

Orange County Model A Ford Club

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Editor Eric Engle

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



Flag Day Parade in Anaheim Full Story on Page 10



New Members Corner



Be sure to say hello
to Ed Roth,
Orange, Ca.,
1928 Tudor

News From the President

By Mike Edmonson



Wow, It's Fourth of July...

Is June over with already? Summer is officially here and with the month of July comes many opportunities to get our Model A's out on the road and running. If you don't follow our website at <http://www.ocmafc.com/> now would be the best time.

Our fearless webmaster, Bruce MacIntosh does an amazing job at keeping it updated so you can pick and choose which activities and events fit within your schedule. We all know how busy summertime is, so making it to every event might be nearly impossible (that's ok...we understand). And if you look to the website, take a gander at the newest column in "Era Fashions" - a big push to getting in step with the era of our cars.

Looking at July, besides our wonderful "First Saturday" and "Fourth Thursday" breakfasts, we will be celebrating the 1st of July at our annual Ice Cream Social hosted by Ed and Patti Cote. Additionally, you have a choice of several 4th of July parades in Orange County that you can show your beautiful cars off at: The City of Orange, and Fullerton (that I am aware of). We had sign-up sheets for both Orange and Fullerton at last month's meeting. I hope that many of you will be able to celebrate our Nation's 247th birthday in grand style -- decorate those cars with as much patriotic fervor as you can muster up and have a barrel of fun!

Ron Andrews has a fun change-up when it comes to technical seminars this month: Lady's Drivers Ed. Day (OK guys, stop shaking your heads...). Actually this should be a lot of fun and I hope we get a great turnout. We need you ladies to feel comfortable behind the wheel so when the old man gets tired (or injured - who would that be?), you can help him. Location and time TBD at this writing, but I hear Cal State Fullerton has some pretty wide open and vacant parking lots during the summer months. So ladies, rev up your engines!!!!

Last but not least, on the 15th we will make way to one of those counties north of us to finally visit the Nethercutt museum in Sylmar! I understand it has been quite a few years since the club has been to this museum -- and this will be my first visit, so I'm definitely looking forward to this great adventure.

So, all of this in the first half of the month! Busy? You bet! But with two weeks left in the month, you have room for some spontaneity! Spontaneous adventures are the spice of life, and if temperatures keep on the low side, get your Model A out on the road for an unplanned trip, whether it be up or down the coast, or out to the valleys and deserts - and if you are want to go, contact Don Dormeyer and he can push out a text to any interested parties; who knows, you might have a strap-hanger to join you!

See you at the turnaround point,

Mike



2023 BOARD MEMBERS

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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 Minutes on Meeting held at First Christian Church in Orange, CA



General Meeting Minutes on June 8, 2023, 7:30PM

Meeting was called to order by President, Mike Edmonson. Flag salute was led by Bruce MacIntosh. Marilyn Hawkins was absent. The joke was presented by Bruce.

MINUTES: The minutes were provided, and Sheila Plotkin made a motion to accept. Steve Pavich seconded and all approved.

FINANCIAL: Darwin Kibby provided the financial report and Sheila Plotkin made a motion to accept. Norm Kredit seconded and all approved. Present membership is 138.

ACTIVITIES: Leonard Driver presented the upcoming events, parades, breakfasts for the following months. Please see Leonard or website for signup.

TECHNICAL: Ron Andrews spoke of upcoming Rebuilding Distributors on June 16 at Rick Halls Garage. 25 people attended Get your Car Tour Ready.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: Dennis Kliesen Is still having eye issues. Marilyn Singer-Hawkins will be having hip surgery.

BREAKFAST: Aaron Magdaleno shared that the 4th Thursday breakfast will be at Streamliner in the train station near downtown Orange on June 22nd at 8am.

HARD LUCK TROPHY went to Jennifer Ferrario for a blown engine in her speedster at pancake breakfast.

RAFFLES: Lori Goff won \$10 for the attendance raffle and Eric Engle won \$10 for the membership drawing.

NEW MEMBERS: Ed Roth has a 29 Tudor Sedan. Welcome Ed, we're glad to have you!

REFRESHMENTS: Kaci Terens, Mark Polentz, Gina and Perry Wilson, Ron Andrews and Linda Tom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with 48 in attendance.

Submitted by Secretary Debbie Parrish and pending approval.

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



July 1 (Sat) 8:00 am
First Saturday BS
Breakfast, Denny's
Restaurant, 2314
17th St, Santa Ana,
CA



Ice Cream Social

July 1 (Sat) 12 pm,
Ed & Patty Cote's
Ice Cream Social,
held once again at
the Cote's home,
Please RSVP the

Cotes if going.



July 4 (Tue) Morn-
ingside Antique
Car Parade, 8-10
am, 800 Morningside
Dr, Fullerton, CA.,
Cont: Leonard Driver

for more info.



