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**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BE A PART OF-
BANQUET TO WELCOME THE
INSTALLATION OF THE
2023-2024 BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**



On Sunday, **January 8th 2023**, 1 to 4 p.m.
The Villa, 510 E. Katella Ave., Orange, Ca.
Cost is \$35 per person. Please send to Club's P.O. Box or Give to

Darwin Kibby directly.

If attending, please **RSVP**

Kathie McCall ASAP_at

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ERA FASHIONS ARE ENCOURAGED

See page 10 for Fashion examples

Welcome Our New Members



Nathan & Jeanette
Sherry
1929 Roadster,
Original unrestored



Brian & Stacey
Foster
1931 Fordor Slant
Window Touring

New Years Wishes

As the dawn breaks on a new year,
Let us give thanks for all that we hold
dear-
Our health, our family and our friends.
Let us release our grudges, our anger and
our pains,
For these are nothing but binding chains.
Let us live each day in the most loving
ways.

News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Happy New Year everyone!

We closed out 2022 in grand style with a wonderful invite to the entire club for Richard and Jeanne Parrish's annual Christmas Party. Lots of good eats and fellowship with the members of our club, the Harbor Lights Model A Club, and the Parrish family. Thank you, Richard and Jeanne, for bringing us all together during this special time of the year.

Not to be outdone, but many of us in the club really enjoyed the Christmas Lights Tour in December. This tour may come to be an annual event for the club, as we had so much fun. A very big thank you to Leonard Driver and Eric Engle for putting together a fantastic tour, from dinner at the Islands Restaurant in Orange, to circling through Orange and Santa Ana, and ending at the beautiful home of Ed and Patti Côté, complete with hot chocolate, cookies, and cake.....and even Santa (with his naughty and nice list); somehow our Model A's sagged a little lower once we jumped in for the drive home, but with a big smile on our faces. So, a big thank you to Ed and Patti for inviting us into your home to celebrate the week leading into Christmas.

And last, but by no means least, many of you have participated in a planned "drive-by" 90th birthday celebration for Dale McCall; a milestone by any measure! Dale never misses a meeting or breakfast and always has a great story to tell, so if you were not able to engage in some of these stories at the McCall's home, I encourage you to do so at the Banquet or during one of our many activities.

After four years, this was Louise Hall's last month as our Club President (why has she been smiling so much lately??). We can't thank Louise enough for leading our club through the challenging times of Covid, shifting our general membership meeting locations several times, and multiple rotations of board members, but she did so with grace and a positive "can-do" attitude. And this leads to another thank you to Kathie McCall for filling in as Secretary; how you helped out on such short notice is a prime example of how our membership rises to the occasion when the cry goes out.

January 2023 brings Orange County Model A Ford Club a new board. Welcome Debbie Parrish as Secretary and Ron Andrews as Technical Director, and one more thank you to Darwin Kibby who returns for another term as treasurer. We are here to serve you!

This brings me to the last topic and our first event of 2023: our annual Installation Banquet. This event serves several purposes, most importantly giving everyone in the club the opportunity to come together as a whole to thank the Board and Committee members for their service during the past year, and secondly to welcome new board members in their positions for 2023. This important activity brings everyone together to enjoy food, family, reminisce, and look forward to a new and exciting year of activities and enjoyment of our Model A's. If you haven't made your reservations yet, please contact Darwin Kibby ASAP! I look forward to seeing ALL of you at the Installation Banquet at The Villa on Sunday, January 8th at 1:00pm!

