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Editor Eric Engle

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News From the President

Greetings and Salutations,

Well, another very successful Pancake Breakfast has once again been completed.....without (weather) incident! We certainly had our bumps in the road along the way, some of which many of you may not know about -- but that's OK! Personally my biggest hurdle (and I know for Richard Bolls too) was moving forward after our loss of Frank Reese (Mr. Breakfast himself). Frank was the cornerstone of our breakfast for more than the past 10 years, so it was only fitting that we dedicated this past breakfast in his memory; and I know he was smiling down on us with the greater number of historic cars than usual in our parking lot: Model T's, Model A', and even speedsters and hot rods of every kind. And somehow no softball games were being played, which



made parking that much easier. I tell ya, it was Frank's touch, even from heaven!

But of course a successful Pancake Breakfast takes more than one person; too many to completely list, but I would like to recognize a few. First and foremost Richard Bolls, who organizes and runs the kitchen, but also stayed in constant communication with Frank to find out where we were with Frank's beloved Pancake Raffle. And when it was evident that Frank was unable to move forward, Richard picked up the pace and was assisted by our Pancake Breakfast Chairman Aaron Magdaleno and a few others, so thank you to Aaron as well. Jennifer Ferrario for her attention to detail and organizational skills in running the raffle, assisted by Kathy and Jim Glendinning. Bruce and Becky MacIntosh for placing those accurate orders for food and the organization of the kitchen support staff (and many more little things that add up to big things), and Perry Wilson with his creative talents with this year's design for the flyers, shirts, and pins - as well as manning the merchandise booth (I hear we sold out of shirts this year!). And Linda Tom, who greeted folks as they came in and signing up several new members to our club. I'm sorry for not listing the multitude of others that were so critical to the success of our breakfast, but Eric would never give me a page two (sorry, I'm not Paul Harvey).

Moving into April we start to pickup steam with trips and tours, as well as technical seminars, so keep an eye out in The Distributor. Be sure to get your cars tuned up and raring to go -- I think Ron's next seminar might help us out with this. Some of us will be heading to CCRG with stories to tell at our April 10th General Meeting, and the Rubel Castle trip will be right around the corner on April 19th. And don't forget about our annual tour to Mt. Baldy once the snow clears out.

Until then, see you at the turnaround point,

Mike

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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

MARCH 13, 2025, 730PM



The meeting was called to order by Mike Edmonson, followed by the flag salute. Marilyn Singer-Hawkins told a joke. MINUTES: The past minutes were provided in the newsletter. Sheila Plotkin made a motion to accept and Joni Terens 2nd. All approved.

FINANCIAL: Joni Terens presented the financial report. Karl Bonham made a motion to accept and Aaron Magdaleno 2nd.

All approved. Total membership is 131.

ACTIVITIES: Steve Pavich told us about upcoming events. 3/16 Highway 39 Car Event, 3/23 Our annual Pancake Breakfast 4/19 Rubel Castle, 5/24 Al Zanino's Model A shop in

Hemet, 6/14 Old Town Music. April 3-5 is CCRG TECHNICAL: Ron shared that Rand Pugmire got a carburetor and changed his cars attitude.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: Eileen Schwing had hip surgery; Jim Ellis had foot surgery. Kathie McCall broke both wrists and James Burrows had some blood work done. Thoughts are still with Rick Hall and Frank Reese took an awful fall and is in hospital.

NEW BUSINESS: ALL HANDS-ON DECK for our Annual Pancake Breakfast. Please sign up for various work lists. Let us make the 2025 event memorable.

HARD LUCK TROPHY: Aaron Magdeleno broke down due to dead battery.

RAFFLES: Debbie Pavich won ten dollars for the attendance raffle. Guy Valdez won \$50 dollars for membership but was not present to claim. The amount will roll over to next month.

NEW MEMBER: We had Tim Kraushaar come as a guest. He builds racecars, but wants to restore a Model A.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Darwin Kibby, Richard Parrish,

Chrisanne Edmonson and Richard Bolls

REFRESHMENTS: Mike Edmonson, Sherry Reid, Louise Hall, Darwin Kibby, Aaron Magdaleno and Linda Tom for drinks.

The meeting adjourned at 830pm with 52 members.

Submitted by Secretary Debbie Parrish awaiting approval.

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Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



April 5th, (Sat), First Sat. Breakfast, 8:00am, Denny's, 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA, with all that last month

held, it's time to break bread together and tell the tales of our latest club events.



