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Dec Meeting & 12
Membership



Dec. 2025

oin us for good food, dessert, friends and free raffle as we install our new board members for the 2026 year and thank all our volunteers and outgoing board members.

Sunday, Jan 4, 2026 - 1:00pm-4:00pm

The Villa

510 E. Katella Ave, Orange

Price: \$50 per person

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Friends & Family are welcome

Payment to Joni Terens, Treasurer, or mail to OCMAFC, P.O. Box 10595,

Santa Ana, CA 92711.

oin the fun by dressing for the 1920's, 1930's and drive your Model A.

Kappy Kolidays to You and Yours





Editors: Becky & Eric

Best Wishes for 2026

Orange County Model A Ford Club

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News From the President

Happy Christmas!

Such a greeting that many don't hear unless you happen to be reading something along the lines of Clement Moore's "Twas' the Night Before Christmas". These greetings evoke great memories of nostalgia, family, friends, warm fires, and children anticipating the gifts that will be found in their stockings and under the tree on Christmas morning. And as we motor into December, my hope is that you will relive many of these great memories, and maybe make a few new ones during the first couple of jam-packed weeks of this month.

Of course we open with our only breakfast of the month - our monthly "First Saturday Breakfast" at Denny's on December 6. That same afternoon provides an opportunity to drive your festively

By Mike Edmonson

decorated Model A in the annual Wilshire Square Holiday Parade in Santa Ana. While this is a small community parade, it is always very well attended by the residents of this historic neighborhood; if you plan to attend, please reach out to Aaron Magdaleno.

Another opportunity to decorate your Model A's (or to keep them decorated) is the next day on Sunday evening (December 7th) as we are once again touring neighborhoods in search of Christmas lights and beautiful displays. This year Doug Marsh has developed a twist, with the tour(s) starting and ending at the Cotê's. Broken into three separate maps, you can choose to travel and enjoy at your own pace. And this year Ed and Patti are once again opening their beautiful home with various yummies and hot cocoa, and some added entertainment by a barbershop quartet!

On Thursday the I Ith we wrap up our week-long holiday extravaganza with our annual Christmas party!!! We once again dispense with the normal board meeting and start the party early at 7pm, so don't be late. Keep an eye out for information from Becky on what to plan on brining, most importantly.....yourself, however. This will be a fun time to just relax and enjoy each other's company. This will also be a good opportunity to pay your annual club dues and purchase tickets for the Installation Banquet (taking place on January 4th). Also, two board positions remain open: Vice President and Technical Director. I would love and greatly appreciate seeing these important positions filled as we move into the new year.

Mike	
See you at the tur	rnaround point,
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2025 BOARD MEMBERS

President – Mike Edmonson VP/Activities – Steve Pavich/Roger Gulledge

Secretary – Debbie Parrish
Treasurer – Joni Terens

Technical – Ron Andrews/Dave Knapp

Editor – Eric Engle

Immediate Past President – Louise Hall

COMMITTEES

Co-Editor/proofreader Becky MacIntosh
ACCC Representative – David Knapp
Breakfast Committee – Aaron
Magdaleno
Club Greeter – Linda Tom
Election Chairperson – Jennifer Ferrario
Historian & Librarian – Bruce MacIntosh
Merchandise Director – Perry Wilson

Pancake Breakfast Setup & Coordination

– Aaron Magdaleno , Don Ratzlaff and
Richard Bolls

Raffle – Ed Cote

Refreshments – Gerry & Sherry Reid Regional Representative, SCRG - Jim Runyon

Era Fashions—Kaci Terens

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 November 13, 2025 Meeting held at First Christian Church in Orange, CA 7:30pm



Our President, Mike Edmonson opened the meeting, followed by the flag salute. Marilyn Singer-Hawkins told a joke.

WE HONOR ALL VETRANS: ARMY: Dale McCall, Norm Kredit and Ron Andrews. NAVY: Jim Glendinning. AIRFORCE: Steve Pavich, Chrisanne Edmonson and Darwin Kibby. MARINE: Mike Edmonson

MINUTES: The previous minutes were included in the newsletter. Aaron Magdaleno made a motion to accept and Brian Huffman 2nd. All approved.

FINANCIAL: Joni Terens presented the financial report. Jennifer Ferrario made a motion to accept and Ed Cote 2nd. All approved. Total membership is 142.

