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“Say, did you get your reservation in for the upcoming Installation Banquet?”

“You bet! Wouldn't miss it!!”

DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THE FUN !!

Contact Darwin Kibby or Kathie McCall

**NOW to get your reservations for the
Annual Installation Banquet.
January 7th, 1-4pm at The Villa in Orange**

New Members Corner

Be sure to introduce yourselves to our newest club members



**Bob Currier & Judy McQuiad
of Fountain Valley**

29 Tudor



**Jim & Sylvia Ellis of
Aliso Viejo, CA**

31 Town Sedan

News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

Did we ever wonder if 2024 would arrive??? Well, it finally has! Hit it Guy Lombardo (Okay, I admit it, I'm a Big Band fan). Seriously, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. I know both Chrisanne and I actually enjoyed a quiet Christmas morning, before the hustle and bustle of traditional Christmas activities started up. And speaking of activities -- for those that didn't make it to the Christmas Lights Tour in early December, you really missed out. From the Italian restaurant, to Brea Eagle Hills area, and then to Yorba Linda's East Lake, Leonard really outdid himself. Thank you Leonard for all of your efforts as our Vice President and tours coordinator!



Additionally, we had a completely full house at the Christmas party held at the First Christian Church. It was great to see so many members that we normally may not see throughout the year, plus a lot of new members! And thank you to our coordinators: Marilyn Singer-Hawkins for the beautiful table cloths and settings that helped give us that holiday touch, and thanks to Louise Hall for arranging our activities/entertainment. The magician was both a fun and unusual touch. And I would be remiss if I didn't thank Rick as well, as both Rick and Louise are always the last ones out of the church for final inspections and security tour, before locking up; they do this every month after our meetings!

As we look to the new year, we are starting off with a bang with our traditional first Saturday breakfast at Denny's in Santa Ana, and the following day on Sunday the 7th which will be our annual Installation Banquet at "The Villa" in Orange. A little bird told me that the numbers planning to attend continue to grow and we might even need to add more seats. This is a trend I love to hear!!! Please, let's get your reservations into Kathie McCall or Darwin Kibby if you haven't done so yet. This promises to be a fun event as we say thank you to a number of folks that have devoted many years of service for the betterment of our club, and say hello to new office holders and committee members that will take our club to even greater heights! I hope to see more club members in period clothing of the 20's and 30's, and don't forget to check your cupboards, or garages, for any items you might be able to donate to be raffled off.

We have our traditional activities continuing into 2024. Although Ron Andrews will be recovering from eye surgery, we will still be having a technical seminar on Saturday the 13th with a focus on "Lubrication and Oiling Points" that will be held at Richard and Jeanne Parrish's home - it's always a delight to use Richard's lift at seminars such as these, so many thanks to Richard in advance. Also, Steve Pavich will be leading off on tours and activities on Saturday the 20th with a trip to the Segerstrom Shelby Event Center. I've seen an advertisement for this in the AAA Magazine and this looks to be a spectacular tour of the Shelby racing cars and more Mustangs than you can shake a stick at. Meetup place will be at our traditional first Saturday Breakfast location in Santa Ana!

See you at the turnaround point (and at the Installation Banquet),

Mike

2024 BOARD MEMBERS

President – Mike Edmonson
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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 December 14,
 2023, 7:00 pm**



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 **Dale McCall** made a motion to accept. **Rick Hall** seconded and all approved.

FINANCIAL: **Darwin Kibby** provided the financial report. **Kathie McCall** made a motion to accept. **Drain Marshall** seconded and all approved. Present membership is 145.

ACTIVITIES: **Leonard Driver** led his last tour of the **Brea Christmas Lights**. **Steve Pavich** will be taking over the job and has many ideas for the upcoming year. **January 20th** will be a tour to the **Shelby Segerstrom Center**. Watch for details.

TECHNICAL: **Ron Andrews** shared that he has a fun year of new ideas. Watch for details.

RAFFLES: **Marilyn Singer-Hawkins** won \$10 for the attendance raffle. **Steve and Debbie Pavich** won \$80 dollars for the roster raffle.

REFRESHMENTS: Christmas potluck and good cheer of every **AMAZING** treat possible.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: **Jeanne Parrish, Ed Cote, Leonard Nettles, Dale McCall, Kevin Shaner and Sherry Reid**.

Louise extended her home for anyone who might be alone on **Christmas Day**.

The meeting was adjourned and festivities to follow.
 Submitted by **Secretary, Debbie Parrish**, and pending approval.

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Jan. 6th (Sat) First Saturday BS Breakfast, 8 am, Denny's Restaurant, 2314 17th St., Santa Ana, Ca., Knowledge, wisdom, tall tales, and downright fibs are ALL welcome. Come jone the fun.