March 10th, (Thur), General Meeting will be at 7:30pm at First Christian Church of Orange,

1130 E Walnut, Orange (between Tustin & Cambridge).



April 12th (Sat), Tech. Seminar. Subj: Getting ready for the touring season. Safety Check, using

MARC Guidelines.

(place and time still to be determined)



April 19th (Sat), Rubel Castle, Glendora, \$20 Admission. More details to

follow.



April 24 (Thurs), 4th Thursday Breakfast, No details yet.



April 25th (Fri), Celebration of Life for Frank Reese 1:00pm

Richfield Community Church, 5320 Richfield Road, Yorba Linda, CA



April 26th (Sat), Memorial for Harriet Pavidis, I I am with Reception to follow.

Good Shepard Presbyterian, I 1600 Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos, CA

Solvang Tour

Our club members are invited to join the Diamond Tread and Downey Model A clubs for a tour to Solvang, April 22-24.

Who: Car Enthusiasts, Mod-

ern & Model A.

What: Fun in the California

Sun.

When: April 22, 23, 24.

Where: Solvang.

How: Drive Modern 101 to Coast about 2 & ½ Hours Drive Model A's back roads, Beautiful Scenery,

(Longer)

Lodging: from the Motel 6, in Bulton to the Hadsten Hilton,

in Solvang

And every lodge in-between

Reason: Fun

Call or text

Gary O: (310) 482-0406 Larry: (562) 484-8415

Swap Meets/Car Shows

April 3-5 (Thur-Sat.), CCRG Jamboree, Visalia, Ca., Hosted by the Charter Oak Model A Club of Visalia, Car show, Tours, Seminars. http://www.ocmafc.com/PDF/SKM C450i24120207030.pdf

April 12 (Sat.), Paradise Valley Model A Antique Car Swap Meet, Little League Headquarters W. Region, 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino, CA., FREE admission, Cont: Richard—909-658-5974

League Dr., San Bernardino, CA., <u>FREE</u> admission, <u>Cont: Richard—909-658-5974</u>
May 2-3 (Fri-Sat) Bakersfield Brass Era / Pre-war Swap Meet, Minter Airfield, 201 Aviation Street, Shafter, CA. \$10 entry.

Cont: Steven (323) 497-0601 or (661) 387-1678

May 3-4 (Sat-Sun), 9am-5pm, RPM Barona Drags & Antique Nationals, Two great events at same location, 1750 Wildcat Canyon Rd., Lakeside, Ca. https://www.rpmnationals.com/barona-drags

May 18 (Sun), \$10 Admission, Nicole Meguiar's Concourse Car Show, Benedict Castle, 5445 Chicago Ave, Riverside, CA https://www.benedictcastleconcours.com

May 26 (Mon), Memorial Day, Fairhaven Memorial Park, more info to follow.

** July 19 (Sat), LONG BEACH MODEL T CLUB 71ST ANNUAL PARTS EXCHANGE, Opens at 7AM, Rain or Shine, \$5 admission, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., L.B., Cont: Jeff Hood 562-597-5936

Nov. 1st. (Sat), Orange Blossom Model A Club Vintage Show, 1900-1958 VINTAGE stock & slightly modeified, NO Hot Rods, Free to Spectators, \$35 to enter vehicle. Cont: https://carshowpro.com/event/2238

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

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Highlights of the March Tech Seminar

By Ron Andrews
Technical Director

The Bendix drive assembly engages the starter motor with the flywheel ring gear. There is a spring that is a part of the Bendix assembly, that absorbs the initial shock when the Bendix drive engages with the flywheel ring gear. The high RPM of the starter motor throws the Bendix gear into the flywheel ring gear, thereby starting the engine. Upon release of the starter switch, the starter motor stops, allowing the high RPM of the rotating ring gear to spin the Bendix back out of the way of the ring gear. IF the starter motor does not engage with the flywheel, the problem is often with the Bendix drive assembly. Three faults commonly cause this: 1) Broken Bendix spring, 2) Broken starter drive sleeve, or 3) Bendix spring bolts broken, or vibrated loose.

This seminar was a continuation from a distress call from Rand Pugmire for a problem with his 30 Coupe not starting. The A team was called, to try and figure out why it wouldn't start! The battery was fully charged, but the starter would not engage, or even turn the engine over. Perplexing, to say the least!!

