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4TH OF JULY PARADE TIME IN NEWPORT BEACH

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JIM'S AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES-RETIREMENT SALE!



After 45 years of dedicated service restoring and maintaining Model "A" Fords, Jim Nichols of Jim's Automotives Services in Costa Mesa is retiring.

To mark this milestone, a wide selection of new and used car parts, along with the shop equipment, is available for immediate sale. All reasonable offers will be considered—**EVERYTHING**

MUST GO!!

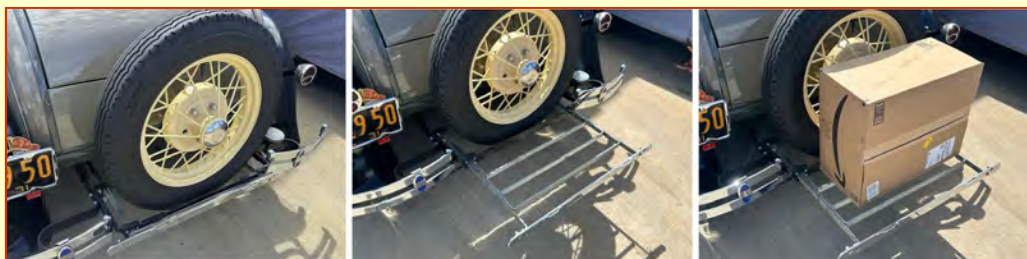
LOCATION: 1366 Logan Ave., Costa Mesa, Ca. 92626

HOURS: Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm (Closed Sunday)

ZIP-A-RACK Are Back !

Through the years, a number of club members have asked me about the Zip-A-Rack on the back end of my Coupe; the extendable luggage rack. Sadly, for many years they have been out of production. The only reason that I have one is because my father, Owen Engle, purchased it years before. I found it, still in it's original box, which was literally falling apart from years of storage in dad's shed. Several months ago, the owner of Bert's Model A Center in Englewood, CO., asked if he could borrow my rack, to see about remanufacturing them. Steve, the owner, has reproduced a few of them once again and they will fit 1930-31 Model A's ONLY, as the bumpers on the 1928-29's are a narrower configuration. Those will come later.

If anyone is interested in more information about the new Zip-A-Racks, contact Bert's Model A Center, **800-321-1931** or parts@modelastore.com



News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Greetings one and all!

First, I want you to know that I am currently writing this under extreme pressure and duress -- why you might ask? It certainly isn't because of your faithful editor (I'm probably putting him under more pressure and duress!). Yes, once again I'm running late in getting this column to the publisher, but what's new, right? All I can say is that it has been yet another crazy second half to the month with a visit from my daughter and granddaughter from out in North Carolina. But no excuses, and as they would say in Hollywood...on with the show.

First and foremost I want to thank everyone that attended our potluck picnic at Hart Park on the 10th. A great turnout, great weather, great company, and great food. I think next time we need to make it a requirement to place copies of recipes with every dish brought; there certainly are a few recipes I would like to have -- how about you? I also want to thank all of those that attended our fourth Thursday breakfast. Both the food and service at Ruby's Diner was top notch. As well, thank you for making my daughter and granddaughter so welcome to their first OCMAFC event; you all definitely left an indelible first impression.

Looking forward to August we have a bit of a change up to our normal routine. The second weekend - Sunday August 10th to be precise, will be our opportunity to reciprocate with the Santa Anita A's club 50th Anniversary celebration titled "50 at their Fiftieth". Their goal is to have 50 Model A's at their gathering for breakfast and fun at the Elks Lodge in Pasadena, which also happens to be on Route 66 AND along the Tournament of Roses Parade Route (ask me how I know that!). I'm hoping for a good turn out in support of this club which has always supported us at our annual Pancake Breakfast. There is also a planned Technical Seminar on the 16th with the subject matter: installing window channels. Ron Andrews experimented on my passenger side door yesterday, so my driver's side window is the planned victim at seminar.

Looking further down the road, September will be bringing us International Model A Ford Day (September 13th) where I believe **Doug Marsh** will be serving the club up with another great Poker Run. Also **Jennifer Ferrario** will begin the search for victims (I mean candidates) for annual elections that will take place in November, with nominations taking place in October. We are in an odd numbered year so we will be looking for candidates to fill the offices of Vice President and activities/tour director, as well as Technical Director. I HIGHLY encourage members to present a plentiful number of nominations. And with that...

See you at the turnaround point.