July 4 (Tue) Orange
Park Acres 4th of
July Parade, Orange,
Ca., 10-12am,
Cont: Roger Gulledge
for more info.

Swap Meets/Car Shows

July 4th parades Fullerton, Orange Park Acres.

July 15 (Sat), Long Beach Model T Ford Club Swap Meet, 7am-1pm, Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5000 E Lew Davis St, Long Beach, Contact Jeff Hood for more information, 562-597-5936, moemechanic@aol.com. Or view at www.lbmtc.com.

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

Nov. 5 (Sun) 57 Annual San Fernando Moel 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.



July 8 (Sat)
Learn to Drive a
Model A, See
page 9 for more
info, Cont: Ron
Andrews if inter-
ested in learning to drive a
Model A



July 13 (Thur)
Board and Gen-
eral member-
ship Meetings,
6:30 & 7:30 pm,
First Christian
Church-Orange, 1130 E Walnut
Ave, Orange,



July 15 (Sat),
Neathercutt
Auto Museum
tour, Limited to the
first 25 members.

RSVP Leonard
Driver to sign up,

SEE PAGE 9 FOR MORE INFO



July 15 (Sat),
Long Beach
Model T Ford
Club Swap Meet,
7am-1pm, Veter-
ans Memorial Stadium, 5000 E Lew
Davis St, Long Beach, Contact Jeff
Hood for more information, 562-597-
5936, moemechanic@aol.com. Or
view at www.lbmtc.com.



July 27 (Thur), 4th
Thur. Breakfast,
Champagnes
Kitchen, 1260 Bison
Ave #D3, Newport

Beach, CA ,

Cont: Aaron Magdaleno for info.
 Beach Cruise afterwards lead by
 Leonard Driver. Includes Ferry
 Boat ride. Bring \$2.50/car, \$1.50
 per person.

It's finally time
 for...



...**"ICE**

CREAM!!"

Ed and Patti Cote's
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 1st. (Sat), 12 noon,
Location: Ed & Patti

Cote's beautiful home in
Santa Ana.

Highlights of the June Tech Seminar

By Ron Andrews-Technical Director

About 22 members gathered at the home of Rick and Louise Hall to hear a presentation on the method of rebuilding your A distributor. Rick stated the most common cause of breakdowns are distributors. Some of the causes can be points closing due to a worn rubbing block, short circuit due to frayed lower connection wire, and/or bad condenser.

As we know we can sometimes get faulty parts from our vendors, or parts can simply fail due to normal use. We must be diligent when problems occur due to broken parts. For example; the distributor rotor rivet that holds the small arm on, can be bad due to poor manufacturing.

The rebuild process of a distributor begins with it being fully disassembled and cleaned. Then the old bushings need to be removed by cutting a slot with a hacksaw blade in the old bushings to loosen them, then carefully picking them out of the distributor housing. The new bushings are then pressed in (see Tom Endy's excellent article on this subject)

(<http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2OC-Distributor-Techniques.pdf>)

The new bushings must then be "reamed" for a "smooth" fit. Adjustable reamers can be found on Amazon (11.75-12.75mm or 12.75-13.75mm). The new shaft **MUST** slip through both new bushing and turn smoothly.

Another option to consider when rebuilding a distributor might be to install a set of modern points and condenser. This requires another points/condenser plate, which takes the place of the old points plate. These can be a little difficult to adjust though. However, the rubbing blocks don't seem to wear as fast as OEM. One suggestion was, be prepared; carry a feeler gauge (points 018-.022) and/or a spare distributor timed to the car.

It was suggested that at oil change time, or 1000 miles, pull the distributor and wipe it down clean. Oil with 30W through oiler cam hole (if you have one), lightly lube the cam with proper grease, reset the points gap and tighten all screws, then check the timing once the distributor is reinstalled in the engine.

Dennis Kleisen presented another option of an electronic distributor (First Street Ignitions). It uses a magnetic cam in place of the original cam, to trigger the igniter (which takes the place of the points and condenser). The new cam creates the impulse for the spark. Advantages can be a more carefree ignition system that requires **NO** further adjustments. FSI has 6V and 12V Igniter kits that will fit in a stock Model A distributor, or they also have fully assembled distributors **WITH** centrifugal advance mechanisms. There are a variety of options to choose from, should you decide to go this route.

The complete hand out guide will be available on line at OCMAFC.com.

Until next time.



A Lifelong Love Affair

by Gerry & Sherry Reid

Year 1931

Body Style: Slant Window Standard Fordor Sedan, Model 160A

Built in July of 1931

First Registered in Visalia Calif. January 13, 1932

Original Color: Elkpointe & Kewanee Green

Current Owners: Gerry & Sherry Reid

According to oral history, Tulare County purchased the car new for my grandfather's use in his work as a County Roads Supervisor. When the State of Calif. took over the responsibility for the County roads, my grandfather purchased the car from Tulare County. Grandpa's records indicate he purchased the car new January 13, 1932 in Visalia, California.