Don Ratzlaff suggested we put the transmission in high gear and rock the car, to see if the Bendix was stuck. Sure enough, the Bendix snapped back with a loud "POP", and the engine was able to start once again. Replacing the old Bendix with a donated new one was MORE than enough reason for yet another donut and coffee session at Richard Parrish's house a few days later.

Pulling the starter (thanks Nathan Sherry), the Bendix assembly showed some signs of wear on the teeth. A bit closer inspection of the flywheel revealed some metal shavings in the housing area. Using an inspection mirror we found some more wear on the flywheel teeth. But, for a more thorough inspection, we would have to remove the engine, or drive train. Installing the Bendix on the starter, and replacing the starter back in the car, will hopefully help prevent any future problems (FYI, I had never done it before, so it was a learning process for me also). Apparently, the Bendix sticking is a common problem that might occur again in the future, but hopefully not.

FYI, there are also more modern geared starters on the market that sell for around \$250.00-\$300.00, but those require removing and reversing the ring gear on the flywheel. There is also a modern style Bendix available for \$30.00-\$50.00 that directly replaces the original style Bendix gear (suggested for 12V cars) (no need to reverse the ring gear).

Thanks to all who pitched in to help in this learning process. Thanks to Richard Parrish for the use of his home for this project. And thank you Bruce MacIntosh for the donation of the new Bendix assembly.

Until Next time, RA

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A Dip into Spring with Parasols and Men's Accessories

By Kaci Terens



The 1920s were often described as the "Roaring Twenties", which we all know as a pivotal decade. In this dynamic era, fashion underwent remarkable transformations. Particularly the rise of spring parasols, as well as an array of stylish accessories for men as well, both of which embodied the spirit and sophistication of the era.

As the decade unfolded, parasols took on a new meaning. No longer were they just tools for shielding oneself from the harsh rays of the sun, they became symbols of elegance and modern femininity. The materials and designs used were integral to women's fashion, often coordinated by the women's dress or pants. A well-chosen parasol not only provided shade, but also allowed a women's simple ensemble to be elevated. Which

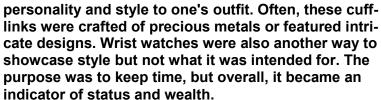
gave off to other people that the women projected poise and grace, whether strolling in a park or attending their friends garden parties.

While the women flaunted their parasols, men also embraced a range of fashionable accessories that complemented their tailored suits and contributed to their social standing. The decade saw a marked departure from the more conservative styles, with men adopting a more relaxed yet still polished approach to fashion. They used hats and caps, ties or bow ties, pocket squares and cufflinks, and wristwatches.

The tie and bow tie trends flourished in this era, with an increase in the variety of colors and patterns. These new varieties allowed men to express their personal style. Brightly patterned silk ties and velvet ties were the most popular styles at social events and parties. Pocket squares and cufflinks were also part of this new trend. Men would often accentuate their outfits with a bright pocket square, which added a pop of color, simple yet stylish.



Similar to the pocket square, cufflinks were also used to add



Whatever you choose to wear, consider adding these simple yet subtle accessories to your outfit.



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Sunshine & Sorrow

this month in Yorba Linda.



By Marilyn Hawkins m_hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: Our annual Pancake Breakfast was a huge success...and the weather was perfect.

Sorrow: Last month Rick Hall had some internal bleeding and spent a few days in the hospital. Treatment is scheduled for April, fortunately not in any pain. Jim Ellis had the staples removed from his foot; still ordered to not put any weight on this foot and I think he sort of likes the knee scooter. Eileen Schwing says healing from hip replacement is on schedule. Physical therapy and walking are the prescription for recovery. Bob Burroughs had routine blood work done and discovered his potassium was low. Spent five hours in ER to replenish the fluids. Harriet Pavidis passed away early March with complications of COPD. Memorial service will be later this month with more info to come. She and Pete have been members since 1999. Kathie McCall stumbled and fell on the sidewalk while returning a cable box. Dislocated her thumb and fractured her left arm, which now has a plate and pins. Spend 3-1/2 days in the hospital with a lot of pain. Slow recovery with help needed at home. And last of all, Frank Reese passed away on March 20. He was on oxygen and tripped on the cord in his home, no broken bones, many bruises. Two weeks in the hospital and then rehab when other complication arose. For many years he

You may not feel better tomorrow, next week, or next month, but you will feel better.

was the backbone of our Pancake Breakfast with his tireless effort. His Celebration of Life will be later

