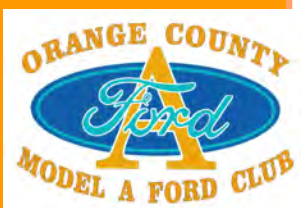


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ORANGE COUNTY FORD CLUB

MODEL A Pancake Breakfast

7:30am-11am

Adults \$10 / Children \$5 (Ages 2-10)

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Juice, Hot Cocoa & Hot Coffee

Large Raffle Selection

BURTZ Engine Raffle

www.ocmafc.com for info

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St, Orange

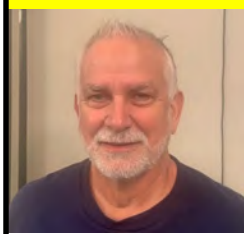
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Frank Reese
714-348-2507



HART PARK ORANGE, CALIFORNIA
ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

New Members Corner



Welcome Steve Roberts.
Owns 1930 Fordor.
Purchased by father 1972.
Father/Son project.
Steve plans on full restoration.

Raffle Prizes Needed

Model A Parts-
Non-Car Items-
Gift Cards/Certificates
Cont: Karen Gaynor or Frank Reese for delivery, or pickup.
Last day for donations-March 12th

News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Greetings All!

I wonder if January flew by as fast for you as it did for me? (Did you see those skid marks behind my Model A??). We had a great start to the month at our Installation Banquet, and I want to personally thank everyone that attended. Many thanks go out to the organizers and the helpers, in particular Kathy McCall and Becky MacIntosh ---- and Becky and Bruce's son that helped put together many of the table furnishings; quite often it's the little touches that make events that much more memorable.



January also witnessed our new Technical Advisor Ron Andrews conduct his first Technical Seminar. It took place at Richard and Jeanne Parrish's home (and another thank you out to the Parrish's for opening their patio and garage to us oil slingers (that's a colloquial term). What a way to start out what looks to be a good seminar series. Great turnout.....with no leftover donuts (bummer). Topic was "What's gone wrong, and how did you fix it". Of course everyone had stories, and I think we all learned something new from everyone's unfortunate experiences. What is it that Ron said...? "IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING!! "

As we move into February and beyond, our focus must be towards preparation for the pancake breakfast. A big hats-off to Frank Reese for his quick organization and constant communication with the City of Orange. The poster and shirt artwork have come together nicely, thanks to the coordination between Perry Wilson and Becky MacIntosh.

Next month flyer's for both the breakfast and the Burtz Engine will be available for pickup and distribution. This is an all-hands critical aspect of getting the word out to the various communities in the area. Next up, donations for the Pancake Breakfast Raffle. So far we seem a little down in the count for our raffle so we need everyone to pitch in and drum up items, car items, non-car items, gift certificates, your last born....whatever, so we can make this raffle the success it has always been.

Moving beyond our Pancake Breakfast fundraiser extravaganza, I want everyone to think about how you might contribute to our organization, in particular, our Committee Heads. More about this at our next general meeting, but our activities such as monthly breakfasts just don't happen without proactive coordination from members like you. Many of these committee positions don't take a lot of time or effort, but like anything else, they need to be tended to for continued enjoyment by all.

See you at the turnaround point,

Mike

If you would like an item to be on the meeting agenda, please email Mike at:
michael.edmonson@me.com

2023 BOARD MEMBERS

President – Mike Edmonson
VP/Activities – Leonard Driver
Secretary – Debbie Parrish
Treasurer – Darwin Kibby
Technical – Ron Andrews
Editor – Eric Engle
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Breakfast Committee – Don Ratzlaff
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 – Jim Runyon
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 General Meeting January 12, 2023



Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Mike Edmonson and flag salute was led by Louise Hall.

Marilyn Hawkins opened with a joke Ed Cote shared a short story about Covid.

MINUTES were read and motion to accept by Terri Goff and 2nd by Karen Gaynor.