Jan. 7 (Sun) Installation Banquet, 1-4pm, The Villa in Orange, More information in other section of this page.



Jan. 13 (Sat), Technical Seminar, 8:30 Donuts/coffee time, 9am Seminar begins, This month's topic is oils, lubrications and hidden oiling spots, to be held at Richard and Jeanne Parrish's home, 909 So. Hacienda Pl., Anaheim, Ca., Be sure to park in the back, And also be sure to bring a chair.



Jan. 20 (Sat), Segerstrom Shelby Event Center Tour, Meet 8:50 am. at Denny's Restaurant, 2314 17th St, Santa Ana. (same location for BS Breakfast) , Depart at 9:15 am for Segerstrom Shelby in Irvine, 5 Whatney, Irvine, Ca., Lunch will follow tour at Lazy Dog Restaurant at 13290 Jambooree Road, Irvine.



Jan. 25 (Thur.), 4th Thursday Breakfast, 9 am., Suzy's Café, 2610 S Harbor Blvd, Santa Ana, Just south of Warner Blvd.

OCMAFC Annual Installation Banquet

Sunday, January 7, 2024

1-4pm

The Villa

510 E. Katella Ave,
Orange, CA

\$35 per person

RSVP ASAP

Darwin Kibby or Kathie McCall

Come join the fun. We encourage everyone to "Dress To the Nines" in their favorite "Era Fashions"



Swap Meets/Car Shows

Donut Derelicts Car Show, Every Saturday morning, 6-8 am., 9015 Adams Ave, Huntington Beach, CA . Free.

Jan 14 (Sun), Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show, 5am-2pm, \$15 per person, Rain or Shine, Fairplex Drive & McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA

Jan27-28 (Sat-Sun) 57th Annual Turlock Swap Meet, Hosted by Modesto Area A's, 7am-5pm Sat., 7am-5pm Sunday, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock, Ca. <https://www.turlockswapmeet.com>

Jan 21 (Sun), Long Beach Antique Market,, 6:30 am– 2 pm, \$10 admission

June 23-29 2024, MAFCA 2024 National Model A Convention, -- 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.

Christmas Dinner and Lights Tour by Eric Engle

Once again, it's that time of the year! Time for sharing a wonderful dinner with our Model A family, followed by a tour to see some amazing Christmas yard light displays. And **Leonard Driver**, our "Tour Meister" extraordinaire, did an amazing job of finding just the right locations for both!

The evening started off with a great meal at **Alza Osteria Italian** restaurant, just a stone's throw from our first Christmas lights destination in the **Eagle Hills area of Brea, Calif.**

After a great dinner, we all loaded up and headed to the neighborhood just across the street. The Eagle Hills area is very well known for its rather large and impressive neighborhood displays. Beautiful...to say the least!! It is definitely a "go to" location for holiday lights!

After all of us paraded through the entire neighborhood, we took a short drive to another location; this time in the **East Lake area of Yorba Linda. WOW !!!** All upper scale homes, each backing up to the lake and having their own boat docks. All the homes were fully decked out with displays, lights, etc....both front AND back yards AND boats! Truly an amazing sight! And for what it might be worth, it's this Editor's opinion that this area just **HAS** to be seen to be believed! Do yourselves a favor and make the trip over there.



Impromptu Toy Drive By Eric Engle

Sunday morning started off just like any other Sunday morning. But then, about 7 am, **Dennis Klesen** text messaged me, asking me to join him down in Aliso Viejo for a toy drive for the children of Marines stationed at Camp Pendleton. That’s an invitation that was just too hard to pass up! So, I quickly grabbed my stuff, jumped into my Coupe and drove to the nearest department store JUST as they were opening at 8 am., grabbed a pile of all sorts of toys, and headed out. When I got to the location of the toy drive, it was a simple street corner with a “Toy Drive” banner hoisted up, and Dennis’ beautiful pickup parked right there, ready to gather any and all toys that were donated that day by all the generous folks that drove by. And as you can plainly see in the photo of back of Dennis’ truck, it was a **BOUNTIFUL** day for donated toys. And THIS was the second day of this toy drive! The day before was equally successful!! With permission, I quickly got on the phone to call club President **Mike Edmonson** and new club members **Jim and Sylvia Ellis**. We ended up with 4 of our club cars parked on the main street, calling the attention of all who drove by. And ya know something??? It worked!!! The residence came out in very good numbers to stop, look, talk and enjoy the event. A great **BIG** “Thank You” goes out to **Julie Wright**, the organizer of this great event. Ms Wright, also heads up the Chamber of Commerce for the City of Aliso Viejo. Great job, Ms. Wright! And thanks again. We look forward to doing this event again next year!