Mike



2022 BOARD MEMBERS

President – Mike Edmonson
VP/Activities – Leonard Driver
Secretary – Debbie Parrish
Treasurer – Darwin Kibby
Technical – Ron Andrews
Editor – Eric Engle
Immediate Past President – Louise Hall

COMMITTEES

ACCC Representative – David Knapp
Breakfast Committee –
Club Greeter – Linda Tom
Election Chairperson – Richard Parrish
Historian & Librarian – Bruce MacIntosh
Merchandise Director – Perry Wilson
Pancake Breakfast Setup & Coordination –
 Frank Reese, Don Ratzlaff and Richard Bolls
Raffle – Ed Cote
Refreshments – 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
 THURSDAY 12/09/2022 7:30 PM**



THANK YOU TO MARILYN HAWKINS FOR PROVIDING TABLE CENTERPIECES FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING AND TO LEONARD DRIVER FOR THE VIDEO OF THE RECENT TOUR TO THE RAILROAD MUSEUM.

The flag salute was led by outgoing past president Jim Runyon at 7:30pm.

MINUTES: Secretary reported a minor correction for the financial report, to omit “line by line” as printed in newsletter. Motion by Sheila Plotkin with 2nd by Dale McCall to then approve the minutes as corrected. There were no other corrections or additions and approval was confirmed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Steve Pavich with 2nd by Terry Collings to approve the financial overview by Treasurer Darwin Kibby. No objections or questions, approval confirmed. Membership reported at 149.

ACTIVITIES: Leonard Driver reviewed plans for the December Christmas light tour with reminder to be e-mailed prior to 12/17. Future events including the January poker run will be printed in the newsletter. Richard & Jeanne Parrish annual Christmas lunch announced for Saturday 12/10 for friends and family.

Leonard announced plans to begin awarding 500-mile patches for tour participants.

4th Thursday breakfast volunteers needed for 2023, sign up sheet available. **INSTALLATION BANQUET.** January 8th at The Villa in Orange emphasized. Let Kathie McCall or Darwin Kibby know ASAP. Era clothing is encouraged.

Refreshment volunteer sign up sheet also available for 2023. See Jim Runyon.

Thank you to Jim and Linda Tom for faithfully providing paper goods and drinks each month.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Ron Andrews was appointed to position of Technical Chairman by the Board to complete the term of Mike Edmonson through 2023 who will serve as President for 2023-24.

SUNSHINE/SORROW: Marilyn Hawkins: no new issues, but she shared one of her ‘favorite’ humorous Christmas story involving bells, keys and carols. Ha Ha!

DRAWINGS: Raffle ticket drawing was Jeanne Parrish for the \$10.00.

Roster drawing name drawn was Randy Nichols, who was not present.

Following the abbreviated business meeting, a Christmas trivia game was conducted by Karen Gaynor (Thank You). Steve Pavich also held a challenge contest involving 2 unusual objects hoping to stump EVERYONE; however, at least 5 persons correctly identified the items.

A drawing was held to determine the Model A to be placed on the 2023 breakfast t-shirts and posters. Frank Reese’ name was drawn.

Don Dormeyer has offered his studio and expertise to photograph club member’s vehicles. Contact him personally to set up a date.

A fun social time was then held with a potluck of desserts and appetizers. Submitted by Kathie McCall, pending approval.

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Jan. 7th (Sat), BS Breakfast, 8-9:30,
Denny's Restaurant,
2314 17th St, Santa Ana



Jan. 21st (Sat),
8:30-9 Coffee and Donuts, 9-11 How to sharp shoot and repair problems on member's cars,

Richard Parrish home,
909 Hacienda Pl., Anaheim, Bring your chairs.



POKER RUN,
9 am, Meet up at City of Or-

Postponed to Feb. 18th



Don't Miss It!
January 8th 1-4pm
Annual Installation Banquet –The Villa, in Orange,
510 E Katella Ave, Orange
Cont: Kathie McCall



4th Thur. Breakfast, Jan. 26th, 8:30, Paul's Coffee Shop, 16947 Bushard Street (near Warner), Fountain Valley.

ange train station directly across from C.W. Moss on Chapman, Cont. Doug Marsh, 805-903-3617,
See Page 6 for more information



Jan. 12th (Thurs) Board and General Meetings, First Christian Church-Orange, 1130 E Walnut Ave, Orange,