Mike



2025 BOARD MEMBERS

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You may notice that there are NO Meeting Minutes for the month of July. That is because of our Pot Luck dinner at Hart Park instead. Next month the Meeting Minutes will return.



INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY POKER RUN

Sept. 13th (Sat)

We are looking for people to help out with this year's Poker Run.

- Putting cards into envelopes, and envelopes into the canvas bags*
- Making the Orange 'A' signs.*
- Printing and assembling the instructions and the Bail Out Sheets.*
- People to put up the Orange 'A' posters the morning of.*
- Timekeepers for departure and finish.*
- Lookout helpers for each stop.*
- Runners for assignments on the day of the event,*
- Tallying of poker hands and the winnings.*

Finish place will be a restaurant.

Helpers can be on the committee and also drive in the Poker Run.

If interested in helping out.

Contact Doug Marsh at 805-903-3617 or pizmojoe@yahoo.com

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.



Bring your Model A

Join the Santa Anita A's

Requesting a gathering of 50 Model A's in celebration of our 50th Anniversary

Sunday

Aug 10, 2025

8:30 – 11:00 AM



More Info on Page 12

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Aug. 2nd, (Sat), First Sat. Breakfast, 8:00am, Denny's, 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana.
Good food, good friends, good stories...the only thing possibly missing is you!!! Don't miss it...



Aug. 10th (Sun), Santa Anita A's Golden Anniversary, 8:30—11 am, Pasadena Elks Lodge #672, 400 W. Colorado Blvd, Pasadena. More info this page.



Aug. 14th (Thurs), General meeting will start at 7:30 at First Christian Church of Orange, 1130 E Walnut, Orange (between Tustin & Cambridge).



Aug. 16th (Sat), this month we'll be discussing the installation of window channels in Ron Andrews Tudor.
Where?...Richard & Jeanne Parrish home, 909 S. Hacienda Pl., Anaheim,
When? 8:30 donuts and coffee, 9:00 seminar starts.
Bring your questions and expertise.



Aug. 28 (Thur), 4th Thurs. Breakfast, 9:00am., The Chicken Coop, 414 Old Newport Blvd, Newport Beach, CASH ONLY...!
Cont: Aaron Magdaleno (Mr. Mags)



Sept. 13th (Sat), International Model A Ford Day, OCMAFC will hold a Poker Run on this day to celebrate!
Doug Marsh is looking for volunteers to help with the poker run.

Happy 50 years



Santa Anita A's Golden Anniversary

Sunday, August 10
8:30 – 11:00am

Pasadena Elks Lodge #672,
400 W. Colorado Blvd,
Pasadena

Santa Anita A's is asking surrounding clubs to help them celebrate & showcase 50 Model A's for their

50th Anniversary

Sunday August 10, 2025. At the Elks Lodge, 400 W Colorado Blvd, Pasadena

Contact Janet Beggs at
janetbeggs17@outlook.com
or call Jim Kroeger at
626-710-6592

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Aug. 10 (Sun) Santa Anita A's 50th Anniversary, 400 W. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena. 8:30-11 am.. Santa Anita A's has invited us to be a part of their "Golden Anniversary" featuring 50 Model A's from all the surrounding clubs.

Cont: Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592 OR janetbeggs17@outlook.com

Aug 10 (Sun), 5am-2pm, Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona,
\$15 per person cash.

Aug. 16th (Sat), 7:30-10 am, "Inaugural" Petals & Pistons Car Show, Sherman Library & Gardens, 2647 E. Coast Hwy., Corona del Mar, Ca., \$20 to enter a vehicle, includes admission to gardens. Limited space, so don't wait.

Register at <https://thesherman.org/event/petals-pistons>

Sep 13 (Sat), 20th Annual Santa Maria's All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet, 201 S Broadway, Orcutt, CA 93455 7am-3pm, free.

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

Highlights of the July Tech Seminar

By Eric Engle

Long Beach Model "T" Club's 71st Annual Parts Exchange

On a cool and grey Saturday morning (July 19th), about a dozen of our "Parts Hounds" club members ventured to the L.B. Model T Club's 71st annual swap meet. You've heard the old saying, "One man's junk is another man's treasure"? Well, our eagle eyed collectors had a great time slowly walking through all the booths and displays of rusty/crusty parts, tools, signs, memorabilia, etc., all laid out at the Long Beach City College Veterans Stadium.

