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SPOOKY GOOD FUN FOR HALLOWEEN



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News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Hello all!!

As I write this month's column.... I can't believe we are entering the month of **NOVEMBER** already! My how time flies, and with that, cherished memories and renewing old friendships and acquaintances, and making new friends, as we enter the holiday season.

This past month of October has been a busy one, both for the club, as well as for me personally. The club had driven out to Chino for a marvelous little tour combined with a kind of technical seminar (and a great breakfast!). And then another longer tour with a combination of Model A's and modern cars all of the way out to Oak Glen.....and on a relatively hot day to boot (you can ask Richard Parrish about that, lol). And then today (it being the 28th) we have our first appearance as a club in Anaheim's annual Halloween Parade!



But on a personal note, I had the opportunity to travel up to Seattle (not in my Model A...yet...) to visit my parents, still kicking hard at 92, and my sister and brother-in-law fresh from a 4-month RV trip to Alaska. Great memories reborn and a deeper appreciation for family. My dad knows that I have always been interested in genealogy, and Aaron Magdaleno has kind of re-kindled that interest, so dad is providing even more information and stories from generations past as I flush out the old family tree; fortunately in his younger years he was just as interested in our family history so I have a running start! And then this past week I attended a reunion of Marine Corps Musicians in Murrieta and a Marine Corps Birthday Ball at the Pechanga Casino and Resort. If you are a Marine, whether prior active, prior-service, or retired, you know the importance of celebrating our Marine Corps Birthday! All of these events helped me reflect on who I am, where I come from (both my personal family as well as my Marine Corps Family....and now my Model A Family, too!), and hopefully where I am going! I guess that's also something the holiday season provides: reflection on days past, appreciation for the now, and hope to the future.

Speaking of future, we do have another meeting coming up in this month of November, and a big one it is. We are electing two new positions on the Board: Vice President/Tours and Technical Advisor. I'm looking forward to multiple nominees as we proceed into our election. Also, we will be adopting our new budget for 2024 and start talks and initial planning for our annual pancake breakfast -- tentatively set for 14 April, 2024; unfortunately we can't confirm until December during our meeting with the Parks Department folks in the City of Orange. And planning for our Christmas Party during the December meeting on the 8th!

So as we move forward to next month, and holiday activities, please make every greeting and hug a special one. No one knows what tomorrow brings. This month we are bidding a fond farewell to Bill Hatcher, and we just lost Bill Vogen the other night as well. Cherish every moment, and never take that moment for granted.

See you at the turnaround point,

Mike

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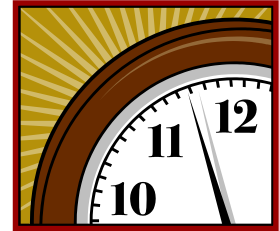
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 Sunshine & Sorrow – Marilyn Hawkins
 Webmaster – Bruce MacIntosh

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 for October 12, 2023,
 7:30pm



Meeting was called to order by President, Mike Edmonson. Flag salute was led by Ron Andrews. Marilyn Singer-Hawkins told a joke.

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

FINANCIAL: Darwin Kibby provided the financial report. Norm Kredit made a motion to accept. Steve Pavich seconded and all approved. Present membership is 143.

ACTIVITIES: Leonard Driver shared several upcoming activities. International Model A Day was a huge success with 11 cars participating. Oak Glen will be 10/18. The cruise to Chino will be 10/14. Anaheim Halloween parade will be on 10/28. Please contact Perry Wilson for details and sign up. See Leonard or website for more details and signups.

TECHNICAL: Ron Andrews shared about the next technical on 11/11 at Bruce MacIntosh's garage. The topics will be valve adjusting and coil checking. Era Fashion will take place as well for the ladies. Please bring any ideas and suggestions to Kaci Terens, our Era Fashion Coordinator. Please see Ron to sign up.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: Marilyn Singer is recovering from her hip replacement with some line dancing. Christine Foster has hurt her arm and wrist. Celebration of Life for Bill Hatcher will be on 11/4. Please see Tissy Hatcher for more details.

EDITOR: Eric Engle welcomes all suggestions and ideas for our newsletter. Many thanks to Becky MacIntosh for ALL her help, ensuring our DISTRIBUTOR is always correct.

HARD LUCK TROPHY: NO BAD LUCK THIS MONTH!!

