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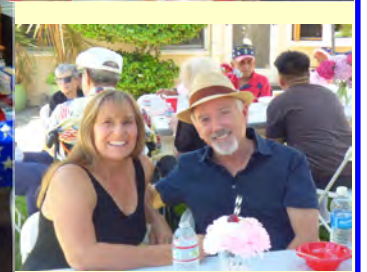
July 2024

Editor Eric Engle



EVERYTHING GOES BETTER WITH ICE CREAM!

Saturday, June 29th, Ed and Patti Côté once again opened up their beautiful home to all of the O.C. Model A Ford Club members for their annual Ice Cream Social. What a fun event!! While it's this editor's opinion that just about **ANYTHING** goes better with ice cream, this year's event was especially blessed with a gorgeous, warm day. A large number of club members, friends, and families came out to enjoy some tasty treats and to do what all of us do best....socialize and enjoy one another's company. Thank you, Ed and Patti, so very much for hosting one of the club's favorite annual events. The only sad part is...now we all have to wait another year to do it once again.



News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

An early Happy 4th of July to you all.

On this, our upcoming 248th year of Independence, I pray that all is well with you and your extended families! June was such a busy month (as was May), hopefully things will slow down just a tad bit as we head into the dog day afternoons of summer. But first, we do have two 4th of July events listed in the newsletter, and we also have a tour out to the Chino Airport following our "First Saturday" breakfast. Even if you can't make it to our breakfast, come on out to the Chino Airport for a wonderful time at the museum and the flight line, followed by lunch at Flo's Café.

This month's tech seminar will be a double-header: steering column extension modifications and the era fashions committee seminar -- don't miss it. We would like to see much greater involvement in period attire at our events (imagine what you COULD have worn at the ice cream social this past weekend?!?).

Moving in a different direction, it's always good to make friends and fans of our very own Orange County Model A Ford Club, and thanks to a few of us, we did just that! While a future article is forthcoming on this next month, providing greater detail, **Becky MacIntosh** received a request from a member of the Smokey Mountain Model A Club (Eastern Tennessee) for any club t-shirts and other club items that might be available, as this member was collecting said items from as many clubs as possible. Becky forwarded the request to Perry and Gina Wilson, who immediately went to work sending items off that included our latest pancake breakfast t-shirt. While I'll leave the rest for the future article, needless to say Perry and Gina (and the OCMAFC) put a very big smile on the face of a beautiful young lady -- Great job team!

Item two, **Brenda Smith** of the Model A Ford Club of Victoria (Australia) reached out, looking for some tour guides when they reached the Los Angeles area, as she and two other members of her club (**Glenda and Arnold Chivers**) were visiting the US for the MAFCA National Convention in New Mexico. Well, we know how that part of the trip worked out! But they kept a stiff upper lip and made the best of it, touring the MAFFI Museum, parts of Indiana and elsewhere. Once arriving here in Southern California **myself, Gerry Reid, and Nathan and Jeanette Sherry** drove our Model A's up to Long Beach where they were staying and gave them a driving tour down Pacific Coast Highway and onto MCB Camp Pendleton for lunch and a nice drive back home. I think all enjoyed themselves, making new friends across the oceans along the way. So, new connections in Eastern Tennessee and Victoria, Australia -- what a small world!

Continuing on about our unsung heroes in our club -- you know, the 20 percent that does 80 percent of the work (wink wink). This month I'd like to recognize and send out a big thank you to our Greeter, **Linda Tom**. Despite some unsaid hardships, she greets everyone each month with a great big smile. She is also the one that brings in, month after month to our meetings, all of the wonderful beverages you all enjoy (not always an easy task). Additionally, due to her initiative she has added to our membership rolls at our annual pancake breakfast by setting up a booth and being proactive. Let's give **Linda** a big hug and a thank you at our next meeting!

Until then, 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 Ford Club
General Meeting Minutes on
Meeting held at First Christian Church in
Orange, CA
General Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2024,

7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order by President, Mike

Edmonson. A flag salute was said, **Debbie Pavich** told a joke.

MINUTES: The minutes were provided; **Ed Cote** made a motion

to accept. **Brian Huffman** seconded and all approved.

FINANCIAL: **Darwin Kibby** provided the financial report. **Drain**

Marshall made a motion to accept. **Ed Cote** seconded and all ap-

proved. Present membership is 136.

