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Established in 1926, the world famous Route 66 eventually ended in Santa Monica, Ca. Three OCMAFC adventurers decided to visit the "Trails End".

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## News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

**HAPPY EASTER** Everyone!

March has seemed to go out like a lion, and April....we keep our fingers crossed for a pleasant start to our Spring months, as we start our cars up for the trip out to our 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. April 14<sup>th</sup> at Hart Park from 7:30am to 11:00am is the place to be followed by our exciting raffle for all sorts of items donated to our club. Funds received not only assists our club in operating expenses, but goes a long way in helping us contribute to local and regional charities such as the American Red Cross, Alzheimer's Foundation, CHOC Children's Foundation, City of Hope, as well as to Model A organizations such as the MAFFI Museum, Model A Youth Restoration Award, and other

Model A Clubs and Non-Profits. It is through club members Efforts, and those joining us for breakfast on the 14<sup>th</sup>, as well as the support of the City of Orange that makes all of this possible -- so a big thank you in advance.

The month of March had several activities to make note of. First was the CCRG in Clovis. This was my first visit to this annual event and I wasn't disappointed. The trip up and back in our Model A's was eventful only from the perspective of the beautiful landscape and **NO BREAK-DOWNS** by a Model A! (Talk to **Norm Kredit** about the rest). 15 of us represented our club in grand style, a few of us won some pretty nice raffle prizes, and **Jeffrey and Jennifer Ferrario** placed in the CCRG Gymkhana Car Games; seeing them in action, they were quite the competitive team! Down south back in our SCRG area, we also had a very informative technical seminar that I wish I could have attended (in case I'm stranded on the side of the road with a flat spare tire).

**Don Ratzlaff** conducted a seminar for a smaller, but enthusiastic group, on how to change a tire and inner tube; something I have yet to experience thankfully. In so doing, they discovered some problems with the Goff's car, as **Joni Terens** drove the Phaeton to the seminar. While I wasn't there to witness, you know **Don** -- his wizardry of the mind figured out what the problem was and fixed the issue with how the spare was mounted, right there on the spot, along with the replacement of inner tube and tire. A talented and creative crew we have, which makes OCMAFC so special.

Enough of the rearview mirror. Peering through my "clean" windshield I can see our Annual Pancake Breakfast just two weeks away. And of course our combined focus of effort. But also sometime in late April or May, be on the lookout for a tour up to Mount Baldy and a maybe a retry on the Goathill Junction Railroad trip that was rained out. And of course any "unofficial" tours that many of our members take. Just don't forget to post those impromptu tours through Don Dormeyer (or his appointed representative as he undergoes hernia surgery in the coming weeks -- heal well Don, our prayers are with you!!) so that they can be posted on our messaging system.

Until then, see you at the turnaround point,

*Mike*



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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**

**ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A CLUB GENERAL MEETING****March 14, 2024, 730PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mike Edmonson. David Knapp led the flag salute. Marilyn Singer-Hawkins told a joke. **MINUTES:** The past minutes were provided. Sheila Plotkin made a motion to accept and Drain Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved. **FINANCIAL:** The financial report was presented by Darwin Kibby. Diane Gaughen made a motion to accept and Jim Ellis 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved. Total membership is 147. **ACTIVITIES:** Steve Pavich shared some of the upcoming activities. March 30 will be to the Goathill Train Museum with a personal tour and train ride. Pancake Breakfast will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Hart Park in Orange. **TECHNICAL:** Ron Andrews thanked Jim and Sylvia Ellis for the CPR class which was fun and informative. April is scheduled for a work party and May will be on clutch issues with David Knapp hosting. The tire changing seminar only had 8 people this time but many were up north at CCRG. **EDITOR:** Eric Engle sent thanks for the article and pictures for CCRG. Please send all articles to Eric by 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for publication in next month's Distributor.

**SUNSHINE AND SORROW:** Seems everyone is healthy this month. Our congratulations go out to Ron Andrews on the

birth of his 6<sup>th</sup> grandchild, Welcome Ella Grace!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** If you have not signed up to work at Pancake Breakfast, please see Richard Bolls for kitchen duty or Steve Pavich for parking. You may also contact Aaron Magdaleno as breakfast chairman, and he will put you to work. So, sign up for your job. We need EVERYBODY to pitch in.