Happy Birthday - April

Harley Broviak Patty Côté Jennifer Ferrario Bruce Harris Tissy Hatcher-Smith Norm Kredit Becky MacIntosh Drain Marshal Frances Mercado David Orozco Steve Pavich Gerald Rapp Gerry Reid

ACCC Update: SB 712, aka, Leno's Law

Recent legislative activity saw the introduction of California Senate Bill 712, affectionately known as Leno's Law. This bill could make life much easier for the thousands of classic car enthusiasts in California by amending the state's stringent smog rules, which currently mandate smog checks for vehicles built in or after 1976. If passed into law, <u>California Senate Bill 712</u> would "fully exempt" any vehicle that was made at least 35 years ago, if it were insured as a collector vehicle. Senator Shannon Grove, a Republican representing Bakersfield, is the bill's sponsor.

Jay Leno, known as a famous car collector as well as a comedian, is obviously in support of the bill and has agreed to promote the bill. "California's rich classic car culture, sparked by the post-war hot rod boom and boosted by Hollywood's love for chrome and horsepower, has made it a paradise for enthusiasts like me," said Leno to *NBC Los Angeles*. "California's smog check laws for classic cars need to be updated—they vary too much from state to state, and California's rules don't match up with neighboring ones."

While this doesn't impact our Model A's, those who own other collector cars will certainly feel relief if this bill becomes law. Emissions testing on pre-OBD2 vehicles (i.e. 1995 and older) is getting more difficult each year, as the number of vehicles being tested continues to decline and shops cannot justify maintaining the tools and experience needed to conduct an inspection.

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Pancake Breakfast 2025

Weather wise, you just never know what you're going to get here in Southern California during the month of March. But what we got this year was picture perfect! It simply could not have been better, and we thank whoever is in charge of that!

Our 62nd. annual Pancake Breakfast turned out to be a resounding success! Many thanks to all of our club members who helped put this event on....and the list of volunteers is long. Also, we'd like to send out a special thanks to the City of Orange for working with us once again to put this event on at their historic Hart Park. Out of the 62 years of this event. 38 of them have been right there at Hart Park.

A tremendous amount of planning, organizing, and yes, physical labor, go into this event each and every year. And needless to say, we're already looking to next year's 63rd event: Always striving to make improvements where we can. Yup, it's that sort of dedication that keeps this event one of the premier events of the year, and keeps so many Model A'ers coming back year after year.

Most everyone attending the breakfast brought out their vintage vehicles. And what a sight it was to see!! Not only were there a grand number of Model A's, but a Model T club showed up also. Model T's, the precursor to the Model A's, really are amazing looking vehicles. That is especially true for those that have all the polished brass. Beautiful! And let's not forget the vintage bicycle club group. Wow!!! Those old bikes were great! And some of the bicycle riders were wearing Period Fashions. How fun!!

There were so many sights to be seen, it was hard to take it all in! Oh...and one more special guest showed up. For those that know him from all his HIGH end custom vehicles and from his TV show, "Overhaulin' "Chip Foose was taking in the sights. Mr. Foose possesses an amazing talent for capturing grace and elegance in all of his beautiful designs! Chip...it was so nice to see you there and you are always very welcome to come by and visit the origins of modern day Hot Rodding.

Great job everyone! Hope to see all of you again next year.











Customizer Chip Foose "cruising" with his Friends.





Long time club member, Frank
Reese, passed recently. Joining the
club in 2008, Frank was VERY instrumental in organizing past Pancake
Breakfasts and soliciting companies
to donate to our raffle. Frank was
always a "Go-To" guy when it came
to putting on our annual event.

Frank's Celebration of Life will be Friday, April 25th at 1p.m.
Richfield Community Church
5320 Richfield Road
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

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SAVE THE DATES:

May 2-3, Bakersfield Swap Meet, 201 Aviation

St, Shafter, Ca, 323-497-0601 May 23-25, 2025 Northern California Regional

Group Roundup on Memorial Day Weekend, acramentocapitolas.org/2025-ncrg 2025

Northern California Regional Group Roundup Sept. 13th, International Model A Day, Patches and info cont. Bruce Adams, PO

Box 45, Nothport, NY 11768, 631-262-9811 June 16-25, 2025 National Tour, Virginia Battle-

fields, Host Dallas Model A Ford Club. https://sites.google.com/view/mafca-2025-

national-tour

While these two overlapping "National Tours" (above and below) look to be the same, they are TWO DIFFERENT tours, lead by the same Model A club. the Dallas Model A Ford Club.