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for VP/Tours and Technical will take place in November. Please see Election Committee Chairperson, Richard Parrish, for nominations and volunteers to be considered. Congratulations to Rodger and Debbie Gullledge. Their car was chosen to represent the Pancake Breakfast in April 2024. Photos on shirts, flyers will be available.

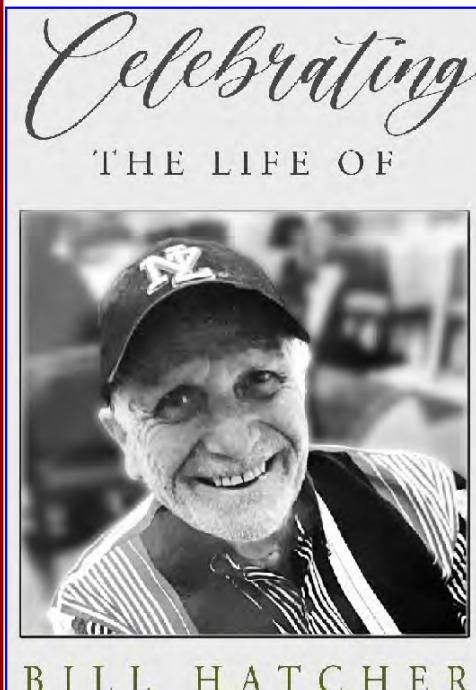
RAFFLES: Richard Parrish won \$10 for the attendance raffle. Ken and Leslie Blankshain were called but were not present for the membership raffle and the prize will roll over to next month.

REFRESHMENTS: Kay Nettles, Ron Andrews, Dianne and Jim Runyon and Linda Tom. We are looking for a refreshment coordinator as well. Jim Runyon has had this seat for many years.

NEW MEMBERS: Rand Pugmire with a 1930 coupe. **WELCOME**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM with 68 in attendance.

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Nov. 4 (Sat),
Celebration of the life of Bill Hatcher, See [Page 9](#) for more information on time and location, PLEASE; **RSVP** by calling or texting:

714-362-7322

Swap Meets/Car Shows



Nov. 9 (Thurs),
Membership Meeting, 7:30-9 pm, First Christian Church-Orange, 1130 E Walnut Ave, Orange, CA.,



Nov. 11 (Sat),
8:30-12 pm., **Combination Tech & Fashions Seminars,** Valve adjustments for the guys & Era Fashions for the ladies, Location: Bruce and Becky MacIntosh's home. Cont: Ron Andrews for info.



Nov. 18 (Sat),
BS Breakfast, 8 am, Denny's Restaurant, 2314 17th St., Santa Ana, Ca., Please come join all your club member family for a ROUSING good time. We need you there to help us "**SPIN**" those **TALL** tales.



No tours this month.



4th Thur. Breakfast has been **canceled** for this month.



Save the Date:
OCMAFC
Annual Installation

Banquet

Sunday, January 7, 2024
The Villa in Orange

November 5 (Sun) - 57th Annual San Fernando Valley Swap Meet & Car Show. 21000 Plummer Street, Chatsworth, CA. Spectators Free. \$5 on-site parking. Swap meet opens at 7:00am.

November 11, Veterans Day Celebration and Car Show, 10 am—2 pm, Veterans Sports Park, City of Tustin, CA., For more information email Garrison Devine at "GDEVINE@TUSTINCA.ORG" or, <https://www.tustinca.org/1272/Veterans-Day-Celebration-and-Car-Show>

November 30 - December 2, MAFCA National Awards Banquet, -- Santa Maria, CA
Hosts: Santa Maria A's

Dec 3 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm
Turlock Swap Meet, January 27-28 2024, The Modesto Area A's will hold it's 57th annual Turlock Swap Meet from 7am to 5pm Saturday and 7am to 2pm Sunday at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock CA.

MAFCA 2024 National Model A Convention, June 23 to June 29, 2024 -- Ruidoso, New Mexico,
Hosts: Southwest Model A's

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

Tour to Flo's and Larry's by Becky MacIntosh and Don Dormeyer

A beautiful day. A quiet road through canyon and farmland. 12 Model A's together. A country restaurant with good food, fast service. A knowledgeable old-timer of the Model A world. A workshop. Ohh...and a partial Eclipse. What else could we ask for....*nothing!*

The tour to legendary [Flo's Airport Restaurant](#) and [Larry Madole's](#) workshop in Chino was long enough to make it worthwhile and easy enough for all to participate. The group of about 35 people enjoyed the morning drive, the hearty breakfast together and then exploring the over-sized workshop of interesting Model A builds, stationary engines, a somewhat organized parts shop and a lift. Something for everyone!

