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FLAG DAY CELEBRATION



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Hall in El Segundo. Story on page 8**

News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Happy Fourth of July!

This has been a whirlwind of travel for me this past month, so forgive my absence at the majority of this past month's events. First it was Seattle for my father's birthday (94 years old!) and my parent's anniversary (number 69!). And then just several days after returning from that trip, a quick turnaround, driving all of the way back to Virginia to pick-up a new pup (yes, this was that special of a breeder to drive this far). As I write this I'm staying with Koby in a hotel along Route 66 in Albuquerque!

With Route 66 in mind, I did follow much of the famed US highway in Oklahoma where I stayed in Weatherford, OK. And as I was driving along I-40 east of Oklahoma City, it dawned on me that I wasn't that far from Ponca City and First Street Ignitions. I know myself, along with several others in the club, have worked with Shawn Buller, applying improvements to their ignition systems. As luck would have it, Shawn was in the shop, so I shifted up I-35 to pay a visit. It was great putting a face behind a name and voice. I have some great pictures of both his shop and equipment, where he curves distributors, as well as his relatively large collection of cars down the street in the HGH Car Museum: Model A's, Pierce Arrows, Buicks, Chevrolets, and Auburns are amongst his collection. This was all quite the surprise indeed.

So two more days on the road, staying again on Route 66 in Kingman, AZ before arriving home on the 30th to see how two Belgian Tervurens get along (wish us luck). But this leads right into our first event of the month - the 4th of July Parade in Newport Beach. I need to check my list as soon as I get home but I believe we have seven cars driving in the parade now. If you are still interested, but haven't signed up yet, please let me know as I need to provide a list of the drivers to our point of contact for the security gate guard; I'm not sure how easy it will be to add anyone the morning of the 4th. If I don't see you at the parade, I wish you a happy, memorable, and safe Independence Day. Not to forget our 1st Saturday Breakfast and Hart Park Picnic in place of our monthly meeting on the 10th -- earlier time at 5:00PM! Be there or be square!!!

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



General Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2025, 7:30 pm

The meeting was called to order and flag salute led by VP, **Steve Pavich**. **Marilyn** was out so no joke tonight. **NEXT MONTH JULY MEETING POTLUCK IN HART PARK**. Details in Email blast or

contact **Becky MacIntosh**

MINUTES: The minutes were provided. **Sheila Plotkin** made a motion to accept and **Aaron Magdaleno 2nd** and all approved.

FINANCIAL: **Joni** was sick. **Steve Pavich** provided the financial report. **Pam Heiland** made a motion to accept. **Sheila Plotkin** seconded; all approved. Present membership is 137.

ACTIVITIES: Old Time Music Hall is scheduled for 6/14, 6/21 Harbor Lawn in Costa Mesa, 6/24 Veterans event at Wilshire Community Church, 6/26 Oakmont of Orange, Annual Ice Cream Social at Cotes on 6/28., Fourth of July Parade in Newport Beach.

TECHNICAL: **Ron Andrews** mentioned that so many activities are going on that maybe tech seminar will be combined with the Antique Swap Meet to Long Beach.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: Happy Anniversary to **Rick and Louise Hall**. "Happy 56th" Wedding Anniversary to **Lori & Norm Kredit**. **Steve Pavich** shared that his granddaughter graduated from High School. **Kay Nettles** had knee surgery **Jim Ellis** is recovering and picked up 1st place in Huntington Beach Concourse
EDITOR: August 10th **SANTA ANITA** As will be celebrating their 50th anniversary and contacting other clubs looking for 50 Model A's to display in Pasadena at the Elks Lodge. They have always supported us at Pancake breakfast. Let's show them some support. Contact **Eric Engle**.

HARD LUCK: Although **Matt Pavich** was not present, He needs to come claim Hard Luck Trophy. Come on down **Matt**.

RAFFLES: **Kathie McCall** won \$10 for the attendance raffle. **Garth and Claudia Flint** won the roster raffle of \$10 but were not present to grab the prize. Money will rollover to next month.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS: **Kathie McCall, Debbie Pavich and Kaci Terens**
VISITORS: **Chrisanne Edmonson** brought daughter's boyfriend, **Steve**. Welcome.

REFRESHMENTS: **Kaci Terens, Tissy Hatcher, Jody Smith, Mark Polentz, Gerry Reid and David Knapp**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 with 47 members.

