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Another Star-Spangled Day For Driving A Ford Model A !!

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News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Welcome to August and the “Dog Days of Summer”! Depending on where you live, you just might be starting to feel the heat of summer; fortunately the evenings and early morning remain cool - still good weather to break out your Model A for a relaxing drive I would say. I know I’ve spotted a few Model A’s out on the streets of Westminster, Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach. Always puts a smile on my face, and I know it is doing the same for the pedestrians and folks in “moderns” as you drive by, so keep the ahooga going.



So with the warm weather, club activities will slow down a bit accordingly (I think Leonard needs to rest up after July’s activities). Between the Ice Cream Social, parades, Ladies Driver’s Education seminar, Model A car show, and a tour of the Nethercutt Collection and Museum, we all deserve a little rest - not to say the club is going into summer hibernation...we still have our Saturday (August 5th) and Thursday (August 24th) breakfasts, as well as a tour/technical seminar to the Costa Mesa Fire station. Also, if you haven’t been to a swap meet in a while, the SoCal Early Ford Club will be hosting a swap meet at the Elks Club in Buena Park on August 12th.

For something completely different, at our July Ice Cream Social, Richard Parrish looked at me and said Monday - 8am - my place! I stood at my best Marine Corps Attention and said “YES SIR!” What did we do on July 3rd? We took off in my Model A from Anaheim, drove past Irvine Lake and down Santiago Canyon, onto Silverado Canyon, and eventually on a dirt road headed up the backside of Saddleback Mountain! While our goal was Santiago Peak, we never quite made it, but we did make it up 5.5 miles from the start of backroads trail. A lot of smiling faces and amazed looks as we lumbered up that dirt trail. While I can’t recommend the entire drive, I really do encourage everyone to get out and drive a little different route. I’m definitely heading back on this route to have breakfast some morning at the Silverado Café. Perhaps a future tour/breakfast? Hmmmmm.

One last thought. We should all give a big round of thanks to Becky MacIntosh, the “Editor’s editor”. Thank you Becky.

See you at the turnaround point,

Mike

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We have removed all Committee members' emails and phone numbers in order to ensure their privacy. Members can find this info in your roster.

Please Note: Some information contained in our newsletter has been reprinted from other newsletters; we thank and acknowledge them.

Orange County Model A Ford Club
 General Meeting Minutes on
 Meeting held at First Christian Church in
 Orange, CA

General Meeting Minutes on July 13 ,2023,
 7:30pm

Meeting was called to order by President, Mike Edmonson. Flag salute was led by Nathan Sherry. Marilyn Singer-Hawkins told a joke about teddy bears.

MINUTES: The minutes were provided, and Drain Marshall made a motion to accept. Pam Heiland seconded and all approved.

FINANCIAL: Darwin Kibby provided the financial report and Sheila Plotkin made a motion to accept. Nathan Sherry seconded and all approved. Present membership is 139.

ACTIVITIES: Leonard Driver shared several upcoming activities. Details of Nethercutt Museum, Oakmont Car show, BS Breakfast and beach tour. Please see Leonard or website for more details and signups.

TECHNICAL: Ron Andrews shared about Ladies Learn to Drive seminar, gave out certificates and patches. Very well planned, with good attendance. **TERRIFIC JOB RON!** August 19th will be held in Costa Mesa, Fire Station #4 for Fire Extinguisher safety. Please see Ron to sign up.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: Marilyn Singer-Hawkins is recovering from hip surgery. Kaci Terens and Pam Kibby had bouts with Covid. Aaron Magdaleno hurt his Achilles. Bill Thatcher is receiving blood transfusions. Richard Parrish lost his brother to cancer. Dennis Klieson is improving but still having eye issues.

HARD LUCK TROPHY: Eric's car is still "recovering", but Norm Kredit won the prize after losing a tire and having to search for the lug nuts all around the block.

RAFFLES: Dale McCall won \$10 for the attendance raffle. Ken and Leslie Blankshain won but were not present for the membership raffle and the prize will roll over to next month.

REFRESHMENTS: Becky MacIntosh, Jim and Diane Runyon, Jim McCulloch, Leonard Driver, Gerry and Sherry Reid. Bill Wills was our visitor and has a 1929 Tudor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM with 52 in attendance. Submitted by Secretary, Debbie Parrish, and pending approval.



Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Aug 5th (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session, 8 am, Denny's Restaurant, 2314 17th St, Santa Ana, CA ., Come dazzle everyone with your knowledge or your lies.