June 15-22, MAFCA National Tour, Bull Run to Appobattox & everything in-between, Host Dallas Model A Ford Club. https://sites.google.com/view/mafca-2025-

national-tour

Ballroom Dance – For Fun and Health

A recent article in the OC Register (March 11, 2025 by Lou Ponsi) highlighted our own Norm and Lori Kredit as they take part in RX Ballroom Dance lessons. RX Ballroom Dance, a nonprofit, with instructors certified to work with individuals who are confronting neurodegenerative disorders, tailors the rhythmic movements to help preserve and enhance the quality of life

for people with illnesses such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and similar disorders. Norm and Lori like making new friends and add this to their commitment to keep moving while having fun.

RX Ballroom Dance has 12 locations throughout Southern California offering free classes with a doctor's prescription. They are funded with federal and state grants, private foundations and donations







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BLT Install 3-10-25

By Tom Endy

Another banner day for the BLT Guys. The task was to install a Mitchell overdrive, sync transmission, clutch and flywheel in a 1931 Victoria owned by David Griffiths of Yuma, AZ. The owner made a \$1200 donation to the Model A Ford Youth Restoration Program. The installation took place at my house in Westminster.

The owner had the overdrive and transmission shipped direct to my house, and I provided a rebuilt bell housing, so we were able to have the transmission and bell housing bolted together beforehand. The owner brought the clutch and flywheel out with him.

The plan was for the owner to trailer the car out from Yuma on Monday March 10, leaving early in the morning. Several BLT Guys would be on hand when he arrived in the afternoon and we would start working on the car. Arrival time was IPM and four of us began working on the car hoping to get everything out of the car that day and finish the project on Tuesday. Later Monday afternoon three more BLT Guys showed up.

By 7PM Monday evening with seven of us working on the car the project was complete and the owner was able to head back to Yuma early the next morning.

There were no show stoppers, everything went well and performed as Henry Ford and Steve Mitchell ordered.

Recognition is hereby given to the individuals of an exceptional BLT crew that installed a Mitchell overdrive, sync transmission, V-8 clutch, machined flywheel, and rebuild bell housing, all in six hours from when the car arrived at the work place. Four BLT members were on hand at I PM when the car arrived from Yuma, AZ on a trailer. Three more BLT members showed up a short time later. By 7 PM the job was completed. The installation raised \$1200. for the Model A Youth Restoration Program.

Bryan Thompson - Santa Anita A's Brian Huffman - Orange County Wayne Wiedle - Diamond

Tread\Palomar

Eric Engle – Orange County

Tim Stone – Orange County

Ben Stone - Santa Anita A's

Tom Endy - Santa Anita A's\Orange

County



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Memories, Memories...by Diane Gaughen

Editor's Note:

The following are a few excerpts of firsthand accounts from folks that were there at the inception of the Famous Route 66

In the heart of Oklahoma City, Grady Bell recalled how his father had worked on Route 66 all the way across Oklahoma. It saved them from starving during the Depression when Dad got a job with the Works Progress Administration (WPA). He hauled dirt with a team of horses and a dirt shovel from 1930 to 1938. Likewise, LeRoy Martin helped build the road around Elk City when he was 15 years old. Life was tough but they were happy to have work.

Allie Alba, who had come to Oklahoma in a covered wagon, recalled watching the concrete being laid. "... the concrete would expand in hot weather, and cold weather it would draw up. It had to have space. I worked out there on the highway when they done it. We had to take it out if we didn't leave space because it'd buckle up."

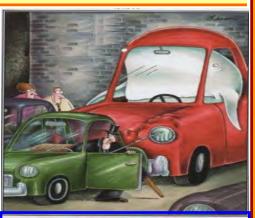
Garland Lowry had his own memories in Canute; "We had a street dance under the railroad trestle when they finished the pavement, the night before they opened it up to traffic. It took plum two or three years to get that road paved through town."

The last part of U.S. 66 to be paved in Oklahoma was a short section from Miami to Afton, which was completed in autumn of 1937. At last! But what about the other Southwestern states? Stay tuned...

Just for Laughs



When older people say,
"Enjoy them while they are young." They are talking about your knees and hips not your kids.



Crimony! Millions of people in this city and look who I rear end.



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Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting April 10, 2025

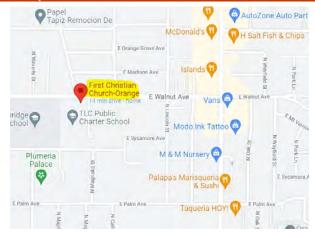
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