Much gratitude was shown for all who made this years banquet a success. Kathy McCall for coordinating location at The Villa in Orange. The beautiful handmade decorations and homemade chocolates by Becky MacIntosh and her son. Era clothing was fun as well. President Mike Edmonson would like to introduce a game called What's My Line where members will share about 5 minutes of themselves to get people better acquainted. He started this month..

FINANCIAL Darwin Kibby read the financial report. Motioned by Steve Pavich and 2nd by Diane Gaughn. Darwin said about half have paid dues reminding everyone that dues are due by February 28th deadline. We have 148 memberships.

ACTIVITIES Leonard Driver gave rundown of upcoming activities for the year. 500-mile patch to resume and be counted for tours only. Participation is encouraged... Check the calendar or website for details.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Frank Reese shared many details about pancake breakfast scheduled for Sunday March 19th. Perry Wilson shared information on Tshirts. Showing color print, prices and options. Please sign order form with sizing and style, waiting for approval to move forward

TECHNICAL Ron Andrews announced this month would be on January 21 at the garage of Richard Parrish for problem solving and question/answer knowledge, and troubleshooting issues.

NEWSLETTER no new news or issues by Eric Engle

SUNSHINE AND SORROW Marilyn informed us all about Carolyn Ratsloff will be getting a new heartvalve on January 25. Marilyn Switzer has passed from Diamond Tread group. Carol Persons has been in hospital. [Note: The Switzer's are members of OCMAFC as well.]

HARDLUCK TROPHY Eric Engle has a disturbing rattle but Doug Marsh won for trouble on Christmas tour

DRAWINGS Membership drawing of 20 dollars winners Bruce and Joanie Harris. Name badge drawing of \$10 won by Jeanne Parrish AGAIN

Meeting Adjourned and refreshments were served. Submitted by Debbie Parrish pending approval.

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



BS Breakfast, Feb. 4 th Sat), 8 a.m.,
Denny's, 2314 17th
St, Santa Ana,,
SUBJ.: " **MODEL A'**
PROBLEMS, SOLUTIONS
AND INOVATIONS.



Feb. 9th (Thurs),
Board and Gen-
eral membership
Meetings, 6:30 &
7:30 pm, First

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



Feb. 11th. (Sat.),
8:30-9 a.m. coffee/
donuts, 9:00 start,
Subj: Repair faulty
aftermarket amp
gauges, Don & Mary Dormeyer's
home, 2229 E. Meats Ave., Orange,
Ca.,

POKER RUN



Feb. 18th (Sat)
9 am, Meet up
at City of Or-
ange train station
directly across
from C.W. Moss

on Chapman, Cont. Doug
Marsh, 805-903-3617,

See Page 6 for more
information



Feb. 23rd.,
4th Thurs.
Breakfast,
8:30, House of
Pancakes,
1418 East Lincoln Ave,
Anaheim

RENEW

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It's time to renew
your OCMAFC mem-
bership, if you haven't
already done so.

Please send in your
Club dues by
February 28th.

See page 12 for fur-
ther details and re-
newal form.

Swap Meets/Car Shows

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

March 19th (Sun)- OCMAFC 60th Pancake Breakfast, 7:30a.m.-12p.m., Hart Park, City of Orange, CA.
Setup begins 6.00a.m.,

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

May 20th- L.A. Fire Boat tour, 444 S Harbor Blvd, San Pedro, CA
May 24th- Mount Baldy Tour.

July 15th- Nethercutt Museum, 15151 Bledsoe St, Sylmar, CA

Aug. 11, 12, 13-32nd Annual Big Bear Fun Run car show, hosted by Big Bear Lake Antique Car Club.

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

Highlights of the Feb. Tech Seminar

By Ron Andrews
Technical Director

Heading to Richard Parrish's house, in the carport the thermometer read about 40 degrees on a Chilly California morning. About 25 members gathered for premium brewed coffee and fresh warm donuts. Many participated in sharing their failures and how they solved them.

Here's a few that could be beneficial to us from past experiences.