Several of our members were spotted carrying out Model A front axles. A pair of new Engine Pans were also seen being carried off, as well as a grungy, but still in good shape, wishbone. And this editor was lucky enough to find some treasures of his own also: Several Model B oil fill tubes WITH caps!

"YEE HAA!!! Score!!" It would seem that on my first time through the swap meet I wasn't paying close enough attention and totally missed them. However, I was informed later on by another member (**Rick Hall**) of a small collection of "B" fill tubes somewhat hidden in a box at one of the booths. Thanks **Rick**.

Though my "treasures" were rather dirty and rusty, after a bit of TLC at home, they cleaned up quite nicely, I think.



Pull the baffles, dip everything in Parts Dip, add just a bit of primer and black paint, and "Ol' Rusty-Crusty" comes back to almost new.



After haunting the swap meet for about 2 hours, our "Treasure Hunters" all met about 3 miles away to have brunch at Hof's Hut in Long Beach. It's always fun to "talk shop" over a meal with fellow "Parts Scavengers" beaming with pride over their rusty gems that they will bring back to new life!



New book Marks 100 Years of Route 66

By Mark Acosta

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With it's 100th birthday on the horizon, Route 66 will soon be in the spotlight again.

Now, a new book chronicling the history of the famous road that runs from Chicago to Los Angeles area adds to the notoriety surrounding the highway's centennial.

"Route 66: The First 100 Years," by Jim Ross and Shellee Graham, was published in May.

Using words and more than 350 new and historic photos, the book tells the tale of Route 66 "through the legendary highways life, demise and renaissance," a news release states.

It covers Route 66-which stretches more than 2,000 miles-"from it's birth in 1926 through its centennial, and the events, people and places that created the legacy ensuring America's Mother Road a place in the hearts of minds of the nation," the release states.

The roadway existed before the rise of the interstate highway and was popularized by the 1940s R&B hit that included the line "Get your kicks on Route 66" and a 1960s TV series.

In Southern California, it runs through the Inland Empire and San Gabriel Valley before ending in Santa Monica.

Locally, a festival celebrating car culture in San Bernardino known as the Route 66 Rendezvous began in 1990 and continued for many years, It later gave way to the Rendezvous Back to Route 66 car show. Another event, the Route 66 Cruisin' Reunion continues in Ontario.

Information: <https://reedypress.com/shop/route-66-the-first-100-years>



The iconic Wigwam Motel sits along Route 66 in San Bernardino. A new book published in May chronicles the history of the famous road.

PHOTO BY STAN LIM

Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins
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Sunshine: Enjoying summer with California's cool nights.

Recovery: Dennis Kliesen had plastic surgery to fix his drooping eyelid...looks lots better! Better for his eye also, as now it won't dry out so readily as it was before the surgery.

August's arrival is a reminder to make the most of the last month of summer.

Happy Birthday – August

Bob Currier Susan Gaynor Joannie Harris Bill Harris Lori Mylar
Debbie Parrish Matthew Pavich Joe Pospichal Greg Witz

4th of July Parade Time by Becky MacIntosh

4th of July and a Parade...goes together like hot dogs and baseball. 12 of our Model A's made their way to Newport Beach on a lazy Friday, 4th of July, morning. Being the first to arrive at the staging area, many of the residents had the chance to come by and admire our cars and ask questions. This always makes for a hearty welcome. The neighborhood came all decked out for the holiday with carnival games, food, mascots "Uncle Sam" and "Captain America", and kids on bicycles....and more bicycles.

The parade was an interesting one with the mix of Firetruck, police scooters, Model A's and did I mention – kids on bicycles. But everyone had a good time, completed the neighborhood loop and joined together for photos, dunk tank and burgers from In-N-Out.



HELPING HANDS by Eric Engle

As most of our club members already know, one of our most valued members, **Frank Reese**, passed on several months ago. For a good number of years, Frank was instrumental in bringing the OCMAFC's Pancake Breakfast to Hart Park in the City of Orange.

With **Frank's** passing, his family is currently in the process of setting things right with his estate. As such, the family needed help putting **Frank's** three Model A's back into working condition, so that they could be (hopefully) passed on to some other club members.

