadness, we report that Carolyn Ratzlaff passed away back on January 28th.

Carolyn's memorial service is being planned for June 10, 2023 at the First Christian Church of Orange, CA. Click on the link below for information on Carolyn's life and more family photos.

https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/carolyn-ratzlaff-obituary?id=49759364

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A BLT Banner Day

by Tom Endy 2023

Another banner day was observed by the BLT Guys organization with the installation of a Mitchell overdrive in a 1928 Tudor owned by Jeff Headley, who lives in Carson City, Nevada. The car was brought down on a trailer and the installation took place at Tom Endy's house on Saturday, March 25, 2023. We began the effort at 8:30 AM and were finished by 1PM. The car does not have a body on it, or an engine in it. It also had a Borg Warner overdrive installed, and it has hydraulic brakes. We were not able to road test it, but all appeared to be done correctly and Henry Ford and Steve Mitchell would have been proud. The owner made a \$500 donation to the Model A youth restoration program.

There were several show stoppers that had to be overcome. When we removed the Borg Warner and pulled the pinion assembly, we discovered that whoever had installed the Borg Warner had welded the nut onto the end of the stub shaft. We had to grind the nut off. We also found the pinion bearings and double race were in rough shape and they had to be replaced and the pre-load re-set.

When we were finished with the overdrive installation, the car was loaded back on the trailer and Jeff took the car up to Chris Wickersham's shop in Pasadena where a Burtz engine will be installed.



Jeff Headley and his 1928 Tudor project car before the Mitchell overdrive installation began. The existing Borg Warner overdrive can be seen installed in the car.

Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is

25th of ea. monthSubmit all Articles and ads to eengle@socal.rr.com or mail to Eric Engle, 16732

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FOR SALE 1929 TUDOR

Beautifully restored stock Tudor. Car is in Colorado.

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Cont: Bill Vogen at 714-270-4996

or wjvogen I @att.net





FOR SALE 1931 TUDOR

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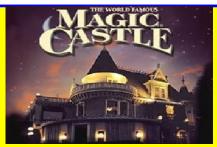
This is a beautiful "early" 31 Tudor, ready to go cruising. Car is in Chatsworth, Ca.

Cont: Linda Boisclair: Michaelinda@sbcglobal.net
OR 818-718-0150









Have you ever wanted to visit the amazing Magic Castle in Hollywood, but didn't know how to get an invitation??? Mark Lackey can help you with that! It's an amazing place and one of those "Must See" locations. Mark has generously offered invitations to OCMAFC members. If you are interesting in experiencing a fantastic place, please contact

Mark at markwlackey@gmail.com Or 714-545-0521 Page 10 April, 2023 The Distributor

Days Long Gone.





Mystery Member

by Kaci Terens

The mystery member of the month is someone who worked at Starbucks. They are from Seattle, Washington. They are married. They play the sax. Now they work as a music teacher who teaches how to play the sax, clarinet and flute. They also served in the United States Marine Corps for 31 years. They have returned to school and are currently studying to be a Holistic Health Practitioner. They currently are on the board and have served on the board previously. Who is this <u>Mystery Member</u>?

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12th Annual So-Cal Early Ford V-8 Club Inter-Regional

Glant. Car Swap Meet Lots of Ford Stubble Saturday, August 12, 2023 The only place that you're going to find Early Ford stuff

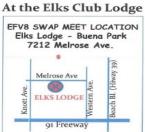
The only place that you're going to find <u>Early</u> Ford stuff is at a swap meet like this – put on by Early Ford V-8 Club Folks Car & Truck Parts –Accessories – Tools – Literature, Books & much more

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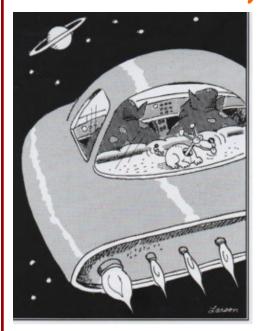
Newsletter Publication

Is anyone interested in learning how to create a newsletter? Would you like to write an article, create a column, interview some of our members, create illustrations or find historical information or photos that members may benefit from? This newsletter is for everyone and the more input and submissions from this large group, the more interesting this publication can be. I would welcome all the help.

Please contact The Distributor Editor if interested in taking on a fun and interesting club activity that benefits all our club members.

Eric Engle, Editor eengle@socal.rr.com

Just for Laughs





'I wish they'd keep those danged teenagers off the trails."

"As you get older three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two."

"Mystery Member" Answer: Mike Edmonson

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Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month] Next Meeting April 13, 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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(Between Tustin & Cambridge)







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Pancake Breakfast Served

7:30am-11:00am

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