Organizer Julie Wright



Yup, that’s club President Mike Edmonson in his Dress Blues. Looking good Mike!



Sunshine and Sorrow, with Marilyn Hawkins will return next month

“HIDDEN” OIL POINTS by Eric Engle

While pampering my 31 Coupe (oil/filter change, lube, etc.), I happened upon Paul Shinn’s video on just that subject. It’s an excellent video, covering all aspects of doing the job right. I thought maybe I should bring to light some of the “hidden” areas that need lubrication also...spots that are often overlooked, or forgotten.

Using a 1 oz. plastic bottle with a needle tip (from Amazon, Hobby Lobby, etc.), fill with 30W oil to reach the following: Hood hinges (3), Door hinges, Horn armature felts (2), Distributor “base oiler” cup and (if you have one) the hole in the top of Cam Screw, Throttle linkage cups (2) (mounted to back of block), all brake rod Clevis Pins. Also, be SURE to squirt some oil from your oil can onto the front engine mount where it passes through the front crossmember. Strange noises can come from that area if it isn’t periodically oiled. And don’t forget to periodically lubricate the speedometer cable with a dry graphite.

With a good spray lubricant (ie. Lucas Oil Red N Tacky Grease, White lithium grease, etc.), spray brake cross shaft where it passes through the frame. Also remember to spray some lube up inside parking brake mechanism and inside door latches.

And don’t forget to put a *small* dab of silicone grease on the points cam inside your distributor. Your point’s rubbing block will thank you.

These are some of the “hidden” areas that require lubrication every so often, to help keep your car in tip-top working condition for years to come.

Be sure to check out Paul Shinn’s excellent video series on this subject:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMvUtlIjHY>



Needle Tip Bottles



Hood Hinges

(3)



Door Hinges



Distributor Oil Cup



Remove Horn shell



Horn Armature Felts (2)

The Beginning of a Love Affair by Gary Livesey

I became interested in Ford Model A's this spring. After attending a club outing and breakfast, I signed up to join the group. I determined I needed a car with a roof (hearing aids don't like open coaches) and being a "working class guy", I announced my interests in a coupe, a "working class" model. Club members (Bruce MacIntosh is one) sent me info. on coupes (30-31) for sale and I started efforts to inspect one. While bicycling in Irvine, I received a phone call from Eric Engle, our newsletter Editor, about a well restored and well equipped Town Sedan that just went on the market right here in Orange County. Though a Town Sedan seemed like a car that should be driven by someone who might be "The Boss" (managers), and not the rank and file working man, I still considered looking at it. Originally owned by Terry Hardgrave, the car was in very good condition, with nice additions: Mitchell Overdrive, cast iron brake drums, turn signals, alternator, and a 5.9 high compression head. The undercarriage was rust free and the body and interior in excellent condition.

I drove a Model A for the first time when taking the car for a test drive. I then drove a Model A for the second time when driving her home from Fountain Valley to Mission Viejo, two days later. I developed anxiety over my inexperience with these cars, but club member Bruce MacIntosh, as well as other members from the Capistrano A's club, helped me learn to start the car and care for it.

Though Cecilia, my wife, was not enthusiastic at first with the new addition in our garage, she has been very supportive, as has my son in Oceanside, encouraging me, as I was skeptical about possibly adding problems to my otherwise peaceful existence. My interest for our Town Sedan is for tours, as well as parades. What I failed to foresee was the attention the car gets from people who see it drive by them. I'm not accustomed to the "looks and comments" from strangers, though I can learn to deal with that!



Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is 25th of each 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 2024 renewals. Call 866-379-3619

or visit

www.mafca.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

March 8-9, 2024, 2024 CCRG Jamboree, Clovis Rodeo Grounds 748 Rodeo Dr, Clovis, CA.

For more info. call *John Hulstrom* at 559-682-7114

Follow Santa Clara MAFCA "Activities Schedule" for further info.

<https://www.scvma.org/events>

OR our own Club website

<http://www.ocmafc.com>

Some OCMAFC members will be attending CCRG on March 8-9 in Clovis. Driving Model A's, trailering or modern car. Check out the fun-filled agenda in the link above.

