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Editor Eric Engle

The 60th Annual Pancake Breakfast in the City of Orange was a smashing success!

Read more about it on pages 10-11



CCRG Jamboree 2023 Santa Maria, Calif.

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New Club Members Corner

Ruth Chase
1929 Coupe



News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

As Doris would say: Helllloo Everybody!

I hope this issue of our newsletter finds you in great spirits with healthy Model A's! I wish I could say that, but more on that later....

As I sit here, contemplating on all of the wonderful things I'd like to write about -- I can't. Why? Because they haven't happened yet! Unfortunately this newsletter comes out just one day after our glorious Pancake Breakfast! (or maybe one day before if Eric decides to jump the gun and publish early as he has wanted to do...). Anyway, I HAVE looked at the weather report and it looks GREAT (low 58 and hi of 79 -- and no rain in sight!). As Baby Bear use to say, it should be juuust right! And now come May 1, we can see how close the weatherman called it....



But, more in store for us beyond the Pancake Breakfast. No, no, no - not for our glorious Orange County Model A Ford Club! We have our own local breakfast on the first Saturday of May (breaking nearly 50 in attendance of late), and the Orange May Parade that same morning; unfortunately there is not time for a double header, so you'll have to make a tough decision. And then on May 13th we have our monthly Technical Seminar that will take place at Don Dormeyer's home where you can conduct your annual maintenance in prep for touring season -- and he has a lift, handy for oil changes, lube jobs and such.

Tours? Did I hear someone say tours?? We have a couple planned thanks to our venerable VP Leonard Driver. Thanks to our Editor, Eric Engle, we are finally off to that long sought-after Fire House and Boat Tour in Port of Los Angeles. At this writing I've been told that plans are coming together for a great lunch at a local restaurant -- so wherever there is good food, just like Marines, Model A'ers are sure to follow. And on the following Wednesday, 24 May, we have our annual sojourn to Mt. Baldy. I'm sure with our glorious March showers, those mountain flowers will be splendid!

And rounding out the month will be our 4th Thursday breakfast. Any takers? Aaron Magdaleno our new Breakfast Coordinator is on the continuous hunt for volunteers to host, we still have a few months available for you to add your wonderful breakfast location to our rotating Thursday Breakfast. If you don't speak up - don't complain.

Speaking of complaints, I have a bone to pick with MY Model A. If anyone has an idea where I might find a new banjo for my differential, please let me know. Just when you get new tires, having fun with a borrowed Zenith B carburetor, and the car loving to fly at 60 mph, a leak develops between the torque tube and the banjo -- maybe a cracked banjo? Who knows. As our Technical Advisor always says: "It's always something!"

See you at the turnaround point,

Mike

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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 CLUB
GENERAL MEETING APRIL 13, 2023**

Meeting was called to order by President, Mike Edmonson. Drain Marshall led the flag salute.

Marilyn Hawkins told a joke about "Elders".

MINUTES: Motion by Steve Pavich to approve the March minutes and Bev Marsh 2nd the motion. All approved.

FINANCIAL: The financial report was presented by Darwin Kibby. Steve Pavich made a motion to approve and Aaron Magdaleno 2nd the motion. All approved. All inactive members, not paying dues, were removed from the roster. Total membership is 133.

ACTIVITIES: Leonard Driver reminded everyone about CCRG on April 20-23. Nethercutt Museum is set for July 15th. Bruce MacIntosh shared about the City of Orange, **MAY PARADE**, scheduled for May 6, We have 8 cars and more are invited.

TECHNICAL: Ron Andrews shared that the windshield replacement seminar, at Darwin Kibby's house had 27 people and was very successful. The next technical seminar will be on May 13 at Don Dormeyers garage and will be covering getting your Model A TOUR READY!!

EDITOR: Eric Engle reminded us of the Fireboat tour on May 20. Please contact Eric if intending to go. If you have any questions about Distributor, not receiving newsletter, or wishing to add articles, please contact Eric.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: Marilyn Hawkins announced that Bruce Harris is in rehab. Carol Howard is recovering from eye issues. Flowers were sent to Joanie Harris. The new rosters are here and ready for pickup.