Trying to solve a problem by process of elimination (randomly swapping out parts) can be expensive. And the possibly of a new part possibly being defective might create other problems (ignition switch). When doing maintenance, make sure you don't overlook checking all critical parts (carbs). Thinking you have an electrical problem, that may actually be mechanical in nature (broken distributor shaft). Locating noises can be deceiving and a second opinion might be of great help (speedo cable). Electrical shorts can occur anywhere (brake light switch). A freshly installed part you think might have a problem, could be somewhere else (horn). Checking the whole system, such as parts missing (in tank filters). Parts can fail in places where you think it won't (oil pump housing). Sometimes there are design errors which can cause grief (steering column bracket). These are a few of the failures we discussed. Some aftermarket parts are of such poor quality, they may actually be making the problem worse.

Research is good always a good thing and/or asking other more experienced club members is always very beneficial. They often times can steer you in the right direction. It should go without saying that, experience is the best teacher, so take advantage of those that already know from their many years of experiences.!





POKER RUN

Saturday, February 18th, 9:00 Start Time

Model A's AND Moderns are welcome to join in

The starting point will be the train station in the City of Orange, on East Chapman Ave., 186 N. Atchinson Street, directly across the street from C.W. Moss. Written instruction will be handed out at that time. Full route **WILL** be included. Planned route will be about 50 miles total. Start time from the train station will be at 9:00 a.m. Cars will leave in 5 minute intervals.

Written instructions at each stop will have clues to help drivers and their passenger navigate their way to the next location to **find their cards**. This will be more like a puzzle, or scavenger hunt, so that the teams can find their way to the next destination. Each destination will have a large **ORANGE "A"** posted on a tree/pole., where participants will find an bag of con-cealed playing cards (each card in an envelope). Participants **WILL** take only **ONE** per paid hand. At the end of the Poker Run, the playing cards will be used to make up a poker hand.

\$10 PER hand.

Prizes for **BEST HANDS** and **CLOSEST** to Average time.

Come join the fun in a challenging Poker Run.

And of course we will be ending at a restaurant for a meal with good friends. Please bring cash for your food bill.

Contact Doug Marsh for further info. 805-903-3617

Or pizmojoe@yahoo.com

Just for Laughs



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Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins
m_hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: Hey, it's Valentine's Day this month. Remember when we used to give little valentine day cards to our friends in elementary school? Sorrow: **Mimi Sickman** (Red's wife) fell, was hospitalized, then rehab facility and is now in assisted living. **Carol Persons'** foot was so swollen, she was taken to hospital where tests showed her lungs were 70% full of liquid. That was a quite a scare. **Wayne Switzer** had a knee replacement this summer w/complications and was unable to care for himself. He is now in a private home health care facility. **Marilyn Switzer** (Wayne's wife) passed away after the new year. Diagnosed w/brain cancer in September w/no hope. She opted not to undergo chemotherapy. Sandy Driver's mother passed away on January 13. She was 95 years old and resided at a nursing home in Torrance. (Sandy is Leonard's wife). Sure hope and pray that March is a healthier month for all! Lastly, Carolyn Ratzlaff went in the hospital to have her heart valve replaced. Sadly, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, Carolyn passed on. Our deepest sympathies go out to Don and their whole family. Carolyn's smile and warmth will be greatly missed by all that knew her. Please keep the Ratzlaff family in your thoughts and prayers. Memorial services will be announced later.

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

A Special "Drive-By"

By Becky MacIntosh

It was a beautiful morning on Wednesday, December 28 and what better way to spend the day then doing a "drive-by" to celebrate Dale's 90th. Twelve Model A's and some friends joined together to drive by Kathie & Dale McCall's home in Orange. Ahooga horns could be heard as we slowly paraded by the driveway where Kathie & Dale along with friends responded to the many birthday wishes. We discovered it is very hard to keep a secret from Dale. We parked, filled the basket on the front of Dale's scooter with our many birthday cards, and then stayed awhile at the invitation of Kathie who laid out an impressive assortment of treats and sweets... who could resist? Dale entertained with his stories...lots of experiences over his 90 years. Dale probably spent the rest of the day reading his many birthday wishes...Happy Birthday and many, many more Dale.