ACTIVITIES: Steve shared the following activities: 11/22 Tour to Dana Point and Old Barn Antique Mall, 12/7 Christmas Light tour starting at Cotes at 5:30 pm. 12/11 Our annual Christmas party in place of regular scheduled meeting. Stating 7pm. (½ hour earlier start time) 1/4/2026 Annual Installation Banquet. Please see Kathie McCall for details

TECHNICAL: Ron might have pizza party for December technical

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: HAPPY 60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY TO GERRY AND SHERRY REID!

NEW BUSINESS: January Installation Banquet January 4, 2026

GUEST SPEAKER: Leonard Nettles showed slides and told story of his Route 66 tour. The tour lasted 21 days, covering approx. I 20 miles per day. Thanks for sharing the journey.

RAFFLES: Patty Cote won ten dollars for the attendance raffle. Robert and Janet Polito won the membership raffle but were not present. Amount will roll over next month. Will YOU be the lucky winner?

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Jim Runyon, Rick Hall and Carole Howard

REFRESHMENTS: Thanks go to Bev Marsh, Patty Cote, Stephen Holcum, Kathie McCall, Gerry and Sherry Reid, and Linda Tom for drinks.

The meeting adjourned at 930pm with 43 members. Submitted by Secretary Debbie Parrish awaiting approval.

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Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Dec 6 (Sat) -8:00am—First Saturday Breakfast BS Session, Denny's, 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana



Dec 6 (Sat) -2:00pm-6:00pm Wilshire Square Holiday Parade, Santa Ana. Parade starts at 3:00pm. If interested,

contact Aaron Magdaleno.



Dec 7 (Sun) -Holiday Lights Tour—5:30pm. Start & end at Ed & Patti

Cote's home. Maps will be provided. End with warm home full of holiday goodies and hot drinks. Contact is Doug Marsh.



Dec II (Thu) -7:00pm Very short meeting followed by potluck meal and holiday spirit.

Holiday Potluck—Note special 7pm time.

I I 30 E. Walnut, Orange. NOTE: We will be drawing for the car to be featured for the 2026 Pancake Breakfast.



Dec 13 (Sat) -8:30am donuts, 9:00am Seminar At Richard Parrish home. Assembly of

brake parts. Need Headcount for this one to Ron Andrews.



Dec 13-14 (Sat/ Sun) - Holiday Toy Drive—12:00 -4:00pm Toy Drive highlighted

with our Model A's, Aliso Viejo. See details, page 9. Contact is Eric Engle.



Dec 25 (Thu) No 4th Thursday
Breakfast—
MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Jan 3 (Sat) -8:00am—First Saturday Breakfast BS Session, Denny's, 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana



Jan 4 (Sun) OCMAFC Annual
Installation
Banquet
The Villa, Orange.

1:00pm-4:00pm. Cost \$50 per person. RSVP: see box to the right...

Board Members Needed

Tours and Technical Seminars need your help. Someone needs to step-up to coordinate tours or technical seminars for 2026 & 2027.

It can be you—really!

OCMAFC Holiday Potluck

At General Meeting, Thursday, Dec 11— 7:00pm.

Let us know what you are bringing for the potluck by emailing ocmafc@gmail.com

2026 Dues

2026 Dues are being collected. \$30 cash or check to OCMAFC.

RSVP January Banquet

The Villa, Orange Sunday, January 4 1:00-4:00pm RSVP by paying \$50 per person to Treasurer, Joni Terens or mail to OCMAFC. P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Every Sat., Donut Derelicts car show, 9015 Adams Ave, Huntington Beach, 6-8 am, Free admission. Each Saturday morning, car enthusiasts from all over gather in the parking lot of Adams Ave Donuts to enjoy a donut, a cup of coffee and a spectacle of hot rods and classic cars.

https://www.hemmings.com/stories/donut-derelicts

Sunday, December 7, Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show, \$15 cash per person, children 12 and under free. Parking fee of \$20 (card only).

www.pomonaswapmeet.com/event-info/car-show-hours-dates

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

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Alignment Tools and Techniques by Eric Engle

Ron Andrews, our Technical Seminars Director, set up a seminar on several different methods of aligning a Model A's front end. A good size group of club members gathered at the MacIntosh home. And as is pretty much mandatory, the morning started off with several dozen donuts and a large pot of coffee.

Don Ratzlaff started off by showing an alignment tool that he made. Spring loaded, so as to press outwards on the tire/rim to hold it in place as the vehicle is rolled back and forth to verify that the "toe-in" is somewhere between 1/16" – 1/8". Very ingenious homemade device. Good work Don!