**HARD LUCK TROPHY:** Norm Kredit had an issue in his modern on his way to CCRG but that wont count for Hard luck Trophy. Sorry Norm.

**RAFFLES:** Lori Kredit won ten dollars for the attendance raffle.

Jim Ellis won thirty dollars for the membership raffle. **REFRESHMENTS:** were provided by Marilyn Singer-Hawkins, Debbie Pavich, Mike Edmonson, Debbie Gullede, Sherry Reid and Linda Tom for drinks.

**Meeting adjourned with 74 members.**

Submitted by Secretary Debbie Parrish awaiting approval.

## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



April 6th (Sat), First Saturday BS Breakfast 8 am, Denny's Restaurant, 2314 17th St., Santa Ana, Ca.,

Ever wonder what the "BS" in BS Breakfast stands for??? It stands for "Best Stories" and we need yours. So be sure to bring your BEST stories and fables and join in the fun.

Please bring enough cash to pay for your meal. \$1, \$5, \$20 usually will cover everything, including tip.



April 11th (Thurs), General Meeting will be at 7:30pm at

First Christian Church of Orange, 1130 E Walnut, Orange (between Tustin & Cambridge).



**No Tech. Seminar** this month due to Pancake Breakfast.



April 25th (Thur), 4th Thursday, 9\*am, Breakfast, Paul's Coffee Shop, 16947 Bushard St.,

Fountain Valley, Ca.



April 14th (Sunday), OCM AFC FAMOUS 61st Pancake Breakfast, Where? Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St., City of Orange, Ca.

Time? 7:30-11am

Entrance will be off So.

Shaffer St., NOT the usual

So. Glassell St !!

**RESCHEDULED  
DUE TO RAIN**



**Take A Tour:  
APRIL "TBA"**

Tour will **BEGIN** at **10am** and go until about **Noon** **AT** the Goathill Junction Railroad, **2480 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa.**

Come a little early, so that you don't miss anything.

More details to follow.

Cont: Steve Pavich or Rodger Gullede for further info.

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

Donut Derelicts Car Show, Every Saturday Morning, 5-8am. FREE

April 7th (Sun) Long Beach High Performance Show and Swap Meet, 6 am to 1 pm, Rain or Shine, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium 5000 Lew Davis Long Beach, CA., \$15 Admission. FREE PARKING, (800) 762-9785

April 13th (Sat) & Sept. 28, Paradise Valley Model A Club swap meet, 6am-3pm, Western Little League Regional Headquarters in Northwest San Bernardino, Cont: Richard Bronstrup 909-658,6914

April 14th (Sun), 52nd Antique Nationals, Irwindale Speedway, Ca., 7 am to ??? \$22 Admision

**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

### Tires and Wheels Seminar by Ron Andrews

First, I would like to thank Len Driver for the fresh coffee and Richard Parish for hosting the location and a special thank you goes to Don Ratzlaff, our leader for this month's Technical Seminar.

It turned out to be a wonderful morning, but the annual Central Calif. Regional Group (CCRG) event, which happened on the same day as the seminar, kept a good number of our club members busy (see page 10). Just a few Orange County ladies and gentlemen showed for what turned out to be an interesting and challenging tire fixit morning. Joni Terens graced us with her purple phaeton, a.k.a. "The Purple Penguin", needing some tire repairs. Joni's fender mount spare was totally flat so we decided to start there. However, it seems that one of the wheel studs for the spare tire mount was spinning in the mount and not allowing us to remove the lug nut. So we opted to remove the center mounting nut and take the tire out that way.

As it turned out, the weld on the wheel stud to the mounting plate had broken. After several attempts of clamping the loose stud with vice grips and tapping on them, the problematic lug nut *finally* came loose! We then found the mounting bolts to the frame loose, so Aaron Magdaleno volunteered to crawl under to tighten them. Great job, Aaron!! Next order of business, removing the tire and tube to figure out why it was flat.. Seems the inner tube needs to be replaced, as there was a hole in it. Don re-welded the loose stud to the plate. With the weld repair job finished and a new inner tube, good to go!