ACTIVITIES: **Steve Pavich** shared many upcoming activities. 6/29

Ice cream Social, 7/7 Morningside Retirement Community 7/6

Chino Museum 8/24 Goat hill Museum. Please sign up and watch

for details.

TECHNICAL: **Ron Andrews** shared that the next technical will include the ladies as well for Era clothing. 7/13 will cover steering column support and will be held at **Bruce and Becky MacIntosh's**

home.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: **Dennis Kliesen** was in rehab and re-

covering from a minor stroke. We wish him a speedy recovery.

HARD LUCK TROPHY: **Mike and Chrisanne** had some problems

with not idling without stalling. Probably that B-Carb. But the win-

ner was voted by all. **Gary Livesey** failed to get gas and ran out on

the way to Mt. Baldy. Better luck next time **Mike and Chrisanne**

RAFFLES: **Kathy Glendinning** won \$10 for the attendance raffle.

Kurt and Melodie Bramsted won the roster raffle but were not

present to grab his prize. Money will rollover to next month. Un-

claimed pancake breakfast prizes went to **Linda Tom**- \$300 worth of

auto work. **Gerry Reid**- Specialty Coating gift certificate.

Chrisanne Edmonson – Powder Coating gift certificate. **Patti Cote**

and **Don Dormeyer** each won a free oil change and the Jennifer

Ferrario won \$50 dollars cash

REFRESHMENTS: **Bev Marsh, Louise Hall, Diane Gaughen, Mark**

Polentz, and Sherry Reid. **Linda Tom** always covers the drinks.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS: **Debbie Pavich, Mike Edmonson and Kathie**

McCall.

Richard and Jeanne Parrish celebrated their 64th Wedding Anni-

versary and **Louise and Rick Hall** celebrated their 54th Anniver-

sary.

We would like to welcome new member **Jeff Olah** who is restoring

a 30/31 Roadster Pickup. Please introduce yourself and share a

story or two.

The meeting was adjourned with 40 members present and refresh-

ments followed.

Submitted by Secretary, **Debbie Parrish**, and pending approval.



Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



July 2nd (Tue),
Veterans Car
Show, Wilshire
Ave. Com. Church,
212 E Wilshire Ave.,
Fullerton CA 92832,

RSVP **Pam Heiland** 714.417.3111



July 6th (Sat), Chino
Air Museum, Planes
of Fame, 14998 Cal
Aero Dr., Chino,
CA., Leave from
Denny's Restaurant after B.S.
Breakfast, Cont: **Steve Pavich**



July 11th (Thurs),
General Member-
ship meeting will
be at 7:30pm at First
Christian Church of
Orange, 1130 E Wal-

nut, Orange



July 4th (Thurs),
Orange Park Acers
4th of July Parade,
lineup at 9am, pa-
rade starts at 10am.

Consider bringing candy to
"carefully" toss to the kids along
the route, Cont: **Rodger
Gulledge.**



July 4th (Thurs),
Parade and static
display,
800 Morningside Dr,
Fullerton, CA,

Cont: **Ron Andrews**



July 6th (First Sat-
urday BS Breakfast
8 am, Denny's Res-
taurant, 2314 17th
St., Santa Ana, Ca.,



July 25th (Thur),
4th Thursday
Breakfast, Magnolia
Café, 8988 Warner

Ave, Fountain Valley, CA.,
Cont: **Aaron Magdaleno (Mr. Mags)**



Long Beach Model T

70th Annual Parts Exchange / Swap

Meet

Saturday July 20th
(rain or shine)

Opens at 7 a.m.

\$5 Admission

FREE PARKING

L.B. Veteran's Stadium
5000 Lew Davis St.,
Long Beach, CA.

See Flyer on Page 12 for
more information

Swap Meets/Car Shows

July 21st (Sun) Picking Under the Antlers Swap Meet, 6-10 am, Buena Park Classic Swap Meet, Buena Park Elks Lodge, 7212 Melrose Ave., Cont: **Dave Leadford** (714) 402-4377

Oct. 5th (Sat) 27th Annual Orange County Model T Ford Club Parts Exchange * Car Show,
Searchlight Ministries, 2311 E. Chapman Ave. Fullerton, CA., RAIN OR SHINE, Cont: **Jack Smith,**
(714) 529-6653 or jsmodelt@aol.com

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

Highlights of the May Tech Seminar

By Ron Andrews
Technical Director

"KEEP EM ROLLING"

by Ron Andrews

I had thought about doing this check for a long time, wondering what I might find hidden in my rear brake assembly. With 22 members sharing coffee and donuts, I opened the discussion on why, when, where and what to do about wheel bearing maintenance.