Flo's is legendary and did not disappoint. Our server, [Roxanne](#) had worked there for 33 years and her helper over 50 years. These ladies knew how to handle our rambunctious group and they did it fast and with smiles all around! Thank you for a great stop on our tour day.

[Larry](#) is an incredible talented engineer and inventor and a master of all things Model A. He also raced Model A's at Bonneville Salt Flats. After several years of on and off conversations and health interruptions, OCMAFC and Larry finally brought tour plans together. [Larry's](#) racing A's, Modified A's, and the Electric model A all showed [Larry's](#) master craftsmanship. [Larry](#) was a wonderful host patiently answering everyone's questions about the electric model A, the race cars and engines and explaining in as much detail as you needed. Every conceivable improvement for a Model A could be found...A Girdle" that attached to the block converting original engines to 5 main bearing. De-stroked 5 main crank for more RPM's. Turbochargers, superchargers, overhead valve conversions—If it could be done to a Model A, it was there. Plus, working stationary engines from long before the Model A was created.

A special THANK YOU to [Larry](#) for allowing us to visit. Great tour and thanks to everyone for doing their part in putting this together and making the day a success....[Leonard Driver](#), [Ron Andrews](#), [Don Dormeyer](#), [Mike Edmonson](#), [Becky MacIntosh](#), [Leonard Nettles](#), [Steve Pavich](#) and everyone taking the effort to bring your Model A's out for a drive. It takes a village!



Look closely at the engine in this A. Larry Madole installed the electric motor nestled in there. WOW!



B.S. Breakfast

On another **BEAUTIFUL** So. California Saturday morning, 41 of our club members gathered at a local Denny's restaurant for our 1st Saturday of the month **BS Breakfast**, along with 10 club cars. Just a really nice time to once again get together to chat, share, and simply enjoy one another's company. Much to our surprise, a sizable group of Shriners members were also having breakfast that morning before they headed off to yet another parade, this time in Tustin., Ca. Always fun to see all of their little "Model T" parade cars that they are so well known for. What a **GREAT** way to start off the day!!



We're a very friendly group!

Sunshine & Sorrow

By Marilyn Hawkins
m_hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: Here's a Thanksgiving quote that one of our presidents used in his holiday speech (you get to guess who said it): **"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."**

Sorrow or Illness: The reason we have not seen [Patti Cote](#) is she just had her fourth foot operation on her second toe that now has pins in it. She's literally walking on her heels. Called [Jim Persons](#) to check on his wife, [Carol](#), as she continues dialysis 3/weekly (4 hours each time). This is an ongoing treatment that is in its third year. Just learned that [Don Dormeyer](#) just had partial amputation of his second toe on the right foot. Hammertoe surgery is a medical procedure; the decision to undergo surgery depends on the severity of the condition and the level of pain experienced. Let's keep our members that are ailing in our prayers...phone calls always help too. Lastly, we lost [Bill Vogen](#) 2 nights ago (Thur. 26th). Please pray for his family.

Answer: His initials are JFK, that's right, **John F. Kennedy**

Happy Thanksgiving to friends and family

Oak Glen Tour

By Leonard Driver and Becky MacIntosh

It dawned sunny and warm as we prepared for a Model A tour in the middle of the week. We started our journey at M S Donuts in Orange with 4 Model A's and 4 moderns. After a short 3-mile shortcut on the 91 fwy, we drove through south Corona. We lost Richard here as he needed to make a quick stop. By radio, he said he was OK, and that he would catch up.

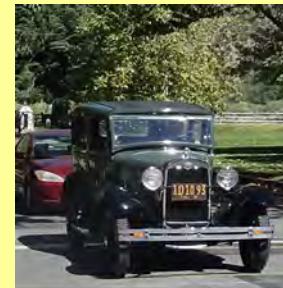
We enjoyed 35 miles of lakes, farmland and small towns with very little traffic followed by a canyon and some hills to drive through. The temperatures had reached 95 degrees as we approached Beaumont so we stopped for a needed rest and check of the cars. Filled the radiators and Richard rejoined us, but he had really pushed his car to catch us and coming through those hills was just too much work. He lost a lot of water. Oak Glen is at 4,700 feet – our Model A's had to work hard in the heat.