Some items that can be helpful in getting the inner tube properly in place; tie a string around the valve stem to help center the it in the rim, Tire rotation: Bias ply tires, the usual cross pattern (Front to Rear); Radials front to rear; Lug nut torque 50-55 foot pounds: store spare tubes inflated to avoid problems with creases. You can build a carpeted box to change tire on. Rim protection: try cutting some hose and lay on rim edge for protection. There's a trash bag method of mounting and dismounting tires that works well also.

Until next time RA



Reminds me of a Caltrans crew....One guy on his back working, and the others.... well, the others NOT!!



# LUG NUT WARNING!

by Bill Lancaster — Sunnyvale, California

This is to inform Model A'ers that a potentially dangerous situation exists with some currently available wheel lug nuts. After much research, consultation with knowledgeable Model A'ers, and careful review of an "AR" wheel lug nut drawing, it has been concluded that there is a potential safety problem with some reproduction lug nuts. Significant wheel and hub damage can, and in two specific cases has, resulted from using these "unacceptable" lug nuts now on the market. If left unnoticed, the wearing condition could ultimately result in the loss of a wheel. It is believed, however, that significant wheel looseness would first occur, providing a warning of the impending serious safety problem.

The two cases were unrelated and had somewhat different conditions leading to the determination that some reproduction lug nuts are not safe to use, and therefore are unacceptable. In both cases, there was no indication that a problem existed when these lug nuts were installed. They tightened up like acceptable lug nut. However, it was later determined that these new lug nuts were not fully seated.

In the first case, the problem was discovered only after driving with the faulty lug nuts for over a thousand miles. While returning from a long tour, a loose wheel was recognized. The driver pulled off the road. The wheel was loose, yet the lug nuts were tight! The wheel was replaced with an undamaged wheel and original type lug nuts.

In the second case, after installing a set of 23 reproduction lug nuts, it became necessary to remove the wheels after driving about 100 miles. Three lug nuts on one wheel were

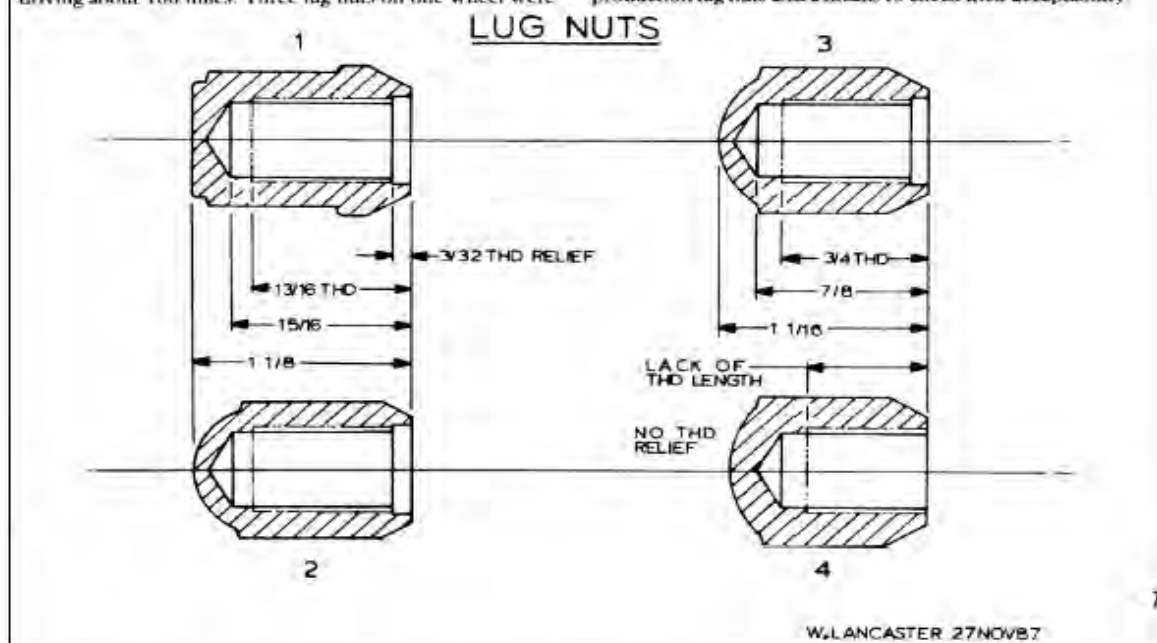
very hard to remove. They were found to have damaged the threads on the hub stud. Prior to using them, all the lug nuts and studs were chased. The threads were again chased, and the lug nut thread length was verified to be correct. This included tap drilling deeper to provide .75 inches of full thread on these three lug nuts. After driving a couple hundred more miles, the lug nuts were again hard to remove. After much frustrating analysis, it was determined that a thread relief exists in a normal lug nut that did not exist in these three defective lug nuts!