Naturally, the question of, "what grease to use?" came up. I had several samples to show. and even a wheel bearing packing tool provided by one of the members.

Sta-Lube Brake Drum grease is what I have. One container will last a long time! "IF" you can find some, get it!!!....as it is very hard to find!!

We discussed the proper procedure for removing the front bearing, cleaning them, checking bearing AND races conditions to make sure they aren't scarred, or pitted, and as you spin the bearing they don't grind. After cleaning/inspecting, repack with grease (*wear gloves, it's a nasty job!*) and finally the proper adjustment (make sure the tire spins freely.)

Ok, now the big boys! The rear hubs are where surprises may come in! These can be a bit difficult to remove, but we had several examples of rear hub removal tools, including one from Steve Mitchell, the overdrive man, which will accommodate BOTH early and late hubs (*several club members own them*). We used my car as the Guinea Pig. Surprisingly, the hubs came off relatively easily, thanks to the right puller AND a battery operated impact gun. To my surprise, a loose E-brake connection lever had been rubbing on my drums (*this is why you should frequently check rear brakes and bearings*), evidenced by the polished heads of the lug studs.

The shoes looked good, so the hub bearings/races were cleaned, inspected, re-greased and then reassembled. (*if you are replacing the bearings, check that they have grooves on the rollers!*). Suggested parts to get before removing the rear hubs: rear hub seals, axle keys and the hub bolt rubber seal. And, oh yeah, the right cotter pins also!

The best suggested time for checking and maintenance the front bearings, is at least once a year, and the rears every 2 to 3 years. If routine maintenance is neglected, it is possible for a major catastrophe to occur while on tour. There were members who had stories of bearings overheating, even to the point of actually welding themselves to the front spindles, which is a HUGE disaster, if on tour. That will almost certainly require replacing the entire front spindle!

Until the next one!



Several example of grease, with
Wheel Bearing Packing tool on right



LATE model hub puller on
left and SUPER handy
battery powered impact gun
on right.

ACCC Update: CALIFORNIA INTRODUCES BILL TO MANDATE SPEED LIMITERS

by Dave Knapp

California has introduced SEMA-opposed legislation to require new vehicles to be equipped with speed governors starting in model-year '27. Speed governors, also known as intelligent speed limiters, use GPS technology to limit vehicle speed. If enacted into law, new vehicles would not be able to travel more than 10 mph above the speed limit. While this proposed Bill does not impact our Model A's, clearly our modern iron potentially will have government control and over-watch.

Currently, devices that prevent vehicles from exceeding a certain speed are not required. Among other issues, this proposal makes broad assumptions about real-world circumstances. This one-size-fits-all approach fails to recognize the diversity of driving experiences and the individual responsibility that automotive enthusiasts take seriously. *SEMA has provided the following message you can copy/use if you would like to write to your state representative:*

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 961, particularly its provision mandating intelligent speed limiter systems (ISLS) in all new vehicles starting with the 2027 model year. As a passionate automotive enthusiast, I believe this legislation represents a significant overreach of government authority and undermines the very principles of personal freedom and trust that are fundamental to the American way of life. SB 961 directly infringes upon the trust and autonomy that automotive enthusiasts hold dear. For many of us, the joy of driving comes from connecting with our vehicles, feeling the power train's response, and experiencing the thrill of responsible control behind the wheel. An ISLS, by its very nature, disrupts this delicate time-honored balance. A driver should not be transformed from a pilot into a passenger, where driving conditions are dictated at all times—instead, those behind the wheel should be empowered to make informed choices based on their skills and judgment. This technology not only diminishes the driving experience but also sends a chilling message: that the government knows better than us how to manage our actions, even within the confines of our vehicles.

Furthermore, SB 961 makes broad assumptions about real-world circumstances. While speed limits exist to protect motorists, they are not informed by current road conditions or traffic patterns. For example, emergency scenarios may require exceptions to what would normally be deemed reasonable. Ever-changing roads have always demanded a focused yet flexible approach to driving.