One, a 31 Coupe, was in good running condition, and that has subsequently been purchased by **Rick Hall**. I'm sure that **Frank** would very much approve of **Rick** taking care of his Coupe. Both of the other two vehicles, a 31 Victoria "Leatherback" and a 31 Cabriolet, hadn't been run for many years. Both cars are very nice looking, but both needed some items addressed before either of them would once again fire up. Both needed some serious attention to the gas tanks and fuel systems. That's where the OCMAFC "A" team came to the rescue. After a couple of days, new batteries were installed, fuel lines were either cleared, or replaced, carburetors rebuilt, and it wasn't too long before both cars were merrily humming along quite nicely.

The **Reese** family was quite appreciative of the help rendered by the OCMAFC "A Team"...and the members were happy that they were able to give a "Helping Hand" to putting these cars back into running condition. It'll be nice to see their new owners joining in future club events. I'm sure that **Frank** will be smiling down also.

Info on purchasing these cars on page 10 .



Deadline for submissions
for the
next Distributor is
25th of each month

Submit all Articles and ads
to
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or mail to Eric Engle, 16732
Redwood St., Fountain Valley,
Ca., 92708

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Call 866-379-3619

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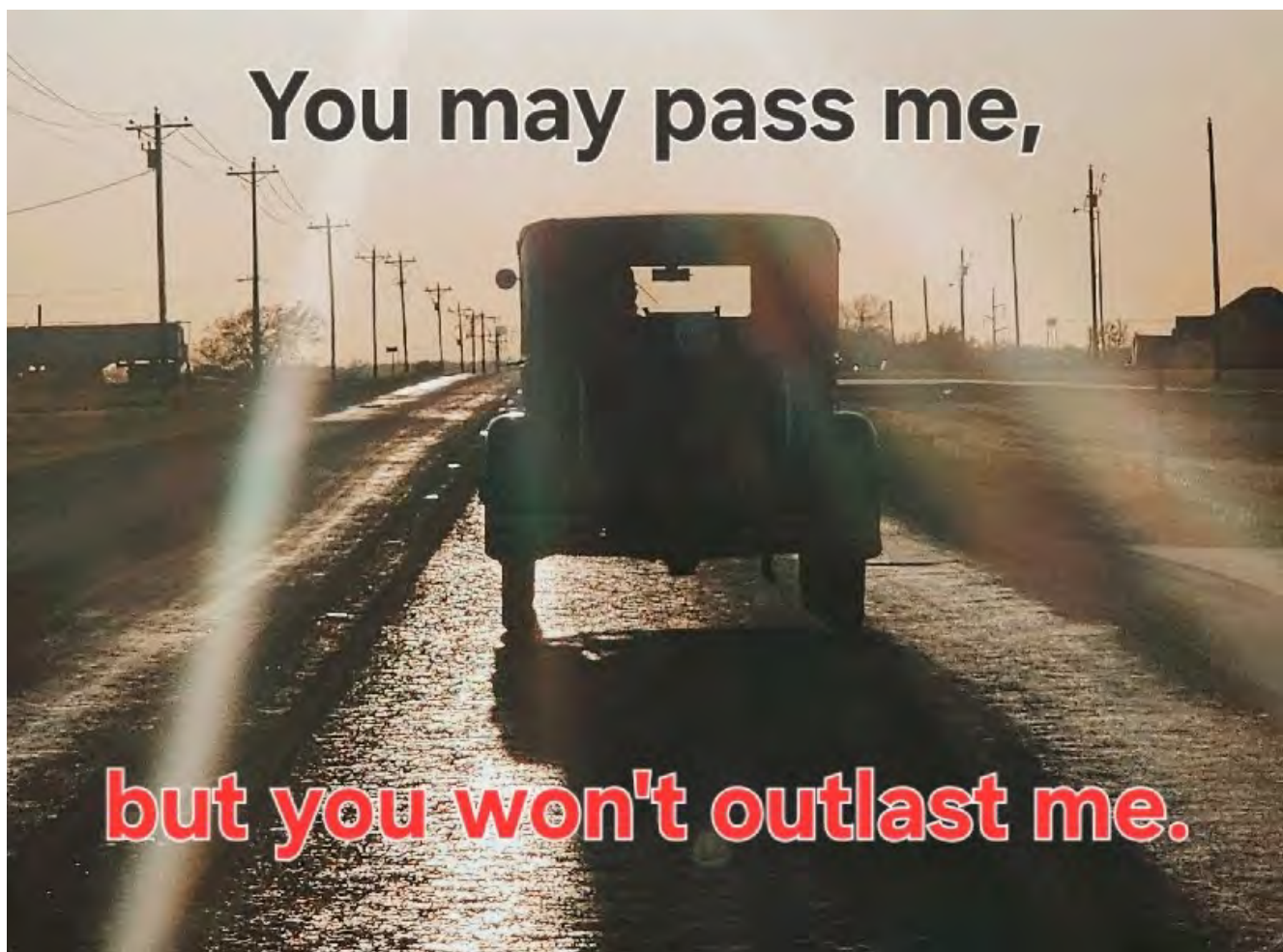
UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