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

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



4th of July (Fri)
Parade, Newport Beach,
Meet-up location:
Total Wine 1280
Bison, N.B.,
Departing at
9:30am., Parade starts at 10:30
am., Cont: Mike Edmonson



Once again, this month, the monthly Tech Seminar AND Tours Group will be combined, so that all the "Parts Hounds" in the club can wander the Long Beach Model T Club's 71st Annual Parts Exchange on July 19th at the L.B. City College Veteran's Stadium... 5000 Lew Davis St., L.B. Gates open at 7am. Ron and Steve are suggesting that interested members show up right when gates open, wander to their heart's content for about 1 1/2 hours, then meet the group for brunch at 9:00 am at Hof's Hut Restaurant & Bakery, 2147 N Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach...3 miles drive from Vet's Stadium.



July 24th (Thur),
4th Thursday
Breakfast...TBD



July 5th (Sat), First Sat. Breakfast,
8:00am, Denny's,
2314 17th Street,
Santa Ana. The Club
breakfast is **AWAYS**

better when you are there to share your stories and lies. Come join the fun.



SPEICAL NOTICE:

July 10th, 5 pm,
General Meeting will
be instead a Pot
Luck this month at
Hart Park.

The earlier time should allow everyone to bring out their Model A's and still be home before dark.
Cont: Let Becky know what you will bring to the Pot Luck.
ocmafc@gmail.com

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Jul 19 (Sat), Long Beach Model T Club 71st annual Parts Exchange, Long Beach City College Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St, Long Beach, Rain or Shine, \$5 admission, Free Parking

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.

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

Aug. 16th (Sat), 7:30-10:30 am., "Inaugural" Petals & Pistons Car Show, Sherman Library & Gardens, 2647 E. Coast Hwy., Corona del Mar, Ca., \$20 per vehicle, includes admission to gardens. Limited space, so don't wait! Register at <https://thesherman.org/event/petals-pistons>

Sep 10 (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.

THIS IS IT !!!

The time that all
you "Parts Hounds"
have been waiting
for.....



The LONG BEACH MODEL T CLUB 71st Annual Parts Exchange

Saturday JULY 19th

Rain or Shine

Gates Open 7am

Admission \$5 per person

FREE Parking

Long Beach City College

Veteran's Stadium

5000 Lew Davis St., L.B.

**See Page 9 for more
details**

Wagon Tales: Episode 2 By Dave Knapp

Clunk! No matter what you are driving, that sound is never a good one. If you have ever driven, or ridden in a station wagon you know it is a very noisy vehicle. There are more squeaks and rattles than a semi-truck full of baby toys. To our surprise, heard well above the squeaks and rattles, was a loud CLUNK. “What on earth could THAT be?” This was something different; it was not to be ignored. As the new noise repeated itself several times, it was obvious this needed some immediate attention.

Back home, up on jack stands, the wiggle test ensued. What’s the wiggle test? Well, you jack up the car, then grab each wheel and wiggle, while watching each part of the steering and front suspension for unplanned movements. You can also have someone wiggle the steering wheel while you watch. This test revealed a pretty serious problem—the steering box was loose from the frame mount! There wasn’t an immediate danger, but the longer ignored, the worse this would get, and eventually could lead to catastrophic failure. After disassembly of the engine pan, drag link, starter, steering column interior mount, and steering box/frame mount bolts, the true damage was visible—the mounting bolts were grooved and the frame holes were egg shaped and chamfered. This had been a developing problem for a while, but we couldn’t ignore it anymore. It was time to dig out the MIG welder and get to work.

After welding and cleaning up the frame holes to make them round again, a little paint was added where the welding was done. To deal with the worn frame mount bolts, a parts order was made to Snyder’s Antique Auto Parts for new bolts and some other bits we needed for both of our Model A’s. This gave us a few days to pay some attention to a few other “while-I’m-at-it” items. Note to self—*pay more attention to the transmission fluid level.* The end result is a new shiny spot on a Model A that didn’t previously have shiny spots—and no more clunk. At least it still has plenty of squeaks and rattles! Happy motoring!



Our American Flag



Nothing disturbs me more than seeing our American Flag discolored, cannibalized and used insensitively and most ignorantly as a "message board" with the focus on drawing attention to special interest groups and their agendas. Our American flag is the most beautiful flag ever flown. Our honored red, white and blue need not be discolored with pinks, browns, oranges, purples, silvers, blacks and other colors and designs... sadly, some are of the cartoonish nature.