I understand the desire to improve road safety, and I wholeheartedly support efforts based on education, enforcement, and infrastructure improvements. However, SB 961 is not the answer. It is a one-size-fits-all approach that fails to recognize the diversity of driving experiences and the individual responsibility that automotive enthusiasts take seriously. It treats us not as responsible citizens, but potential delinquents needing constant monitoring and control.

Respectfully, I urge you to oppose SB 961 and instead focus on solutions that empower drivers, promote responsible behavior, and respect the fundamental right to personal freedom behind the wheel.

Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins
m_hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: Our editor, **Eric Engle** became a grandfather of fraternal twin girls from his oldest son, **Dave**. Their names are **Phoebe** (5lb.6oz.) and **Olivia** (6 lbs.2oz.) Everyone doing exceptionally well!

Sorrow: **Dennis Klesen** had a stroke in May; he is now home from rehab after 2+ weeks. Bought a home exercise machine and is continuing to recover. Doctors predict 3-6 months full recovery. **Marilyn Hawkins**, her son and 7 others returned from Alaska cruise with Covid. I have no symptoms, but the Covid self-test indicates that I have Covid. Go figure. And **Patty Cote** is continuing on her road to recovery of foot surgery she had 3-4 months ago.

Happy 4th of July

America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination.

Harry S. Truman, 33rd President

A BLT Banner Day by Tom Endy 2024

Another banner day was observed by the BLT Guys organization with the installation of a Mitchell overdrive in a 1931 Victoria owned by **Nathan Sherry**, who lives in Lomita, California and is a member of the Orange County Model A Ford Club. The installation took place at **Tom Endy's** house on Friday, June 28, 2024. We began the effort at 8:30 AM and were finished by 1PM. The owner made a \$500 donation to the Model A youth restoration program.

There was one show stopper that had to be overcome. When we removed the torque tube and pulled the drive shaft and pinion assembly we discovered that whoever had worked on the car before had welded the nut onto the end of the drive shaft. We had to grind the nut off. You could see a witness mark on the ring gear carrier where the weld had been rubbing on it as it rotated. However, no damage had been done.

At the end of the day the Victoria and the overdrive performed as Henry Ford and Steve & Cindie Mitchell had ordered.



Nathan Sherry ready to test drive his Victoria after the installation of the overdrive.

FLAG DAY PARADE **ANAHEIM, CA.**

There's just something about a small town parade that's so much fun! A day for patriotism to abound...and it did! On Sunday, June 9th, the City of Anaheim held their 29th Annual Flag Day Celebration, which naturally included a parade of floats, military marching groups, live music, an Anaheim Police equestrian group, and a wide variety of classic vehicles. And is there really anything more "American" than a wide range of taste and cultures uniting together to celebrate our wonderful country?! Our club members came out in good numbers to attend this year's event, filling 8 of our club cars to show off their patriotism in their decked out vehicles. Adorned in American flags, streamers, pinwheels, etc., they were quite the spectacle to see. Even Uncle Sam came out to ride along in one of his favorite club cars (any idea whose car he preferred to ride in?). Along with our Model A group, there were also a large number of Low Riders and Hot Rods. There was even a Viet Nam era Huey helicopter on display. Oh, and did I mention that some of my personal heroes were there also?...that being the Anaheim Fire Department. It is always nice to see so many fun loving folks joining together to celebrate our National Flag Day.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :
July 20, 1863, HENRY FORD'S
BIRTHDAY

NATIONAL AWARD BAN-
QUET, December 11-14, Salt Lake

City, Utah

Sept. 14th, 22nd Annual All Ford
Car Show, Hosted by Santa Maria
A's

Dianne Gaughen has written some interesting articles about how Route 66 came to be. This is the first segment in a series, that will take us on a journey from what once was, to what now is. Hope everyone enjoys "the ride"...

Route 66—How Did It Come to Be? By Dianne Gaughen

Back in the good old days (the 1800's), roads were used locally and cross-country travel was mostly by railroad after the golden spike was driven in 1869, signifying the linking of east and west by train.

But by the 1880's, the invention of the bicycle created a demand for new and better roads. The League of American Wheelmen was organized and lobbied the state legislators for funding for building highways.