6:30 & 7:30 pm, Mandatory Chin-Wagging is required before meeting starts, so bring your stories and lies. Guests and Model A's are always welcome.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOANNE NICHOLS
March 13, 1936 - December 21, 2022




JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF HER LIFE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023 - 10:30 AM

Memorial Service O'Connor Mortuary 25301 Alicia Pkwy, Laguna Hills, CA 92653	Burial El Toro Memorial Park 25751 Trabuco Rd, Lake Forest, CA 92630	Reception to Follow Nichols Home 21212 Avenida Planicie, Lake Forest, CA 92630
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Donut Derelicts Car Show and Coffe/Donuts, every Saturday Morning, 6-8 am, 9015 Adams Ave, Huntington Beach, CA., Corner of Magnolia and Adams.

Turlock Swap Meet, Jan. 28-29, Hosted by Modesto Area A's, <http://www.turlockswapmeet.com>

Central Calif. Regional Jamboree, April 20-23, Hosted by Santa Maria A's, Registration info available late January, Cont: Curt Warner 805-478-1231 or www.santamariamodelaclub.com

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

Christmas Lights Dinner and Tour

By Eric Engle



Last night, Dec. 17th, the much anticipated “Christmas Lights Dinner and Tour” took place in the City of Orange. A good amount of planning went into this event by a host of Club members. Many thanks to the team of Leonard Driver, Mike Edmonson, Bruce and Becky MacIntosh. And a VERY special “Thank you” to Ed and Patricia Cote for opening up their beautiful home for the after-tour party. Hot cocoa, cookies, and other goodies were there in abundance.

The night started off at the Islands Restaurant in the City of Orange. The restaurant staff were wonderful and the food was even better! There were 31 club members dining and having a wonderful time swapping stories and telling lies. It was a very good beginning for the evening.

Once everyone was finished with their meals, the group organized out in the parking lot for the “Drivers Meeting”. Lined up there were the 12 club Model A’s and 5 “Moderns”. Then the task of parading through the 11 miles of street decorations was next. Trying to keep everyone together and not getting lost was the challenge. Driving directions were handed out and prayers sent up. Oh yes, and there were multiple hand-held communication radios passed out also. They are one of the greatest tools for keeping a large group organized and together!

The entire group enjoyed a large number of elaborately decorated homes throughout the City of Orange and Santa Ana areas. Most of the areas seen were extensively decked out through entire homes, yards, and even entire streets. **WOW !!!** Amazing decorations! So beautiful!

The entire driving tour lasted a bit more than 1 hour. Then it was over to the Cote’s home as the last stop for the evening. And there was even a special guest there....You guessed it...Santa Claus. Santa pulled out his “Naughty and Nice” list, and can you believe it...everyone there was on the “Nice” list.. Good job everyone!

Thank you, one and all, for a great evening’s fun.





POKER RUN

POSTPONED UNTIL FEBRUARY 18TH

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., directly Across the street from C.W. Moss. Written instruction will be handed out at that time.

Start time from the train station will be at 9:00 a.m.
Cars will be sent out in 5 minute intervals.

Written instructions to each stop will have clues to help drivers and their passenger solve the puzzles so that they can find their way to the next destination. Each destination will have a large "A" posted on a tree/pole., where participants will find an bag of concealed 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

Sunshine & Sorrow

By Marilyn Hawkins
m_hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: Happy New Year!

2023 Where did the past year go? I know we're all a year older and maybe wiser. Sorrow: Bill Vogen traveled to Missouri to visit family and ended up in the hospital w/pneumonia. He was released on December 20...not sure when he will be back to California. I emailed him an animated get well card. On November 29, Dale Virus, one of our life members who joined in 1975, passed away after a brief illness. More sad news: Joanne Nichols passed away on December 21 after a long illness. Celebration of Her Life is scheduled for January 14. Carolyn Ratzlaff has received word from the doctor/hospital that January 25 is the scheduled day for replacement of her heart valve. Let's keep her in our prayers. Mailed her a funny get well card to give her a much-needed chuckle.