Differential Rebuild with Tom Endy by Eric Engle

The other day, Tom Endy invited several of us over to witness what it takes to rebuild the differential in his grandson's 31 Tudor. After installing a Mitchell overdrive, they found that the differential was leaking a considerable amount of oil. After close inspection, a very hard to see crack in the banjo casting was finally discovered. So, time for a new banjo.

Rebuilding the differential, all under the close supervision of Tom, was a very interesting and educational experience. It is this editor's opinion that taking on a job like this needs to be done with the help of an experienced person such as Tom Endy. It requires a number of very specialized tools. And such things as setting the "pre-load" and the "backlash" of the bearing and gears has to be done precisely and correctly.

The job also requires a fair amount of patience, as the entire rear end has to be assembled, disassembled, then re-assembled numerous times, so that all those clearances can be set JUST right. There are no short cuts when doing this job. It took us at least a ½ dozen times of assembling and disassembling, before the job was finally finished and the rear end was ready to go back into the car. But the job was indeed done correctly and that rear end should give many carefree years of enjoyable travels.

For further information, please read Tom Endy's very detailed and informative articles on this and other topics.

Tom's more detailed article on this cracked banjo project:

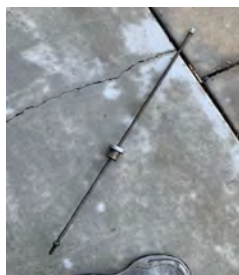
<https://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Model-A-Banjo-Cracked.pdf>

Tom's extended article on repairing differentials:

<http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Differential-Rear-End-Restoration-Revised-2014.pdf>



1/4" drive Dial
Inch lbs. torque



One of the tools for
setting Carrier Bear-



Spacer for setting
gear backlash.



Tom's collection of gaskets
and spacers of varying thick-



Tom setting Pinion
Bearings "pre-load".



Trial/error and a lot of
patience for the numer-



Tom in the process
of setting the Carrier



And there she is...all ready to be
mounted back into the car and ready

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

**March 19th (Sun) OCMAFC
60th Pancake Breakfast,
7:30a.m.-12p.m., Setup starts
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CA.**

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ence, Santa Maria, CA.**

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**May 20th- L.A. Fire Boat tour, 444
S Harbor Blvd, San Pedro, CA**

May 24th- Mount Baldy Tour.

**June 11-16, Colorado High Country
Tour, Brenkinridge, CO. Model A
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www.MAFCC.com**

**July 15th- Nethercutt Museum,
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Pancake Breakfast Served

7:30am-11:00am

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Board/Committee Members Installation Banquet

On Sunday, the 8th of Jan., the club once again held its annual "Installation Banquet", welcoming our new Board and Committee members. And once again, the event was quite the joyous occasion, with special presentations and festivities....Oh yes...and there was also that really great meal, presented by The Villa staff. Always a plus!! Everyone attending were dressed very smartly. There were even a good number of members who wore "Era Fashions" just to liven the event up..... What great fun!!!

Mike Edmonson, our new club President, presented outgoing President, Louise Hall, with a very nice sweatshirt, with her name embroidered on the front, and the OCMAFC logo done on the back. Louise has been Club President through some difficult times (Covid lockdown), but was still able to do an amazing job of keeping the Model A Club spirit alive and well. Thank you Louise!! Ya done good!!!

Club members attending this year's banquet were encouraged to wear fashions from the 20's or 30's and a good number took that request to heart. Seeing all the different vintage outfits was great fun. So many different ideas in clothing attire; all outstanding! But vintage, or not, everyone attending looked quite sporty and nice. BIG smiles were easily found throughout.

Always a high point in the year, this year's Club banquet turned out to be a resounding success, where everyone was having a great time welcoming the new Board and Committee members, and just plain having fun hanging out with everyone else.





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Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

**Next Meeting Feb. 9th (Thru)
2023**

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



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Orange County Model A Ford Club

Names: _____

AMOUNT: \$30.00 per family at same address

Please, make any roster CHANGES below...

New Family Members: _____

Cars: _____

Telephone Nbrs: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

Any other changes: _____

**Would you like to add or update your photo in the Roster? Just send to
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