Next, yours truly brought in his store bought alignment tool that is easily found at most Model A outlets. I also brought in what I believe to be an old-fashion tool that I found hanging on the wall of my father's garage, with no instructions whatsoever. But it's an interesting "conversation piece"!

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And lastly, Nathan Sherry brought in a device he purchased at a swap meet. Different from the rest, it requires that both front wheels be removed, and then the 2 devices bolted to the brake drums. There are two (2) tape measures stretched between the 2 devices, one on each side of the axle sides. The measurements are then compared and the toe-in adjustment made. Very interesting method!

Rick Hall also shared at the November meeting that he has a device that works with wheels on the ground and not having to be removed. It connects to the inside of the wheels.

All-in-all it was a rather interesting seminar; very informative. Great work Ron. It would seem that everyone attending learned something new.

Don Ratzlaff's home-made tool







Nate Sherry's interesting device installed, showing clearly how it is used to get things JUST right!







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Dear Club Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to express **thanks to all** who helped make the technical seminars so successful this year. One learns in the army never to volunteer for anything, LOL, so I did anyway, to help Mike out since he was moving to President. I was really apprehensive about doing the job, but once I was

committed I decided to carry on! Yikes! What subjects?

There were too many. "I really can't cover them all", I thought. Our club is so great, the subjects just fall in line. One of the ladies asked how about a driving seminar? So, we did it! When members came up with problems with their cars, we aligned them with the seminars. Especially issues with my own car and Mikes. We covered glass run channels, temperature gauge and others.

One fact in our club is that we have very knowledgeable members who have been around these

cars long enough to be so beneficial.

I really want to **Thank the members who hosted and put on the seminars.** I think we covered some essential topics and we had some great outings also. I have learned so much from

so many of you and it's really priceless.

Once again, I want to Thank all who helped me and the club for putting up with me. Regards.

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Our Model A Stories by Becky MacIntosh

Domonic Cimarusti's 1930 Model A Tudor

Domonic Cimarusti's 1930 Model A Tudor has been in the family since it was purchased new in 1930 by his grandfather—also named Domonic. Over the decades, the car passed from one brother to another before eventually landing in our Domonic's care, where it spent nearly 30 years silently sitting in the backyard.

Always painted black, the Tudor began a full frame-off restoration in 2008 under the hands of Don Ratzlaff, Jim Runyon, and Domonic. The project took seven years to complete, finishing in 2015. Even after restoration, the car has continued to provide its share of surprises; Jim and Don often joke that Domonic's grandfather must be haunting it, given the unusual number of quirks and challenges it presents—even by Model A standards.



Today, the Tudor is a familiar sight on OCMAFC tours and in local parades. Some of the proudest moments came during the COVID years, when it participated in the club's "Hero Tours," visiting fire stations, hospitals, and care centers throughout the region to lift spirits during difficult times.

This well-traveled vehicle will continue to be a Cimarusti treasure.

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Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins m hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: Congrats -- Gerry & Sherry Reid celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 13. Celebration cake was enjoyed by all at the general meeting. Eric Engle has found an assisted living home for his mother very close to where he lives in Fountain Valley.

Sorrow: Just learned that **Bob Baxter** is scheduled for dialysis 3 times/week due to poor functioning kidneys. Long time member (1980) **Joe Recker** had a subdural hematoma (a type of bleeding near your brain) and spent a few days in the hospital. Getting around fairly good.

May the closeness of friends, family and the comfort of home renew your spirits this holiday season.

Happy Birthday – December

Judy Baxter Terence Carey Bill Douglas David Knapp Cecilia Livesey Dale McCall Leonard Nettles Jeanne Parrish Sherry Reid Ray Salman



Holiday Lights Tour & Gathering

Sunday, Dec 7—5:30pm **Rain, clouds or clear, we will be driving**

Start & End: Patti & Ed Cote's home

Meet: 5:30pm—do final touches in decorating cars

Depart: 6:00pm- maps will be provided to explore the most lit-up streets in the neighborhood.

Model A's or modern cars welcome. Friends and Family are welcome.

Return for Gathering: about 7:30pm

The neighborhood will be adorn with Holiday Decorations. Following the tour, enjoy hot chocolate, and refreshments in Ed & Patti's home and backyard. Joy will be in the air with cozy fireplaces and festive Christmas music including a Barber Shop Quartet at 7:30pm.