I was taught in elementary school just what our flag represents. The

red stripe was for the blood our people—military and civilian—spilled on battlefields in defense of our freedoms. The white stripe was for the bandages which held the bodies of our wounded defenders together. The blue sky above reminded us that above us all is the ever-present power of our religious faiths—in which our nation collectively believes and has been recognized by our founding fathers. The stars above, equal in size, were arranged in a high regard for each of our states, their people and their united importance and purpose.

I enjoy seeing the many different flags throughout my country. Our military has sacrificed and died for our freedom to fly all kinds of flags—municipal, religious, athletic, medical, floral, and flags representing our peoples' ethnic backgrounds from a host of foreign lands. But I oppose having them infused into the glory and majesty our American red, white and blue holds. Our flag flies alone, above, high above all others, with the love and respect it has earned.

I was also taught in elementary school that my country is not, and has never been, a "perfect country". But I was reminded often enough that this is the "best country". After all, how many of us Americans have emigrated from our country to return and live on the continents of our ancestors? That number remains so miniscule, so small, that it cannot be calculated.

When people refuse to rise in honor of our American flag, they exhibit the fact that they cannot rise above their own historical ignorance. Do they not know that the first drop of red blood on our flag was that of Crispus Attucks, an African American skilled tradesman in Boston who died at the Boston Massacre, which led to our War of Independence? How could they not rise, how could they not respect his sacrifices as one people, united under God...

- Model A Ford Club of New Jersey

BANNER FLAG DAY IN ANAHEIM

By Eric Engle

On Saturday, June 8th, the City of Anaheim was once again invited the O.C. Model A Ford Club to take part in their special day of commemoration for our Nation's "Flag Day." What started off as a cool and grey day (what we Californians LOVINGLY call the "June Gloom"), finally sunned up just in time for the annual Flag Day event and parade through some of the neighborhoods in Anaheim. And once again, the event was a great success! A rather short parade, as parades go, but the crowds men, women, kids and even some dogs, lining the streets, patriotically dressed and enthusiastically waving American flags, was most gratifying to see. Marching bands, military honor guards and drill teams, some beautifully dressed Señoritas, and even Santa Claus donned his patriotic outfit, trading in his sleigh and reindeer for a Vespa scooter. Thank you Perry and Gina Wilson for making it possible for our club to once again be a part of this annual event to honor the history of our American flag.



Old Town Music Hall Tour by Eric Engle

Our tour group met up early Saturday morning, so as to caravan from Huntington Beach, up the Pacific Coast Highway (Hwy 1), all the way to El Segundo. Nestled between Manhattan Beach and the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), the Old Town Music Hall resides in the old El Segundo State Theater, originally built in 1921. Old Town Music Hall began in the 1960s when two musicians, Bill Coffman and Bill Field (The Two Bills), purchased the “Mighty Wurlitzer” Theatre Pipe Organ from the Fox West Theater in Long Beach, CA, and installed it in the quaint El Segundo State Theater. The “Mighty Wurlitzer” is an exceptionally interesting and intriguing marvel! Basically a HUGE pipe organ, it can also be said that it was a precursor to the modern-day “synthesizer”, in that not only was it designed to play accompanying music for the silent films, but it could also make a wide array of sound effect for the movies. Our group was treated to just a few of those sound effects during the performance by the organist, Stirling Yearian. Such sounds as, trolley car bells, train horns, slide whistles, sounds of doors closing, percussion instruments like drums, castanets, cymbals,.... It is truly a remarkable piece of engineering from back in the days of silent films!

While the Mighty Wurlitzer was the Crown Jewel Centerpiece of the theater, the main performance was by 3 exceptionally gifted pianists, John Reed-Torres, Eve Elliott, and Vincent Johnson, all playing Rag Time tunes from the very early 1900's: Wonderful tunes that kept the audience's toes tapping the whole time. The 3 pianists took turns playing the two grand pianos AND the up-right piano nuzzled up against the wall, just a short distance from the grand pianos. Love that Rag Time music!!!! The opening piece was “The Entertainer”, written in 1902 by Scott Joplin, most folks know it from “The Sting”, starring Robert Redford and Paul Newman. The Entertainer has always been my all time favorite from the first time that I heard it in The Sting. We were also treated to several original compositions from a Mr. Reed-Torres and Mr. Johnson.

A very special “thank you” to all the performers at the Old Time Music Hall. And another “thank you” to our Tour Director, Steve Pavich. Good one, Steve!!