The car was driven by my Grandfather until October 9, 1950. At that time he let my mother use the car as a second family car. I remember being taken to swimming lessons at the Visalia City pool with my sister and neighbor girl in the car. I also remember the starter jamming in the car several times when we were shopping and my three sisters and I rocking the car to break it loose.

The car sat idle in my parent's garage from 1956-59. My Grandfather gave me the car when I obtained a drivers license.

In 1960 I rebuilt the engine and in 1961 I re-upholstered and painted the car. The car still had the paint and upholstery done then. Although the car was done in 60's style paint and upholstery, I felt very strongly about keeping the car mechanically stock. I still do, for that matter; no overdrive or high compression heads for me??

I have driven the car about 50,000 miles of the 153,000 it has traveled. Every weekend for two years, I drove the car between San Luis Obispo, where I attended Cal Poly and Visalia, where my girlfriend (now my wife) lived. We had a lot of Sunday afternoon driving dates to the Sequoias and around the Three Rivers area. Between 1965 and 1977 the car sat idle in my parents garage due to the fact I threw a main bearing driving it and didn't want to spend the money fixing it. In 1977 I installed a junk engine assembled using parts from three other engines and drove it for a while around Orange County. The engine leaked so much oil, and the pistons made so much noise, that I stopped driving it in 1988 and it sat in my garage until I rebuilt the original engine in June of 1991. I then started the process of restoration. In 1993, my employer, Rockwell International, sent me to Australia to live for three years. The car sat idle for that period of time with no ill effects. Since that time I have done casual driving until this year when I had the rest of the running gear restored.

In June of 2003 I transported the car to Pleasanton CA for Larry Ryder to do a Body off paint job, replacing all wood and installing a LaBaron Bonney upholstery kit, completing the restoration.

Other facts about the car:

My Grandfather always called the car "Lizzie"

My mother learned to drive in the car. She remembers driving grandpa out to check on the road construction warning pots to insure they were full of kerosene and burning.

I have memories of riding on my grandmother's lap at a very young age, watching trees and other scenery pass in the headlights.

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I have never been stranded using this car. Any failures I have been able to fix on the road. Not so true in my modern car.

My furthest trip was from Visalia to San Francisco to Santa Cruz, down Highway 1 to Newport Beach and back to Visalia, during the Easter Vacation 1962...about 1000 miles.

The longest trip in the car was taken by my grandparents; from Visalia to Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada and back, about 3000 miles. Grandpa always said the car was very reliable and could be driven anywhere.

It transported my oldest daughter to her first formal dance, December 1980, held at the Disney Hotel.

My wife and I have lots of fond memories in this 1931 Ford.



Sunshine & Sorrow

By Marilyn Hawkins
m_hawkins33@cox.net

It finally happened, Marilyn Hawkins had her hip replacement surgery on June 16th. I am home recovering with a swollen and bruised right thigh and foot. What a chore just to get into bed as my leg is so rigid and it hurts. I seem to be living on pills for two weeks. However, I did walk to the clubhouse to have my hair done...took me 25 minutes. Dennis Kliesen met with an ophthalmologist specialist at UC Irvine, who performed many more tests. Now determined that he has "uveitis." Posterior uveitis affects the retina and the choroid at the back of the eye. Panuveitis affects all parts of the uvea, from the front to the back of the eye. Dennis' eyesight is about 90-95% improved and holding. Eric Engle had his left wrist bandaged due to squamous cell skin cancer last month (same as Norm's), then it became slightly infected with staph. He's on the road to recovery; thank goodness as we need our newsletter editor. Kaci Terens will be going in for "diet" stomach surgery on July 10th. She seemed pretty excited about that prospect when she shared the info at the last general meeting. One more to add to our prayers, remember to alphabetize, it's easier to keep track.

Los Angeles Fir Station 112

*So many things are overwhelming right now. Just remember
to take one step at a time, one day at a time.*

Mystery Member

I was born in South Gate, CA and raised in areas between South Gate and North Dakota. Since I spent much of my time in North Dakota and Wyoming, it sparked my interest in collecting historical Americana memorabilia. I rode with the Buffalo Soldiers, as their officer, in the Rose Parade and the Hollywood Christmas Parade in 2005. My horse's name was Trouble, and he represented his name well.