Wishing you 365 chances to love, laugh and live your best year yet.



December is the month for counting our blessings and celebrating with family and friends. Saturday, Dec. 10th, Richard Parrish once again hosted a catered luncheon of wonderful Mexican food. Such a generous and kind gesture that everyone thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. Thank you so very much Richard. It's always great to get together with our Model A family over a great meal to enjoy one another's company.

Just for Laughs



"Hey, hey, hey! Are you folks nuts? I'm Telling you, this is the car for you."



BLT Guys Mitchell Install – December 14, 2022

by Tom Endy



A Mitchell overdrive installation was conducted by the BLT Guys organization on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at my (Tom Endy) house. The car is a 1931 Coupe owned by Steve Pavich, who lives in Fountain Valley, CA and is a member of the Orange County Model A Ford Club. We began slightly before 10 AM and the car was road tested at around 2:30 PM. A \$500 installation fee was donated to the Model A Ford youth restoration program. There was a good turnout of BLT Guys and willing workers including two from the Santa Anita A's Model A club.

The overdrive was purchased new from the Mitchell Overdrive Company in 1999 and remained undisturbed in the box all the years and was recently sold to Steve Pavich. The 31 Coupe was recently purchased by Steve and had been driven very little in the past 35 years. The car also has hydraulic brakes.

There were a number of show stoppers that had to be overcome during the installation process. A bracket was welded to the top of the torque tube that contained the hydraulic brake lines that had to be cut loose. The two pinion bearings and the double race were shot and had to be replaced and the pre-load set. The banjo was full of sludge and had to be flushed out with paint thinner and the oil replaced. The overdrive was stiff to rotate and difficult to shift in and out of gear from sitting all those years. During the road test it began loosening up. The hydraulic brake lines had to be bled. This early overdrive housing does not contain a threaded boss to mount the vent valve, even though a vent valve was included in the overdrive kit. The owner will have to fabricate a vent valve boss in the top fill plug later on.

At the end of the day the car performed as Steve Mitchell and Henry Ford ordered.



Spring Spreader in place.



Practicing to work at Caltrans.



Pouring thinner in to remove sludge and debris.



Bearing removal tool.



Every job needs a little blood Letting, right??



Hyd. Brake lines needed removing.

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

Submit all Articles and ads to eengle@socal.rr.com or mail to Eric Engle, 16732 Redwood St., Fountain Valley, Ca., 92708



MAFCA is accepting 2023 renewals. Call 866-379-3619 or visit <https://www.mafca.com>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Central Calif. Regional Jamboree April 20-23, Hosted by Santa Maria A's, Cont: Curt Warner 805-478-1231 or www.santamariamodelaclub.com

Turlock Swap Meet, January 28-29, <http://www.turlockswapmeet.com>

Help Needed

Club member Tom Archbold needs help with a new top for his 1930 Sports Coupe. He is asking if anyone in our club can recommend a shop in Orange County that has experience in replacing those. If you know of a shop that can handle that, please contact Tom at:

750-644-1299

OR

archbold@hallmarkcommunities.com

Wanted

Decent set of bumpers (Front and rear) for a 1930 Model A.

**David Knapp
949-243-5210**

**For Sale
Fully restored 28 Model A Roadster**



- Model "A" Ford Roadster with Rumble seat in excellent condition
- Original color Tacoma Blue paint w/ Gray trim
- Very smooth running engine and transmission w /Borg Warner over-drive
- Original 6 volts
- V-8 Clutch pressure plate
- Modern Cast Iron Brake drums
- Very nice car.
- Car is currently in Atascadero, Ca.

Too many extras to list. Call Paul Lindbergh for further information.