There will be (3) separate maps and destinations. (2) will be local to the Cote's area, and (1) that goes to the circle in downtown Orange. Model A's are encouraged to drive the tour and modern cars are also welcome. We will be on side streets. This is a slow moving tour. **TAKE YOUR TIME.** No need to stay together as a group, and no need to follow the car in front of you. It is acceptable and **encouraged to take your own side streets**, Show off your Model A's to the people out celebrating.

This is <u>NOT</u> a dinner event. Please be sure to have dinner before arriving. As it will be a cold winter's evening, you will need lots of calories to survive the night. This will be another heartfelt fellowship gathering that makes YOUR Model A Ford Club so special.

No RSVP required. Feel free to contact Serendipity Doug Marsh at (806) 903-3617.

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Wagon Tales: Episode 4 by David Knapp

Calvin and Hobbes (the cartoon) always seem to have fun racing down hills in their wagon. In one cartoon, they are discussing how fast they are going. Hobbes suggests to Calvin that they could measure the distance, time our run, calculate feet per minute and convert it to miles per hour. Calvin says "that sounds like math! No thanks!" How does this relate? Well, I have a Model A.

Woody has a speedometer, but the readings are more a fantasy than what is really happening. Despite lubing the cable, checking connections and more, the speedometer likes jumping around. When it does hold steady, it most certainly lies. When Woody says we are traveling at light speed (80mph), it actually is a remarkable feat because we are going 62 per GPS. For something shaped like a brick and weighing more than almost any other Model A, 62 is really hauling! I am sure it will go faster, but we are definitely not going to find out. Even with the brand new brakes, 55mph is a more reasonable and comfortable speed!

I know I was a bit jumpy when going 62 in our Model A, but why does my speedometer have to be that way too? The speedometer cable has received lubrication. The gear in the clamshell area looks good. And finally, the speedometer was rebuilt by Dad before we got the car. Fortunately, speeding tickets are not much of a concern. Woody is typically more of a traffic impediment than a hot-rodder nuisance. It would be nice to know how fast we are actually going without use of a GPS device. If you know our problem with the speedometer, reach out—I will slow down and listen. Happy motoring!



Just for Laughs

My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner...

So I took the battery out of the smoke alarm!



The biggest lie you tell yourself is,

"I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it." Volume 65 Issue 12 Page 9

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 2026 renewals. Call 866-379-3619

or visit

www.mafca.com



We are looking for a few Model A's to park to attract attention to the event.

Saturday & Sunday, Dec 13-14 12:00-4:00pm Aliso Viejo

Contact Eric Engle 714-552-2630 eengle@socal.rr.com





SAVE THE DATES:

Dec. 3-6—MAFCA National Awards Banquet,

Mobile, Alabama.

https://mafca.com/national-events

January 24-25, 2026 Turlock Swap Meet

Held by the Modesto A's, 59th annual. 7am-5pm Saturday, 7am-3pm Sunday at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. 900+ vendors.

www.turlockswapmeet.com

May I-3—Bakersfield CCRG

Central Calif Regional Group Annual Jamboree. Hosted by Bakersfield Model A Club. More

info to come.

May 22-24—Sonora, Calif
The Sonora Model A Club hosts
the Northern California Regional
Group Round-Up. "Get Your
Kicks in '26". Held in Mother Lode
Fairgrounds, Sonora. Contact
Mike deCesare,

mjdecesare@sbcglobal.net

May 31-June 7—MAFCA National Convention, Pendleton, Oregon. "This Ain't Our First Rodeo" hosted by Blue Mountain A's.

More information coming.



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A Shade Tree Mechanic's Thoughts on Life and Cars: Winterizing Your Model A (Southern California Style)

By Wade Ratzlaff

Here in Southern California, "winterizing" your Model A doesn't mean digging out snow chains or checking your antifreeze for a trip across Donner Pass. Around here, it's more like getting ready for that two-week stretch in January when it rains just long enough to remind you where your roof leaks. Still, a little preparation can make sure your old Ford stays happy through the "harsh" Southern California winter—where frost on the windshield is rarer than a working vacuum wiper.

First things first; let's talk coolant. Some folks will tell you to drain it and run straight water during our mild winters. Don't do it. A 50/50 mix of antifreeze not only keeps the temperature steady, it also prevents corrosion in your block, head, and radiator. Your Model A may not see freezing temps often but rust never takes a holiday.

Next, check your battery. Cold (by California standards) mornings can make an old six-volt system crank a little slower than usual. Clean those terminals, check the fluid level, and if your car sits for long stretches between parades, a trickle charger will keep it ready for that sudden Sunday cruise when the sky's blue and the doughnuts are fresh.