But the biggest influence on building more and better highways was the building of the first automobiles in 1893. In 1901, a brave adventurer drove from Kokomo, Indiana to New York City in only six days – a trip of 700 miles. If you do the math, that comes out to about 117 miles a day. Why did it take so long? Because often the roads were dirt or gravel and unmarked.

The American Automobile Association (AAA) was founded on March 4, 1902, in Chicago in response to a lack of roads and highways suitable for automobiles. One of the first tasks the organization advocated for was the building of a cross-country highway – a formidable task in those days.

At first, roads were surfaced with wooden planks, bricks, gravel or dirt. It wasn't until 1909 that cement concrete was used to pave a public road in Detroit, Michigan. Appropriate, don't you think, since that's where the newly-developed Ford Model T was being built.

But that's a far cry from what would become Route 66.

Look for "Route 66, The Next Step" in the next issue of The Distributor

Step Back In Time — Anaheim Packing House

By Becky MacIntosh

Club members strolled the promenade outside the Anaheim Packing House on Saturday, June 1 celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the Packing House as a food hall. 10 Model A's were on display for the many folks looking for a stroll, food, or music on a Saturday afternoon. The Citrus Packing House was originally built in 1916. It is one of just a few packing houses still remaining in Orange County.

The musical entertainment was a couple in period dress with *two* Victrola record players complete with cranks for operating and connected to a modern speaker system. What a pristine collection of records he had! What a treat and set the mood for the event nicely.

Drain Marshall along with **Nathan Sherry** and the ladies led the way with the ladies looking right in place with the historical times. **Joni Teren** with the Purple Penguin was an eye catcher for those walking by. **Domonic Cimarusti** gladly let visitors sit in his Tudor and answered questions endlessly. **Perry Wilson's** beautiful Roadster was easily spotted as the "cream of the crop" and sat right next to **Norm & Lori Kredit's** always shiny Cabriolet. **Bruce MacIntosh's** green Vicky brightened up the row and **Becky** let a few of the kids honk the "ahooga" horn. **Rodger and Debbie Gulledge's** Roadster with "Teddy" in the Rumble seat always entertains and **Rodger** was a star at answering questions and giving details to those interested. **Ron Andrew's** Yellow & Brown Tudor "Taxi" is an eye-catching addition to this line-up. **Mike Edmonson** finished the lineup and enjoyed the showing and the people.

Thanks to **Perry Wilson** for coordinating this event and taking good care of all the historical car drivers for a wonderful afternoon.



FOR SALE**1928 Ford Roadster**

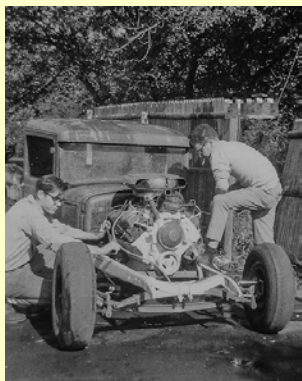
Correct July 1928 features. Fan shroud, powerhouse, etc. Some rustout. Has non-op. \$8500. Stored many years. Phone (714) 864-8773.

Roger Sowersby

member 1975-1999
birdbyte21@gmail.com

Mystery Member

This mystery member and his wife have been long time club members. It is told, "Same projects, just different years!"....



Mystery Member is on the left of photo.

By the way...where's Mary???

WHO IS IT???

(answer is on page 12)

For Sale

1931 Late model closed cab pick up, wide bed.

Original, stock, 83260 original miles, rebuilt engine, trans, rebuilt top, new tires, and many new parts.. Black interior. \$12,000 OBO,

Contact Steve Leseney at (714) 402-6762,

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BAD TIME!
WHEN YOU FINALLY
KNOW EVERYTHING,
YOU START TO FORGET
EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.**



"And I suppose you think this is a dream come true."



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Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting July 11, 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



Mystery Member Answer:

Don Dormeyer



Long Beach Model T Club 70th Annual Parts Exchange

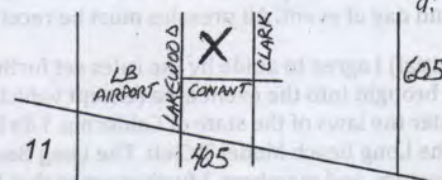
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