Asking \$25K

(805)466-4413

Conversion Chart courtesy of Steve Pavich

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART	
HOW TO INTERPRET	
*	*
ANTIQUUE CAR ADS	
IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more



“Era Fashions” are being encouraged for the upcoming Installation Banquet on January, 8th, to welcome our newest Board and Committee members. Here’s an example of some very nice “Period Dress.” Very easy to do and they look **GREAT!!!** Be brave and have some fun at a great banquet.

Many thanks to the Brian and Stacey Foster family, two of our club’s newest members, for the great photo of them and their family in their outstanding outfits. Very nice!!

ACCC Celebrated 50th Anniversary and Past Accomplishments by David Knapp

The Association of California Car Clubs recently celebrated its 50th year working to preserve our hobby. As part of the celebration, time was taken to reflect on the Association's efforts and accomplishments that we all enjoy today. Here are the highlights of the successes:

-Passed Senate Bill 1784 Defines Collector Motor Vehicles. Vehicle Code 259 makes a distinction between collector vehicles and older everyday driver vehicles.

Historical Vehicle License Act Sponsored a bill to create the "Historical Vehicle" license plate for vehicles 25 years or older.

-Eliminated Weight Fees Sponsored a bill to allow pre-1936 commercial vehicles to have passenger vehicle license plates.

-Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Law Changed to allow cars and parts of cars to be sold by hobbyists.

-Equipment Safety Compliance Defeated a bill that would have required collector cars to meet modern safety glass, lamps, windshield wiper and brake laws.

-Junked Car Bill Defeated a bill that would have prevented the sale of any vehicle an insurance company deemed "beyond repair" to anyone other than a licensed dismantler or auto dealer, even if you owned it before the accident.

-Year of Manufacture License Plates Authorizes use of California auto, truck and trailer license plates with the date corresponding to the model year of the vehicle.

-Armored Vehicles ACCC obtained an executive order permitting the licensing of armored vehicles to private parties.

-Off Highway Vehicles Obtained exemption for some of these vehicles as historical vehicles.

-Swap Meets Drafted a bill to clarify the exemption of the regulation of car clubs. Changed California law regarding tax exempt status of non-profit clubs to match the Federal law.

-Emission Controls Successful in presenting data to the California Air Resources Board that aided in the elimination of exhaust retrofit devices on 1955-1965 vehicles. Exempted passenger vehicles 1965 or older from bi-annual emission inspection program except on change of ownership. Successful in defeating the requirement for an emission inspection yearly on all vehicles. Exempts most vehicles 1975 and older.

-Bumper Bill This removed the requirement that made it illegal to operate an automobile not equipped with both front and rear bumpers regardless of whether or not the vehicle was that way when new.

-Certificate of Non-Operation VC Sec 4604,d,3 exempts vehicles 25 years old and older from planned non operation requirements, (PNO). Also, past years fees and penalties are not due on vehicles that were not originally put onto PNO.

-Safety Lamp Requirement Defeated bill that would have required all vehicles including collector cars, to have two headlights on at all times while driving.

-Supported Legacy License Plate Legislation the ACCC was instrumental in the Legacy License Plate bill passed into law.

Serving as the OCMAFC's "ACCC Representative", the most common question I get from other members is "what is the ACCC?" I implore you to review the list above and make a mental tally of how many of these legislative changes have helped you enjoy our hobby a bit more. My personal count was ten! Next time you realize the benefit of one of these accomplishments, remember that the ACCC is an organization working for the preservation of our hobby.

By David Knapp

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We are on the Web!
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Dedicated to the History and Preservation of the Model A Ford

Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting January 12th, 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



2023 DUES RENEWAL INVOICE • You can use this form to submit your dues

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
Becky MacIntosh - Becky@genimage.com

You may confirm current info by going to the "Members Only page at
www.ocmafc.com or the 2022 Roster for accuracy.

Make your check payable to Orange County Model A Ford Club (OCMAFC) and
mail to the club at:

P.O. Box 10595
Santa Ana, CA 92711

Payment MUST be received by February 28, 2023 to be included in the club's
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