Let's not forget the fuel system. If you're not driving much during the winter, top off your tank and add a splash of fuel stabilizer. That keeps moisture and ethanol mischief at bay. Otherwise, you'll find yourself in February staring at a varnished carburetor wondering why your A sounds like it's running on varnish and disappointment.

Now for tires and lubrication—the unsung heroes. Cold nights can drop tire pressure, so check it regularly. And while you're down there, grab that grease gun and hit the fittings. There are 28 points on the Model A that need attention, and if you can't remember them all, that's okay—just remember to keep the ones that squeak quiet and the ones that move slippery.

Finally, the interior. If you're lucky enough to have a garage, keep her covered and out of the damp. If not, invest in a good car cover and maybe a box of dryer sheets or mothballs to convince the local rodents that your wiring harness isn't an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Southern California winters might not test your antifreeze, but they're the perfect time to tinker. When the mornings are crisp and the afternoons sunny, there's no better time to polish the chrome, adjust the brakes, or finally fix that one dim taillight you've been ignoring since the Nixon administration.

So yes, "winterizing" in our part of the world may look more like "organizing the garage, air-

ing the tires, and dusting off the picnic basket," but the idea's the same: take care of your Model A now, and she'll take care of you come spring-time—when the roads are clear, the sky is bright, and the smell of oil and exhaust once again signals the start of touring season.

Because whether it's snowing or sunny, one truth remains constant: A happy Model A is one that's driven.



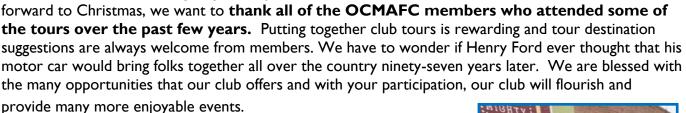
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Orange County Model A Ford Club ...

2019-2020 & 2024-2025

By Steve Pavich Vice President-Activities Rodger Gulledge, Assistant Tour Director

As we celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday and look



Some Memories & Highlights of Tours over the last few years:

Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo—a special treat

Rubel Castle, Glendora—so unique, we go back occasionally Los Angles Maritime Museum & San Pedro Brewing Co.—

stretch ourselves with distance and enjoy!

Mt Baldy—an annual MUST!

Goat Hill Model Train Engineers, Costa Mesa—acting like kids again. Bolsa Chica Wetlands, Huntington Beach—easy day, beautiful scenery

Al Zannino's Garage, Hemet—something for everyone,

nice drive, good food, and car parts

Every car lovers dream:

Jordan Museum, Santa Ana Segerstrom Shelby Event Center

Hwy 39 Event Center

Cars & Airplanes always a great matchup:

Lyons Air Museum, Costa Mesa Chino Airport Museum

Riverside Air Museum

Anaheim Halloween parade—members treated royally

Long Beach Fire Station Tours—surprise cruise on the fire boat!

Rancho Alamitos Museum & Gardens, Bixby Hills, LB.—and gardens for the ladies

San Pedro Marine Aquarium—put on a few miles and have fun

Christmas lights tours—with all the trimmings @ Ed & Patti's

Poker run on International Model A ford day, 2025—fun and good food, beautiful day

Senior Centers

-always a treat for the residents Orange Park Acres Retirement Home

Vivante Senior Living, Costa Mesa

Thanks Steve & Rodger for the Memories!









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Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting Dec. 11th, 2025

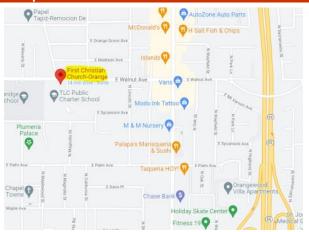
Time: 7:00pm (Special Time for **Holiday Potluck)**

Location:

Mail to:

First Christian Church of Orange 1130 E Walnut Orange, CA

(Between Tustin & Cambridge)





2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL NOTICE • Use this form to submit your dues If there are no changes to Your Roster Information, Enter Only Your Name(s)

Orange County Model A Ford Club

Name(s):	Birth Month
AMOUNT: \$30.00 per family residing at same address	
Please, make any roster CHANGES below	
New Family Members:	
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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 "Memb www.ocmafc.com or check the 2025 Roster	
Make your check payable to: Orange County Model A	Ford Club (OCMAFC)

Orange County Model A Ford Club (OCMAFC) PO Box 10595 Santa Ana, CA 92711

Payment MUST be received by February 28th, 2026 to be included in the club's printed 2025 Membership Roster!