The enclosed sketch shows these conditions. The first cross-section is the "AR" lug nut. The second is our best estimate of the 11/16" hex size lug nut used for a short time after the "AR" nut was replaced. Lug nut number three is the most common Model A lug nut. The fourth cross-section is the unacceptable reproduction lug nut, which lacks adequate thread depth and lead-in thread relief.

If you have reproduction lug nuts of the common type, check to see that they have the following characteristics:

1. The overall length must be at least 1-1/16 inches.
2. At the entrance, there must be no threads for the first 3/32nds of an inch.
3. The tap drill depth must be at least 7/8 inch, and
4. The full thread length must be at least 3/4 inch (which can be checked with a 1/2-20 UNF x 3/4" long bolt).

It is hoped that this information will provide a warning to Model A owners of a serious safety situation concerning reproduction lug nuts and a means to check their acceptability.



This article appeared in *The Restorer*, March/April 1988. The introduction of these poor quality lug nuts caused considerable grief to the Model A Kingdom as it was a significant safety concern. The information is being repeated here as many of these lug nuts may still be around. These lug nuts can also do damage to the threads of the lugs.

## HELP WANTED

Club member, Mark Polentz, is in need of a recommendation for a good upholstery shop. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Mark Polentz: [markmp1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:markmp1@sbcglobal.net) or text 951-314-8660

**Sunshine & Sorrow**

By Marilyn Hawkins  
m\_hawkins33@cox.net

For the month of April, let's make it only "sunshine" with inspirational and comical quotes.

**Inspiration:**

Hope only turns into Reality when followed by Action.

Friends come and go, keeping them is a matter of choice.

Your real measure of success is how your children describe you to a friend.

The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side.

Your freedom to speak carries the responsibility to think first.

**Let's have a little comedy:**

"You know you've reached middle age when you're cautioned to slow down by your doctor, instead of by the police." Joan Rivers

"I grew up with six brothers. That's how I learned to dance, waiting for the bathroom." Bob Hope

"When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them." Rodney Dangerfield

When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' It is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway." Erma Bombeck

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt," Charles M. Schulz



**EGADS!!! HOW DID WE SURVIVE????**

**15 Club Members travel to Clovis for CCRG** by Becky MacIntosh

Beautiful weather, Model A friends and cars, good food, music...what more could you want? It was a great weekend as 15 OCMAFC members made their way to Clovis, California for the California Central Regional Group (CCRG) annual Model A convention.

Mike Edmonson & Darwin Kibby drove the entire distance and Darwin in his "stock" Model A, beat Mike up the grade both going and coming home. A stop in Arvin at Black Bear Diner for lunch both ways is a must.

The Sierra Club, with help from other local groups, hosted 368 participants and 137 Model A's representing 27 clubs. Those are outstanding numbers for this event. It was great seeing all the Model A's everywhere you went in town. We had time to explore Old Town Clovis with it's antique shops and museums. The local news teams were checking us out!

There was more....while this year did not feature any seminars, they added an afternoon of car games. Our own Jennifer & Jeffery Ferrario and Mike Edmonson with Eric Engle all in their Model A's, participated in May Pole Madness, Corn Hole, Cup & Saucers, Clothes Line, and Valve Toss. Jennifer & Jeffery came in 3<sup>rd</sup> overall while Mike & Eric...well, they finished.