OLD BUSINESS: Frank Reese still needs volunteers for many of the pancake breakfast jobs. The workers thank you party will be at Zito's on May 18.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve Pavich has information on 2 cars for sale. Please contact Steve if interested. May is YOUTH MONTH. Share any ideas for promoting Model A culture to youths and teens. The topic of raising dues was offered with very little discussion at this time. Further discussions will be held later.

HARD LUCK TROPHY: Richard Parrish won the hard luck with a piston rust and seize issue. Lori Kredit won the raffle and Jeanette Sherry won the membership raffle.

REFRESHMENTS: were provided by Steve and Debbie Pavich, Patti Cote, Louise Hall, Frank Reese and Linda Tom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm

Submitted by Secretary, Debbie Parrish awaiting approval.

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



May 6 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Breakfast, 8:00am, Denny's, 2314 17th St, Santa Ana., Be sure to bring your gift of gab with you.



May 6 (Sat), The Orange May Parade, Historic Orange Traffic Circle 10-11am, Cont: Bruce MacIntosh



May 11 (Thurs), Board and General membership Meetings, 6:30 & 7:30 pm, First Christian Church-Orange, 1130 E Walnut Ave, Orange,



May 13 (Sat), 8:30-9 donuts and coffee, 9 Start, Subj: Pre-tour Maintenance, Held at Don & Mary

Dormeyer's home, 2229 E. Meats Ave, Orange,

Note: Those who need oil change please contact Ron Andrews to schedule rack time,



May 20 (Sat) L.A. Fire Boat Tour, 10 am, 444 S Harbor Blvd, San Pedro, CA., Start point D&N Donuts, 16917

Algonquin St., Huntington Beach, off Warner, 1 mile from PCH, Meet 8.00am, Depart 8:45am, Lunch afterwards at San Pedro Brewing Company, Cont: Eric Engle eengle@socal.rr.com or 714-552-2630



May 24 (Wed), Mount Baldy Tour, Meet at Panera Bread, 423 S. Associated Rd., Brea, Meet at 8:30, depart at 9, Contact Leonard Driver for details.

Please bring cash for lunch bill..

Future Tours

July

07/15 Sat: Nethercutt Museum, Reservations for 25 @ 09:30 \$10/ea for personal tour, Cont: Leonard Driver if interested in going.

Do you want to make a difference??



The health of our club depends on all of it's

members.

Don't be shy, volunteer for one of several committees that organize club functions and outings.

We are in **NEED** of help for the 4th Thursday Breakfast for May and June.

Contact Aaron Magdelino, our new Breakfast Committee Chairperson.

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.

May 21 Antique Nationals, Irwindale Raceway, \$25 Spectators, Under 15 FREE with paid adult.

May 21 Muckenthaler Cultural Center is requesting classic cars for thier 28th Annual Motor Car Festival Concours d'Elegance, 8am-2pm, Free admission, 1201 W. Malvern Ave., Fullerton, Ca., Cont. Leonard Driver BEFORE may 5th if interested len.from.iowa@gmail.com

June 10th (Sat) 27th Annual San Clemente Car Show, Free to spectators, Cont: Julie Heinze, SCDBA Director, 949-919-2598 or www.sccarshow.com

June 11 (Sun) Movie Night & Pot Luck, dish categories will be provided later, Ford vs. Ferrari is the movie, Event will be held at Don Dormeyer's studio.

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 714-726-8384

Highlights of the April Tech Seminar

By Ron Andrews
Technical Director



Another successful seminar hosted by Darwin Kibby (how did I determine that? 3 doz. donuts and 45 cups of coffee were consumed by 27 club members.)

Whether, or not, you prefer to do it yourself or sublet to a glass shop. Two different methods of installing the glass were presented. One by Mark Lackey and one by Darwin Kibby. I will point out some important points of both set of instructions. Critical points are that the windshield channel must be very, very clean; no debris can be left inside channels. Sometimes it can be difficult to take the windshield apart so be prepared.