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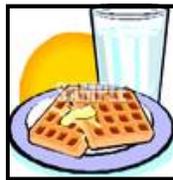
Aug 10 (Thur), General Membership Meeting, 7:30-9 pm, First Christian Church-Orange, 1130 E Walnut Ave, Orange, CA .,

Ave, Orange, CA .,



Aug 19 (Sat), Fire Extinguishers demonstration, 10 am, Costa Mesa Fire Sta. #4, 2300 Placentia, Costa Mesa, Ca., Meet up at Mike & Chrisanne Edmonson's home at 9 am for coffee and donuts, 15702 Grey Oaks St. Westminster, Ca. Tour to fire station will leave at 9:30 am., Lunch to follow at Zubie's Dry Dock, Huntington Beach, See notice this page for further information.

P.S—Remember to be kind and bring “diapers” for your car if it leaks oil.



Aug. 24 (Thur), 4th Thur. Breakfast, 8:30 am, Suzy's Café, 2610 S. Harbor Blvd., Santa Ana, Ca. If you forgot to share some of your knowledge and/or lies at the First Sat. B.S. Breakfast, now's your chance to share those, so come on and join the fun.



Fire Extinguishers Demonstration

Come join us on Aug. 19th (Sat) for a tour to Costa Mesa Fire Station #4 to learn the proper use of dry chemical fire extinguishers most commonly found in kitchens and vehicles. Under supervision, participants will be given the opportunity to use extinguishers on live fire. A short tour of the fire station and rigs will follow after the demonstration. Lunch will follow afterwards at Zubie's Dry Dock Restaurant in Huntington Beach. Cont. Ron Andrews or Eric Engle for details. Please bring your Model A's out to show the fire-fighters. They will love them !!!!

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Donut Derelics Car Show, Every Saturday morning, 6-8 am., 9015 Adams Ave, Huntington Beach, CA .

Aug. 11-13, Annual Big Bear Fun Run, For further information, cont. Bill Berge at president@antiquecarclub.org or PO BOX 6311, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Aug. 12th (Sat) , 12th Annual So-Cal Early Ford Club Swap Meet, Dealer set-up 7 a.m., Open to public 8a.m., Elks Club Lodge, 7212 Melrose Ave., Buena Park

Aug. 13th (Sun), Pomona Auto Swap Meet, 5 am-2 pm, Rain or Shine,, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, Ca.

Nov. 5 (Sun) 57 Annual San Fernando Model A club Swap Meet & Car Show, 21000 Plummer St., Chatsworth, Ca., Cont: Jim Lank 818-367-4757

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

Ladies Driving Day

By Ron Andrews & Becky MacIntosh

On a wonderful Saturday afternoon eleven model A's and nine ladies of the club assembled under the shade trees at a California State University parking lot. The wonderful ladies: Louise Hall, Lori Kredit, Chrisanne Edmonson, Becky MacIntosh, Joni Terens, Gina Wilson, Debbie Gullede, Debbie Parrish and Teri Goff came eager to learn more about these great cars and master their operation.

First step was looking under an open hood and being shown the operation of the engine like checking the oil and identifying various parts of what makes the car tick. We then moved into the driver's seat showing the multitude of checks and steps necessary to get the car started.

Then on to the fun. The ladies all chose a Model A to drive – some with their husbands (I'm sure glad they are still on speaking terms). The engines came to life and the ladies were moving with their instructor in the passenger seat. Such a great sight: Seeing the A's circling the parking lot, it looked like a Lady's Grand Prix. There were no mishaps, few jolting stops and starts as the ladies became more comfortable and even picked up some speed. After about an hour of practice they all came back in and assembled for a group photo and were presented with the Orange County Model A driving certificate and OC key chain.

Of course, lunch was in order so headed to Black Bear Diner and celebrated our success. I want to express my appreciation to the following club members for assisting in teaching the ladies and bringing their Model A's. Don Ratzlaff, Richard Parrish, Mike Edmonson, Bruce MacIntosh, Norm Kredit, Rick Hall, Perry Wilson, Rodger Gullede and Leonard Driver (drone/camera operator).

Till next time...

(And thank you to Ron for putting this together and teaching. It was a great day. The ladies are ready and can be found on the road continuing to practice.)

Would you like to see Leonard Driver's fun video of the event??

"Ladies Driving Model A's" video — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPfkhU-23cc&t=302s>



Nethercutt Museum Tour

On Saturday, July 15, club members traveled about 60 miles up to Sylmar, Ca., in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, to visit the amazing Nethercutt Museum. Founded in 1971 by J.B. Nethercutt, the collection is widely regarded as one of the greatest car museums in the world. J.B. Nethercutt (1913-2004) was a co-founder of Merle Norman Cosmetics. The success of he and his Aunt's cosmetic line, afforded them the ability to collect some of the world's finest cars, antique mechanical musical sets, art pieces, etc. Safe to say, the club's tour of this magnificent collection was exceptionally **GRAND**. Many thanks to the club's Tour Director, Leonard Driver, for arranging the tour of this spectacular collection.