Rain or Shine Meet  *57th Annual*

TURLOCK SWAP MEET

January 27, 2024 • 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
January 28, 2024 • 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 N. Broadway • Turlock, California 95380

CLASSIC CARS FOR SALE
\$50 for 2 days! Cars 2000 or Older
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Food and Drink Available at Concession Stands • ATM Available on Grounds

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For Information Email: info@turlockswapmeet.com MODESTO AREA A'S, P.O. Box 3441, Ceres CA, 95307, (209) 571-1232

BLT Guys 12-2-23 Install

by Tom Endy December 2023

Another banner day was observed by the BLT Guys organization with the installation of a Mitchell overdrive in a 1930 Tudor owned by Brendan Beatty, a member of the San Fernando Model A Ford club, who lives in Simi Valley, CA. The installation took place at Tom Endy's house in Westminster, CA on Saturday, December 2, 2023. We began the effort at 9:30 AM and we were road testing the car by 2 PM. It was a successful day, however, there was a significant show stopper. While attempting to remove the torque tube, the speedo drive gear refused to slide off the drive shaft after the snap ring was removed. No amount of hammering and prying would budge the gear. The decision was finally made to cut the end of the torque tube and drive shaft off. Once we got the torque tube off we found the speedo drive gear, that for some reason, frozen solid to the drive shaft.



The photo below shows the end of the torque tube and drive shaft being cut off. The flange end of the torque tube will be salvaged to make a pusher-inner tool.



A vent valve was installed in the plug on the Mitchell overdrive rear tube for the purpose of venting the differential. The plug provides access to a grease fitting on the rear spline coupler. The vent used is an Alemite 304810 air vent valve, 1/8" PTF. Overall length is one inch, shank length 0.19 inches. They are available from Amazon; cost is about \$6. The Mitchell Company concurred with the modification and supplied me with some extra plugs. A hole was drilled through the center of the plug using an 11/32" drill bit. The hole was tapped using a 1/8-27 NPT pipe tap. The Mitchell plug has a one inch hex. The photo on the left shows the vent valve installation.

A donation of \$500 was made to the Model A Youth Restoration program by the owner. This was the 21st install the BLT Guys have done as a fund raiser for the youth restoration program. At the end of the day the Ford Tudor and the Mitchell overdrive performed as Henry Ford and Steve Mitchell ordered.

FOR SALE

1931 Slant Windshield Town Sedan

\$20,500

Black trunk, black top. correct long-curved bumpers, Brewster green bottom, green pen strip. apple green wheels, Side mount spare, Firestone wide white tires, metal stems, new glass, sun visors, 6-roll down windows, trunk, engine rebuilt and balanced, transmission and flywheel balanced, runs good, wood grain interior trim as orginial, handles brushed nickel, located in Mission Viejo, California,

Contact **Jerry Sterling** at : **949-586-8469** or
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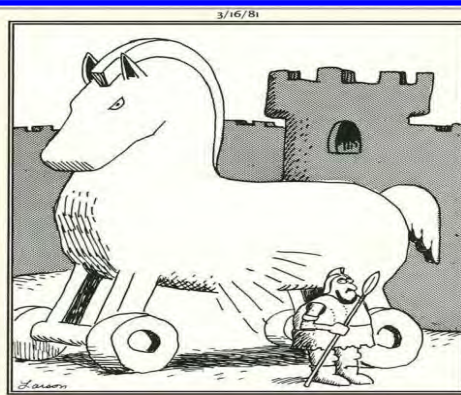
Just for Laughs

Money may not buy happiness, but I'd rather cry in a Model A than on a bus!!

I woke up this morning determined to drink less, eat right, and exercise. But that was four hours ago when I was younger and full of hope.



Taking the family pet for a ride



You should have thought of that earlier, Cornelius...You're just going to have to hold it until nightfall.



Return Address:
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Santa Ana, CA 92711

We are on the Web!
www.ocmafc.org

Dedicated to the History and Preservation of the Model A Ford

Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting Jan. 11, 2024

Time: 7:30pm

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



OCMAFC MEMBERS RENEWAL NOTICE

Club members find it very useful to have member photos in our printed Roster. It helps jog those memories when putting a face and name together. If you are at a meeting, **Linda Tom** would be glad to take your photo for the roster. Or just email a photo to **Becky MacIntosh**: becky@genimage.com.

New rosters will be printed in late February/early March, so get your photos in and pay your 2024 dues (**\$30 per household**) by January 31 to be included.

Give payment/updates to Darwin or mail to club at P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711.



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

Orange County Model A Ford Club

Name(s): _____

AMOUNT: \$30.00 per family residing at same address

Please, make any roster CHANGES below...

New Family Members: _____

Vehicles: _____

Telephone/Cell Nbrs: _____

Address: _____

Email Address(es): _____

Any other updates/corrections: _____

Would you like to add or update your photo in the Roster? Send to **Becky MacIntosh**, email: becky@genimage.com

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.

Make your check payable to: Orange County Model A Ford Club (OCMAFC)

Mail to the club at:

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Payment MUST be received by January 31st, 2024 to be included in the club's printed 2024 Roster!