The wood header that the windshield frame screws into might have dry rot. Be prepared to possibly drill and insert, with wood glue, dowels into the new drilled holes to accept new screws. Remounting the windshield with gasket (silicone to hold the gasket in place) must be level. A jig is a useful tool to steady the windshield while inserting the glass. This will help the windshield slide strait down, where as Mark used a flat table with clamps. When inserting the windshield into the frame rubber, sometimes coating it with dish soap or rubber lubricant (Napa) Ruglyde will help. Two other points, Use the rubberized cork for the channel (Model A Medic) outside seal, use the rounded edge type (available from most vendors). The full set of installation guides are posted on the website. Thanks to Darwin Kibby and Mark Lackey.



Note the rounded frame (wood buck) on table. This is to support windshield frame so that it doesn't flex while pushing glass into frame.



Darwin demonstrates frame being supported by "wooden buck", so that frame doesn't squeeze/flex and the glass..



Another technique would be to hold glass vertically in a wood structure and then push frame over glass.

CCRG – April 2023

By Becky MacIntosh

Central California Regional Group 2023 Jamboree was hosted by the Santa Maria A's in Santa Maria, California. About 100 Model A's and over 300 people attended the 3 day event. From OCMAFC, attendees were: Bruce & Becky MacIntosh, Kathy & Jim Glendinning, Leonard Nettles, and George Kulakowski

Friday night was a night on the town in Buellton where we visited Mendenhall's Museum of Gas & Petroliana. At least 12 sheds of collectibles related to cars and gas stations. Lots of the items "lit up". Hard to take it all in but we had fun trying.

We took tours in groups of about 50 Model A's...imagine keeping all those cars together in So. Calif! But in Santa Maria it was not a problem. Everyone had the printed directions and with that many cars on the road, could easily find someone to follow.

We toured to Vandenberg Space Force Center where the private company FireFly had a rocket on the launch pad (visible but no pictures allowed) and quickly toured their museum but our time was cut short due to the launch pad activity underway. Off on a beautiful drive to a remote park where a taco truck awaited us (all pre-paid as a part of our registration).

We toured to a strawberry packing house where we learned about air cooling strawberries to 33° for shipping. This changes the freshness period of the strawberries from 4 days to 2½ weeks. They also ice cool broccoli, brussel sprouts, etc. Their forklift could remove 12 pallets at a time from the incoming trucks...12! It had a Ford V8 engine in it. Then off to a strawberry farm where 50 Model A's lined the dirt path beside the field for a free-for-all picking session. Perfect for a before lunch snack. And the lunch location? A beautiful, private acreage with a party area that rivaled the Thursday night museum...sheds of beautifully displayed memorabilia including gas pumps, signs, license plates (you get the idea). Tucked into corners, a guest house imitating a brothel hotel, beach house shack complete with surf boards and path to the pool, lifeguard shack, electronic center with turn of the century transistors, monitors, etc. and of course a garage (or two) with cars and a firetruck. We parked 100 Model A's on the guy's grass! He is a master landscaper so "no problem".

The nights were topped off with BBQ's and banquets complete with raffle prizes. They kept us very busy and we had a great time! Looking forward to next year in Clovis (Fresno area).



Sunshine & Sorrow

By Marilyn Hawkins

Sunshine: To me, this is good news...I'm scheduled for a hip replacement on June 16. Whoopee! **Frank Mowrer's** wife is allergic to flowers, so he brought a lovely floral arrangement to the general meeting. Surprised **Joanie Harris** when the flowers were given to her.

Sorrow: **Jim Persons** fell in front of his home; paramedic came and he spent one night in hospital. The usual aches/bruises plus stitches in one hand. His wife, **Carol Persons** is back in rehab after a short stay in hospital with an infection. Dialysis continues. Ironically, they were in the same hospital during the same week. Until next month.