Approximately 1985, I joined the Model A Club, and provided refreshments for nine years. My first Model A was a green 1929 Roadster pick-up that was passed down to me from my grandfather, and I have restored and painted it three times. I am a degreed Industrial engineer, and have had many opportunities in industry from making Lever Bros. soap and detergent, managing swimwear production at Catalina Swimwear, purchasing agent and consultant at Rockwell International, to owning my business in a real estate holding company. During this time, I was Historical Commissioner for the first district of Orange County, CA for nine years. I sat on the Board of Directors of the Santa Ana Preservation Society, and Heritage Museum of Orange County.

Who is this Mystery Member??

Answer on page 9

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 Red-
wood St., Fountain Valley, Ca.,
92708



**MAFCA is accept-
ing 2023 renewals.
Call 866-379-3619**

**or
visit**

www.mafca.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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>

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

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

Ladies Day In A Model A



Come learn to drive a Model A.

Date: July 8th

Time: 9 am.

Cal State Fullerton parking lot, near State College Blvd and Yorba Linda Blvd.. Enter Stadium Way #9 off Yorba Linda Blvd., OR Associated Rd./N. Campus Dr., near the Fullerton Arboretum.

Restaurant afterward for those that would be interested.

Contact Ron Andrews for more information

THE NEATHERCUTT COLLECTION TOUR July 15th



**Meet at First Christian Church
(our club meeting location)
1130 E Walnut Ave. Orange,
Ca**

**Meeting time 07:00am. Park
all the way in the back.
We will coordinate rideshare
at the church.**

Depart 7:30am

Our tour starts at 09:30am

**Lunch at a local restaurant af-
ter tour.**



**Answer to Mystery
Member
question;
Ed Cote**

Flag Day in a Small Town Setting By Eric Engle

Saturday, June 11th, was a **GREAT** day to celebrate our Nation's "Flag Day". 11 of our club's vehicles showed up to attend a wonderful Flag Day parade through some of the neighboring streets, followed by a jubilee in the park. American flags were posted everywhere throughout the area. There were military displays, barbequed burgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, and even a live patriotic Country Western concert from an up and coming Anaheim local, Shaun Oleu, who grew up years ago right across the street from the park where this year's Flag Day event was held. Remember Shaun's name...I feel confident that we will be hearing a lot from that young man in the not too far off future.

A **BIG** "thank you" goes out to Perry and Gina Wilson for setting up the parade route and coordinating the OCMAFC's participation in this year's event. Great fun, in a small town setting!



Venturing Out to Local Retirement Communities

On Thursday, June 15th, a number of club members and their cars lined up for all the residence of the "Oakmont of Orange" senior living to view. The response from the residence was quite something. Lots of stories of old, with lots of smiles. Mission accomplished!!!



On Sunday, the 18th of June, some of our club members showed up at the "Vivante on the Coast" luxury senior living in Costa Mesa, Ca. WOW!! "Luxury" is the key word! Beautiful facilities and the residents really loved viewing our club member's Model A's.



Vivante senior living facilities REALLY knows how to celebrate Fathers Day!!!

Just for Laughs

FRIENDSHIP is when people know all about you...but like you anyways!



Have you licked your kids today?



Security Cameras



ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A FORD CLUB

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Santa Ana, CA 92711

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We are on the Web!
www.ocmafc.org

Next General Meeting

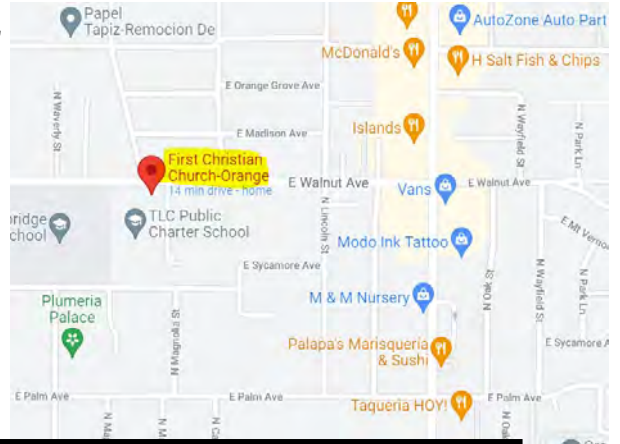
[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting July 13, 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



FOR SALE

1959 Morris panel truck . Previous owner was Pete Haak.

\$9000

Call **Steve Pavich** for information: 714 322-7561 cell



Diane and Gerald Gaughen are looking for a new engine for their Victoria "Betsy". A recent cracked block has made this necessary.

Contact: Diane @ 562-715-1529 or dw.gone@verizon.net

FOR SALE

1931 FORD MODEL A DELUXE SLANT WINDOW FORDOR (160B)
RESTORED 15 YEARS AGO, UPGRADED WITH A/C, AND OVERDRIVE
4-SPEED. GOOD/SAFE FOR TOURING

\$25 k

Cont: **BRIAN FOSTER** at prsnecat@gmail.com