Sunshine & Sorrow

By Marilyn Hawkins
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Sorrow: Not any one person, but ALL of these members need our prayers. **Richard Parrish's** younger brother passed away after battling cancer for several years. He lived in Texas. **Kaci Terrens** "diet" stomach surgery has been rescheduled until this month. Seems she caught a mild case of COVID upon returning from vacation. **Aaron Magdaleno** tore his Achilles heel. He is currently on crutches. **Mark Schwing**, long-time member and former president for 4 years, is on hospice. His wife, Eileen has requested a drive-by. Another mild case of COVID attacked **Pam Kibby** last month. She, too, has recovered. **Bill Hatcher** spent a few days in the hospital, weak and needed blood transfusions. A former long-time member, **Sharon Johnson** had a seizure. CAT scans found blood clots in her legs, lungs, groin and heart. She is currently living in Texas. Cards mailed and/or phone calls have been made to those listed. Lastly, many of our members knew **J.C.** from Diamond Tread club. **J.C. (Christ Stevenson)** passed on Thru night (July 20th). His family is thinking about one last ride for him in his beloved Model A (Wezzer) around the Orange Circle and Hart Park. Date and time TBA. Contact **Mark Lackey** for more info.

*May you always have love to share, heath
 to spare and friends that care.*

Just for Laughs

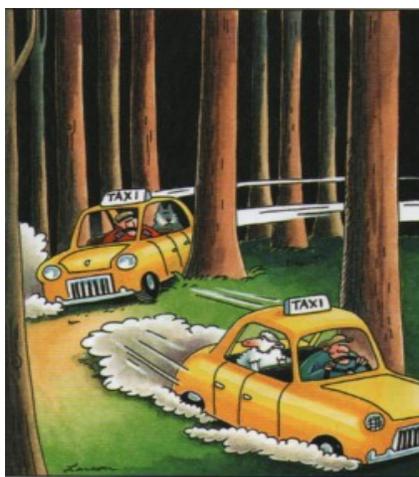
REMEMBER....

**“You can take the boy out of the man,...
 ...but you won’t have much left!”**

Roy Rogers



“Blast it, Henry!I think the dog is following us.”



“Follow that sheep!”



“Harold, you fool!!!...The arrow goes the other way! WE’RE DOOMED!!”

Leakless Front Cover Seal...Is it possible? By Eric Engle

When assembling my Burtz engine, I REALLY wanted to see if it was possible to install a front timing cover seal that would NOT leak even a little bit. The few experiences that I've had with rope seals have always left me disappointed, even when installed by a professional engine builder. However, I also wasn't hearing any really positive results with the new "improved" modern single piece seals....until I talked to Dennis Kliesen. Dennis told me about peeling the outside rubber housing off of the inner modern one piece seal, then "carefully" coating both inside of the outer shell and the outside surface of the modern seal with black RTV, then carefully reassembling the two. Once back together, carefully wipe off any signs of RTV. No signs of any RTV silicone should be found on the rubber seal, especially where it seals against the front pulley surface! A clean, dry rag with NO solvent will do the trick here! After all of this, it's then a simple matter of lightly coating the outside of the assembly and installing it as it normally would be into the front cover and oil pan. So far, after almost 200 miles with my new Burtz engine, this little trick seems to be working like a charm. There's not a sign of an oil drip, or even a HINT of oil film anywhere to be seen. Thank you Dennis for what seems to be a GREAT recommendation on a leakless front seal.



Mystery Member

Born in Laguna Hills, I am truly a "California Girl" who danced with The Beach Boys when I was young. I have one older brother. I went to private school: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church k-8 (Lake Forest) and then Crean Lutheran HS (Irvine)

For work I have my hands full with children in my church's nursery, or counting fingers at my families bookkeeping and tax office.

I love to travel, and have been across country with my Grandpa many times in his little red Corvette convertible. I have been to 25 states, including Kentucky to attend the Kentucky Derby.

When not cruising the highways, I'm cruising the high seas! I've been on over a dozen cruises, including Panama Canal and a transatlantic crossing.

I spend a lot of time at "The Happiest Place on Earth" and was named after a ride there by my brother. But, my grandpa picked the unusual spelling of my name.