A final push of 9 miles through a beautiful winding canyon brought us to Los Rios Rancho. Unfortunately, there was road construction and the stopping and waiting was too much for Richard's car. He decided to turn for home. He was able to make it home just fine. The remaining 3 Model A's and moderns completed the trip up and were ready for smoked Tri-Tip sandwiches in a beautiful, shaded location.

The sun was warm but it was beautiful in the shade with a nice breeze. We wandered over to the store, where we found a variety of apples to take home, including some heirloom varieties. All organically grown and they were delicious.

One special note: The radios are working out very well. Everyone is kept current with status and it makes adjustments very easy to communicate.

The trip home was uneventful but long for those sticking to the canyon roads. Helpfully, it was all downhill and many of us enjoyed take-home apple pie that evening.



They do get thirsty at times!

A BLT Banner Day

by Tom Endy October 2023

Another banner day was observed by the BLT Guys organization with the installation of a Mitchell overdrive in a 1929 Model A coupe owned by Larry Pare, a member of the Santa Anita A's Model A Ford club who lives in Tujunga, CA. The installation took place at Tom Endy's house on Saturday, October 21st. We began the effort at 7:30 AM and we were road testing the car by 2 PM. There were a number of show stoppers. The car was driven to my house in Westminster from Tujunga. When the car arrived it would not start, the starter would only spin and not engage the engine. A Bendix bolt had come out of the starter. We had to remove the starter, and luckily were able to fish the bolt out of the flywheel housing. A replacement bolt was on hand and the starter was repaired. The pinion bearings and race were found shot and had to be replaced and the pre-load re-set. A donation of \$500 was made to the Model A youth restoration program by the owner. This was the 20th installation the BLT Guys have done as a fund raiser for the Model A Youth Restoration Program. At the end of the day the 29 coupe and the overdrive performed as Henry Ford and Steve Mitchell ordered.



The Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA)

The Model A Youth Restoration program has been giving such assistance biennially since 1994. Its goal is to help educate youth through their restoration process and support the Model A hobby by helping financially with the restoration. For further information on this worthy charity, contact:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

**MAFCA National Awards Banquet, No-
vember 30 - December 2, 2023 --**

Santa Maria, CA, Hosts: Santa Maria A's
Turlock Swap Meet, January 27-28 (Sat-
Sun) 2024, 7am-5pm, Stanislaus County
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BILL HATCHER

January 21, 1940 - August 24, 2023

Please join us as we celebrate Bill's very full life with food,
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at Marina Park Community & Sailing Center,
1600 W Balboa Blvd, Newport Beach (metered parking)
RSVP by phone or text to 714-362-7322

Celebrating THE LIFE OF



BILL VOGEN

Everyone who loved him is invited. Please
come join us to celebrate the life of
"Wild Bill".

Saturday, Nov. 4 from 11—1:30
Spring Field Banquet Center
501 N. Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92832

ACCC Update: Help Stop Ban of the Sale New Internal Combustion Engine Vehicles

The following information was recently printed in the Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC) Summer newsletter:

U.S. Representative John Joyce (R-PA) introduced H.R. 1435, the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act," a bill designed to protect Americans' right to choose the technology that powers their motor vehicles. The bill was introduced in response to the California Air Resources Board's plans to ban the sale of new internal combustion engine vehicles by 2035. The Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act would restrict the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from issuing a waiver for regulations that would ban the sale or use of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engines. The bill is important to stopping CARB's plans to ban ICE vehicles, which requires the EPA to waive federal preemption provisions in the Clean Air Act in order for California's zero-emissions vehicle (ZEV) mandate to go into effect.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee has passed H.R. 1435, the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act, and H.R. 4468, the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act. These bills seek to preserve vehicle choice for consumers and prevent the federal government and the State of California from choosing only one form of technology (such as electric vehicles) (EVs) over the many others to achieve their emission reduction goals.

H.R. 1435, the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act," is a bill prohibiting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from issuing a waiver to California for regulations that would ban the sale or use of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engines (ICE) in the state by 2035.