We chose from 4 tours on Saturday to various museums. All about 60 miles long and coming together for a small train ride at a Christmas Tree Farm, and lunch at a beautiful property with vintage equipment and displays of every Model A's dream. BBQ dinner on Friday, catered dinner on Saturday and a well populated raffle that rivals our own, made for fun and delicious evenings.

We didn't spend much time in our hotel rooms!

Get ready to join in next year's CCRG, April 3-5, 2025, at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia for more friends, dinners, seminars, raffles and tours.

**Editor's Note:** Here is a GREAT Paul and Tina Shinn video of this year's CCRG event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isBI4SrZj7E>



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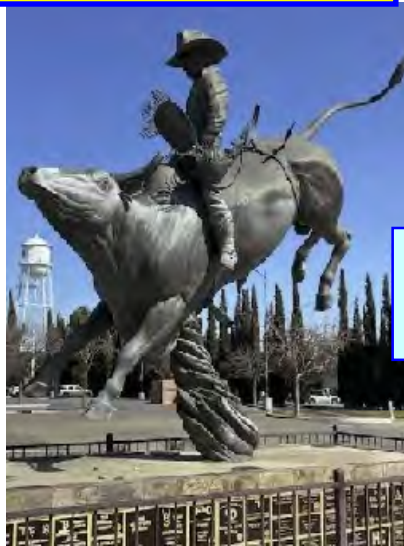


Old Time OCMAFC members update:

Paul Lindberg (wife is Carolyn) passed away in March 2024. He was a member of the Paso Robles Model A club but in the past was a member of OCMAFC. There will be no services.

Charles "Pops" Melvin Gammell (wife Diane, passed in 2021) passed away in February 2024. He was living in Texas but was a member of our club in the 60's and 70's.

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Anyone see what's different about this A ??? Originally a Tudor, it's been lengthened and had a couple more doors added! Cool!!!



## Route 66 “End of the Trail” by Eric Engle

Last month, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, Club President **Mike Edmonson**, member **Dennis Kliesen** and myself, decided it would be fun to take an impromptu 50 mile tour up the coast to the Santa Monica Pier, just to stand next to the “End of the Trail” sign found out on the pier. It was **Mike’s** idea that got this Editor intrigued enough to start digging to see if we *could* actually drive our cars out onto the pier, just to take a few snapshots next to the rather famous Route 66 sign. I was able to contact **Mr. Leo Erickson**, one of the staff members that manage events on the pier. **Mr. Erickson** set up our visit. To say that we were treated very well, would be a **HUGE** understatement: **Leo** treated us as if we were royalty!! **VERY** special treatment, to say the least! We were given special passes to actually drive a short distance out onto the pier, which is used almost exclusively by pedestrians. **Mr. Erickson** escorted us, one by one, right out next to the iconic “Route 66 End of the Trail” sign for us to take a few photographs. What we found there was a rather sizeable crowd of tourists from all over the world, taking turns standing by the sign for their own photographs. Well, when we showed up, our cars also caused quite a stir for all those nice folks. We probably had just as many tourists taking their photos with our cars, as they did with the sign that they were actually there to see. It was truly a **GREAT** day for us, as well as the entire crowd. It would seem that most of the tourists were from other countries, some not speaking a lick of English. But **Mike, Dennis** and myself were still able to convey information about our cars to them, and more importantly, bring smiles to each and every one of them. This was a **GREAT** day!!! Thanks **Mike** for dreaming up this place to visit.



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## Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting April 11, 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Location:  
First Christian Church of Orange  
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Be sure to come  
early so that you can  
have a great meal,  
visit with all your  
Model A friends, and  
just have a great  
time enjoying

**“Henry’s Lady”**

For More info. Contact  
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714-862-5773

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7:30am-11am

Large Raffle Selection



Adults \$10 / Children \$5 (Ages 2-10)  
Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs,  
Juice, Hot Cocoa & Hot Coffee

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