My favorite football team-Green Bay Packers. (Dads family is from Green Bay WI). Favorite basketball team-Lakers. Favorite hockey team-(Mighty) Ducks. Favorite movies-Hunger Games (trilogy). Favorite TV- Anything Disney! Hobbies-movies, TV, reading, sewing, designing clothes, embroidering, baking, and fused glass. Volunteer events? For over a dozen years I have served lunches for adults with disabilities. Dream career: wedding/event planner. 2nd language-American Sign Language. Favorite colors—purple and pink.

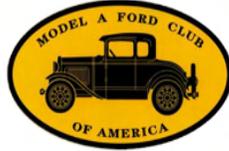
Anything starting with the letter P is *perfect* for me; Pepsi, popcorn, pretzels, potato (chips), pasta, pickles, pancakes, pizza, pools, photography, puzzles, penguins and even have cars that are purple and pink.

Who am I???

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

Aug. 12th (Sat) , 12th Annual So-Cal Early Ford Club Swap Meet, Dealer set-up 7 a.m., Open to public 8a.m., Elks Club Lodge, 7212 Melrose Ave., Buena Park, CA., \$25 for dealer space, \$2 admission. For reservations call Tom McLaughlin 714-998-4528 or Gary Zimmerman 714-726-838

Sept. 9 (Sat) Anaheim Packard Bldg 100th Anniversary Celebration

Nov.30-Dec.3, 2023 National Awards Banquet, Santa Maria, CA., Hosted by Santa Maria A's.

It is said that, "*Necessity is the mother of all invention.*" This might be a good example of that !!!



WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Club needs your help with the Pancake Breakfast Raffle. As many already know, Karen Gaynor has done an amazing job, along with Sheila Plotkin, of organizing all the items to be raffled off at the annual Pancake Breakfast. Unfortunately, Karen will be leaving us soon. We **NEED** someone to take her place, so that we don't lose this important part of our annual event. Karen wants to share the information she's gathered over the years. Please contact Karen at;

karen_g_92646@yahoo.com or 714-964-0072

Answer to Mystery Member Question

Kaci Terens



To Rewind, or Not to Rewind, THAT is the Question !

Recently a discussion of the merits of rewinding a horn for 12 volts, or simply installing a resistor to drop the voltage to 6 volts. Here is a wonderful article by Tom Endy that explains the pros and cons on that very subject.

Ahooguh!

by Tom Endy

The original Model A Ahooguh horn was designed to operate from a 6-volt electrical system. Today many Model A's on the road have been converted to a 12-volt electrical system. When doing this conversion some thought has to be given about how to accommodate the 6-volt Ahooguh horn. Quite often this is accomplished by installing a dropping resistor in series with the horn.

The problem with a dropping resistor is that it is resistive, unless wire wound, whereas the horn field windings are inductive. The value of the resistance and the power rating of the resistor have to be carefully chosen and many of the resistors on the market are not correct. If the power rating is not correct the resistor will overheat with repeated use and it changes the resistive value and the horn will refuse to Ahooguh.

Another approach, and one that is much better, is to rewind the field windings for 12-volt operation. The armature winding can remain the same. Rewinding the field windings is not that difficult.

The original 6-volt horn:

- (1) The field coils are wound in opposite directions.
- (2) The field coil wire is 20 gauge coated wire.
- (3) There are 45 turns, 6-7 turns per layer, not perfect is OK.
- (4) After completion it was sprayed with varnish to insulate.

Rewind for 12-volts:

- (1) Same as above.
- (2) Use 24 gauge coated wire.
- (3) 100 turns, 6-7 turns per layer, not perfect is OK.
- (4) Same as above.



Ahooguh

Horn rewinding service:

For those who don't want to take on the task of rewinding, there are a number of people who offer the service. The one that has garnered excellent testimonials of Fordbarn is that of:

Steve Smith, P. O. Box 505 Morristown, IN 46161
Phone: 317-502-1697 (8AM-Noon central time)