**Dec. 3-6, MAFCA National
Awards Banquet, Mobile, Ala-
bama,**

<https://mafca.com/national-events>

**Sept. 13th, International Model A
Ford Day, OCMFCA will hold a
Poker Run on this day to cele-
brate! Doug Marsh is looking for vol-
unteers to help with the poker run.
Inter. Model A Day patches will be
available to participants.**



FOR SALE

1928 Model A FORDOR 60A SEDAN

This vehicle is an older restoration and is one of the vehicles featured in Automobile Quarterly Volume 11, Number 4, the car is shown on page 395 and also numerous calendars.

Seller has owned this car since 1976 with current registration and title. Still has the original engine with matching numbers, but has not been driven for a few years. Starts up and runs and sounds good. Rebuilt steering column internals recently and added Penrite lubrication to eliminate leaks. Car has 95% original 1928 parts that matches Sep 25 1928 date on firewall.

It's been said "In the end these cars have a life of their own; we are all just the current caretakers" Time for a new caretaker. **Asking \$17,500**

Chuck Stinnett

714-746-8107

cstin45454@aol.com



FOR SALE

2 of Frank Reese's Model A's

Long time club member, Frank Reese, passed on several months ago. Frank's family would like to sell 2 of his cars to current OCMAFC members, if possible. Special price for club members.

Contact Brad Reese: 714-348-5765

1931 Victoria Leatherback

This is a fine looking car that needs a new owner's TLC ... Runs very well. New battery. Fresh rebuild Zenith carburetor. New sediment bowl and fuel line. \$17K OBO



1931 Cabriolet

Very nice original car that needs a bit of polish and detail work to look amazing. Runs very well. New battery. Fresh rebuild Zenith carburetor. New sediment bowl and fuel line. \$14K OBO



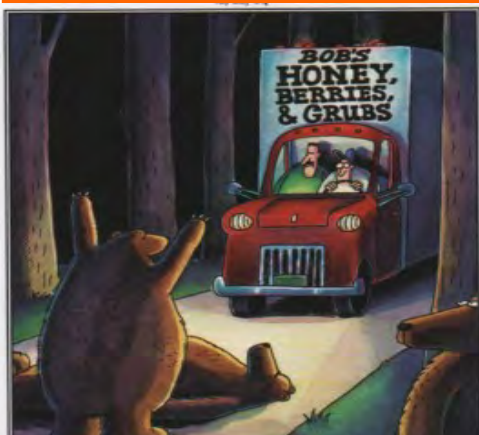
FOR SALE

1928 standard rumble seat roadster. Teal body/black fenders. Idaho registration and original license. Early (1980s) restoration, so it has some paint checking. Price is now \$13,900.

Gene Vaughn 714-351-4920 or ewvaughn@hotmail.com



Just for Laughs



"Just stay in the cab, Vern...maybe that bear's hurt, and maybe he's not"



My First Car...Yeah, it was used and old, but at least the brakes worked

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Next General Meeting

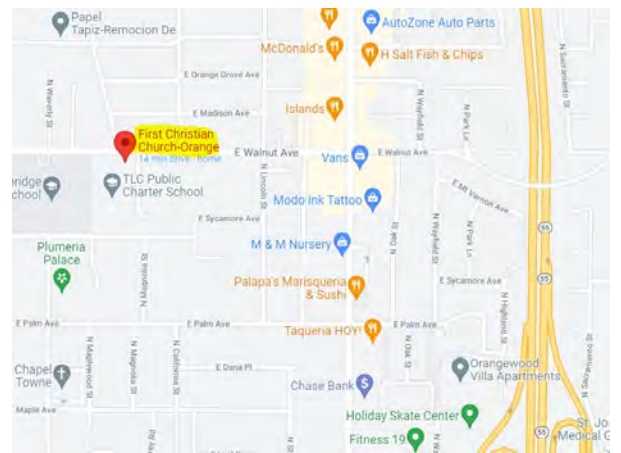
[Second Thursday of every month]



Next Meeting Aug 14, 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



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