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



Miller Reese Hutchison 1876 - 1944

The Ahooguh Origin

by Tom Endy

The ahooguh horn, also known as a Klaxon horn was developed and patented by Miller Reese Hutchison, an inventor of the early 20th century. Hutch, as he was known, patented the mechanism in 1908. The Lovell-McConnell Manufacturing Company of Newark, New Jersey bought the rights to manufacture the device and it later became standard equipment on motor cars. Franklyn Hallett Lovell Jr., the company founder, coined the name klaxon from the Ancient Greek verb klazō, meaning shriek. Klaxon horns produce an easily identifiable sound, often described in English as "ahooguh". Like most mechanical horns, the klaxon has largely been replaced by solid-state electronic devices, though the memorable tone has persisted on in classic cars of the era. Klaxon later became a brand name. The Klaxon horn was used on U.S. submarines during WWII. The Klaxon horn's characteristic sound is produced by a spring-steel diaphragm with a rivet in the center that is repeatedly struck by the teeth of a rotating cog-wheel. The diaphragm is attached to a horn that acts as an acoustic transformer and controls the direction of the sound. In the first Klaxons, the wheel was driven either by hand or by an electric motor. Hutchison went to work for Thomas Edison in 1909, and was the chief engineer for Edison from 1912 to 1918. The ahooguh sound is usually heard today when a Model A Ford goes rolling down the road.

This month's Mystery Member was born in St. Joseph's Hospital, Orange. They are an only child and have only one child, a son. Their first spouse was a submarine veteran of WWII and liked visiting memorials to those lost at sea in many cities they visited. They loved travelling in the US and around the world. A favorite thing to do was sailing their boat to Catalina or to Mission Bay in San Diego. Being an adventurous sort, this member enjoyed riding ATVs and an occasional zip line. Their second spouse had six children, and so a dream to be part of a big family was finally realized. The whole family are adventurers and so the travelling continued. Also, as practicing Catholics, they participated in many events with the church. This member graduated from Santa Ana College at age 46 with an AA degree in Business Administration.

Who am I ????

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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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up 7 a.m., Open to public 8a.m., Elks
Club Lodge, 7212 Melrose Ave., Buena
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mission,

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Answer to
Mystery Member;

**Marilyn
Singer-Hawkins**



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Our club will have 2 free car registrations to
award to interested members at the May
Club Meeting. \$45. value WITH event T-shirt

60th Annual Pancake Breakfast Highlights

After a bit more than a one month delay, due to rain and water runoff, our annual Pancake Breakfast event finally came off with any further hitches, much to the delight of everyone involved.

Always a much anticipated favorite of the Model A community, this event draws Model A enthusiasts from as far away as Arizona on a regular basis, and even sometimes from MUCH farther distances. We've even had visitors from as far away as Indiana.

This event was also rather special, in that it marked the 60th anniversary of the O.C. Model A Club hosting this great event, with 37 years at the same location of Hart Park in the historic City of Orange, Ca. (Thank you City of Orange for once again allowing us to use your facilities)

Always a much anticipated favorite, this one was nothing short of amazing, thanks to all the hard work of the OCMAFC members who worked so tirelessly for months setting everything up; from making the park reservations, to all the folks doing the cooking, raffle prizes, right down to the parking attendants. Thank you one and all. And many more thanks to the Model A community that attended for helping make this latest breakfast event the smash hit that it turned out to be.

See you all next year.





NOTICE

Please refrain from loitering

This event is not a car show

Maybe not, but sure was close....!

Just for Laughs

Isn't it ironic that the colors red, white and blue stand for freedom, until they are flashing behind you!



I tried to be normal once...

Worst two minutes of my life!





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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 , May 11, 2023

Time: 7:30pm

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



May 20th L.A. Fire Sta. 112 and Fire Boat San Pedro Harbor

Come join us for a tour of L.A. Fire Station and Fire Boat. Lunch will be at the San Pedro Brewing Company afterwards. Dine on salads, seafood, chicken, BBQ and interesting appetizers. Contact Eric Engle for further information.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR MAY 24TH

Annual Mount Baldy Tour
Meet at Panera Bread, 423 S. Association Rd., Brea 8:30am,
Leaving at 9am.

Contact Leonard Driver for Details.

Please Bring Cash for Lunch Bill