Rewound field and armature by Steve Smith

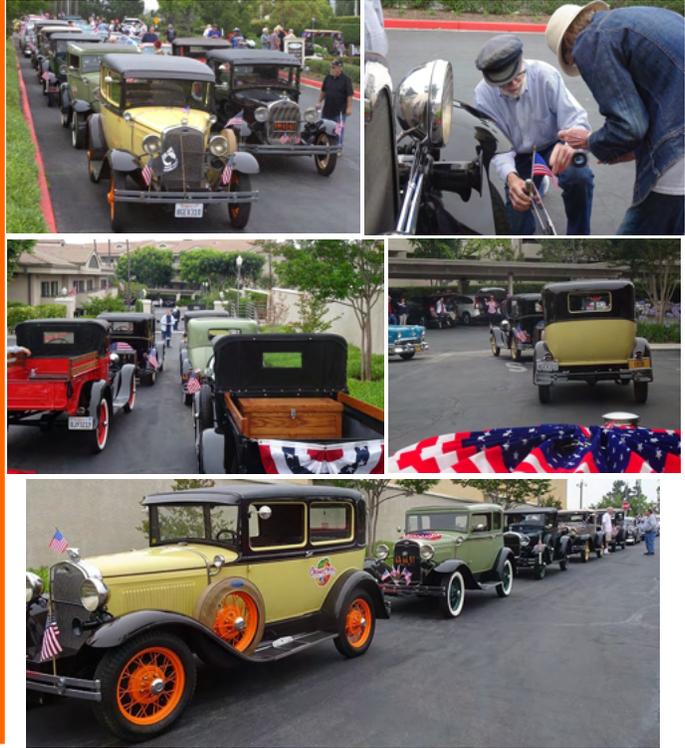
- (1) Basic disassembly and cleaning \$40
- (2) Rewinding of both field coils \$30**
** \$20 when included with (1)
- (3) Rewinding of armature \$45***
*** \$40 when included with (1)
- (4) Full repair including all of the above \$95
- (5) Most repairs are done within 7-10 days
- (6) Ship by USPS, they will hold for me to pick up

Any additional parts used will be charged at the current list price as found in Snyder's parts catalog. Any field or armature insulators that need to be replaced are included in the cost. All repairs are only to the motor section and are made on an as needed basis. No repainting or cosmetic repairs are made or provided.

Venturing Out On A Spectacular 4th of July

Morningside of Fullerton Parade

One place to find car people in the early morning of 4th of July...lined up outside Morningside Senior Living of Fullerton, decorating their cars and enjoying breakfast burritos. The clouds were thick in the sky, but the spirits were high, as more and more cars (Model T's, Model A's, Chevy's and Corvettes) joined in...over 50 in all. When all was ready, we drove the streets of the complex completing the loop 3 times. Each trip around drew more people out-of-doors onto the sidewalks, patios, carports, open garages and 3rd & 4th floor balconies. We finished with a short meet & greet with some of the residents who had their questions ready for us. A fun showing, impressive number of cars, that were very much appreciated by Morningside staff and residents.



Orange Park Acres 4th of July Parade

What started out as a BEAUTIFUL sunny day in the City of Orange, Ca., turned out to be an even better day with celebrating the birth of our great nation. Stars and stripes were the order of the day. The parade route through Orange Park Acres was lined with cheering patriotic spectators, most waving American flags and/or wearing patriotic dress. Our decked out club Model A's were VERY well received, with many of the crowd shouting, "Happy 4th of July!" Almost 3 miles of parade route, the parade drove through a beautiful area with grand looking homes, all within an equestrian setting. A good number of equestrian riders and their patriotic dressed horses were part of the parade also. And boy, were they "dressed" up!!! It was a great day for everyone who attended either as a participant, or as a spectator. This Editor is already looking forward to more of the same next year!





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Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting Aug. 10, 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



FOR SALE:

1929 Model A Tudor - black with powder coat wheels, titled,
Currently being driven, located in Tustin

\$13,000

Bill Wills • mrbw545@aol.com



Victoria For Sale

A unique **1931 Steelback** is being offered for sale. At first glance it appears to be a 1932 Victoria as it has been extensively modified. The car has Steve Serr head #168, Small 45 amp alt, Honda gear drive starter, headers, down-draft carb, electronic Ignition, 1936 Water pump with adapter, Serpentine belt, 1954 Ford pickup, steering, 1985 Maserati coupe front seats, the rest of the interior is good, 1935 Banjo wheel steering and horn button, 1932 Brookfield dash, custom instrument panel, Stewart Warner winged gauges, 1935 Original rear spare tire cover, gas tank mounted in the rear, 11 gallons, 1932 original cowl vent, 1932 repro front and rear bumpers, metal top with custom rain gutters, 1931 visor, Suicide doors, artillery wheels 10 spoke 4 1/2, rear wheels widened 2", 6 1/2 repro knock off hub caps, tube shocks, front has extended perches shocks mounted on the bottom, upper mounts and shocks never installed, 5 speed closed drive transmission, 3.54 rear end, Dennis Cling brake lines all the way around, Lincoln brakes on the front. The car is located in Fountain Valley, California. Asking price \$33,000 obo.

Contact Larry McKinney at lmgcspeed@gmail.com 714-904-6453 or 714-328-1354