U.S. Senator Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), the co-chair of the Congressional Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus, recently introduced S. 2090, a Senate companion bill to H.R. 1435. This companion bill, the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act" (S. 2090), serves to protect Americans' right to choose the technology that powers their motor vehicles. S. 2090 includes the same text as the House bill (H.R. 1435) that U.S. Rep. John Joyce (R-PA) introduced in March. H.R. 1435 and S. 2090 respond to California's plans to ban the sale of new gas- and diesel-powered cars and trucks in 2035 unless certain conditions are met. If passed into law, the legislation would prevent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from allowing California's Zero Emissions Vehicle regulations that would ban the sale or use of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engines from taking effect.

SEMA has prepared the following letter for your use to write your representatives:

As a constituent, I respectfully request that you support H.R. 1435/S. 2090, the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act. This important legislation would protect Americans' ability to choose the technology that powers their motor vehicles.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) issued a regulation in 2022 outlining its plans to increase the percentage of new vehicle sales that must be Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEV) each year before banning the sale of new internal combustion engine vehicles by 2035. California requires 35% of new cars, SUVs and small trucks sold to be zero-emissions starting in 2026, increasing to 68% in 2030 and 100% in 2035.

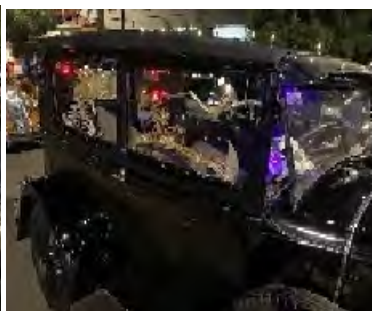
While ZEV technology presents an opportunity to expand consumer choice and reduce emissions, I am concerned that California and up to 17 other states are planning to prohibit the sale of reliable, affordable proven technology that has powered motor vehicles for over 100 years. Vehicle owners should not be forced to purchase a ZEV, but rather be allowed to choose the type of vehicle technology that best serves their needs.

It is important that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) does not permit CARB's ZEV regulations to take effect, as 17 other states have followed all or part of California's previous clean-car rules adopting similar proposals. The Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act would prevent the EPA from issuing a waiver for California's regulations that ban the sale or use of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engines. Congress must pass this bill in order to protect consumers all over the country.

As your constituent, I urge you to cosponsor the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act.

Anaheim Halloween Parade

Saturday, the 28th of October, the City of Anaheim celebrated it's 100th anniversary of it's **VERY** popular Halloween Parade...and what a crowd they drew! The beginning was somewhat of an "organized chaos", but it all soon smoothed out. Our group hadn't quite anticipated just how popular this event was, and the traffic jam was something to behold. But once all of our club members made it to the parade staging area, it all got to be great fun! Eight of our club cars headed up the entire parade, and the crowd enthusiastically waved and cheered for all of them. The lead cars even had a couple of guest stars riding along, happily waving at all the crowd that had lined the parade route. We had Mr. Pumpkin Head in back of Perry Wilson's car, and a space astronaut sat in the rumble seat of Eric Engle's coupe. Thank you one and all who came out for a great evening's fun.



Just for Laughs

**Guys I need your help.
I'm in the middle of an
argument with my wife
and she just told me that
I'm right. What the hell
do I do next?!**



Dear Henry: Where were you? We waited and waited, but finally decided..."



Honest Doc! Last thing I remember I was touching one of those shiny old CARS !!



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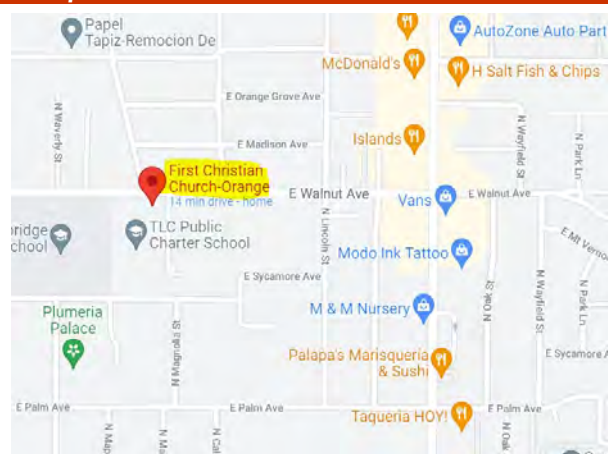
[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting Nov. 9, 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL NOTICE • Use this form to submit your dues

Orange County Model A Ford Club

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You may confirm current information by going to the "Members Only" page on the Website at www.ocmafc.com or check the 2023 Roster for accuracy.

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