(Left to Right) Vincent Johnson, Eve Elliott, and John Reed-Torres, our talented performers.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

**July 19th 71st Annual Vintage and
Classic Parts Exchange, L.B.
Model T Club, Long Beach City Col-
lege Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew
Davis St, Long Beach, \$5 admis-
sion, Free Parking**

Sept. 13th, International Model A Day, Patches
and info cont. Bruce Adams, PO Box 45, North-
port, NY 11768, 631-262-981

Dec. 3-6, MAFCA National Awards,
hosted by Gulf Coast Model A Club, Mo-
bile, Alabama,

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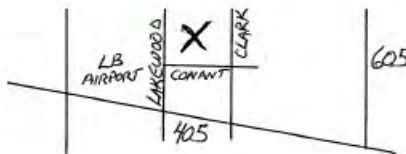
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stops learning
is old,
whether at
twenty or
eighty.
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who keeps
learning stays
young."

Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins
m_hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: “Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary” to **Rick & Louise Hall**. “Happy 56th” Wedding Anniversary to **Lori & Norm Kredit**. May your lives continue to be blessed by love of family, friends and grandchildren.

Recovery: **Kay Nettles** had a knee replacement last month. She just finished 3 weeks of in-home PT, however, more PT will be needed. Interesting that doctors use surgical glue to close major/minor wounds (lower rates of infection and less scarring). Stay well, stay happy.

*Faith is not about everything turning out okay;
Faith is about being okay no matter how things turn out.*

Happy Birthday – July

Mary Dormeyer Rodger Gulledge Pam Heiland Dennis Kleisen Lori Kredit
Steve Leseney Bill Mazurie Jim Persons Gina Wilson Perry Wilson

Annual Cote’s Ice Cream Social

Nothing says, “Welcome to Summer” better than ice cream! And once again, Ed and Patti Cote opened up their beautiful home to the club members with a Summer “Kickoff” in Sunny California...and the sun didn’t disappoint! Neither did all the ice cream with all the toppings. Yummmmy!! So much ice cream, and so little time to eat it all...but I certainly tried my best, as did everyone else, I’m sure. The annual event is always a club favorite! Just a nice way to spend an afternoon, “breaking bread” with friends...or in this case, over a bowl, or cone, of some scrumptious ice cream with all the trimmings! Good friends....good food...good times!! Thank you Ed and Patti for



The Dust Bowl...by Diane Gaughen

The continuing story of the making of Route 66

On May 10 and 11, 1934, a dust storm blew 300 million tons of topsoil away from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Colorado. Farming had broken up the topsoil of the prairies, allowing the wind to do its devastation. Thus began the trek of the Okies and the Arkies from Oklahoma and Arkansas to California, resulting in John Steinbeck's great novel, *Grapes of Wrath*.

Because there was no air conditioning, Moms would hang wet dishtowels in the open windows and over the faces of their children. In the morning, red dirt covered everything. Most days, they couldn't even see the sun, the dust was so thick.

Many people couldn't raise enough crops under these conditions. They sold their land and became tenant farmers. When the dust became overwhelming, they packed up everything they could in their Model A's and headed west.

But some saw an opportunity and built businesses along Route 66 to cater to the needs of the flood of migrants moving west. They built motels and gas stations and grocery stores.

One gas station owner described these migrants as "those people with mattresses on top of their cars". But she said they were honest and would work for a dollar a day to pay for gas that was 12 ½ cents a gallon. The local shop-owners would offer some credit until the folks could pay. Some migrants decided to stay put in New Mexico and became leading citizens. So it wasn't all "Grapes of Wrath".

Just for Laughs

While looking in the mirror, I see gray hair, fine lines, and eyes that don't sparkle quite the same... and I can't help but think, "They sure don't make mirrors like they used to!" 🤔💧

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Next General Meeting

will be **Pot Luck Dinner**

July 10, 2025

Time: 5 PM

LOCATION:
HART PARK
701 S. Glassell St.
Orange, CA

Cont. Becky MacIntosh to let her
know what you will be bringing.
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Santa Anita A's

Club is requesting
50 Model A's to be
showcased at their
celebration of 50
years as a Model A
club.

The event will be
held at the Elks
Lodge in Pasadena;
**400 W. Colorado
Blvd.**
(Across from Nor-
ton Simon Museum)

Aug. 10th between
8:30 and 11 am

See flyer for further
information.



Join the Santa Anita A's

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

Sunday

Aug 10, 2025

8:30 - 11:00 AM

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GOLDEN
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