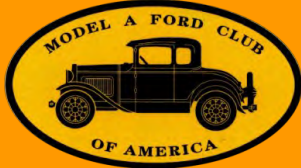


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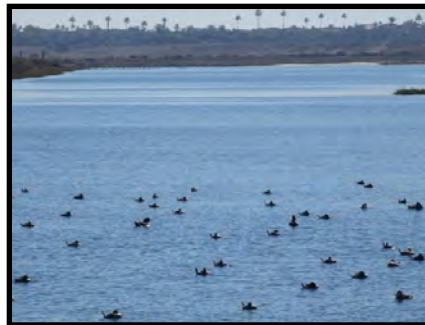
TOUR TO BOLSA CHICA WETLANDS

By Becky MacIntosh



It was a beautiful day along the coast as 9 Model A's traveled the short distance to Bolsa Chica Wetlands. Steve & Debbie Pavich knew just where to park. With a beautiful bridge over the marsh, we could walk and observe the birds for whatever distance we were comfortable with. The guys had worked on getting Louis Petrosine's car running and he was able to join the

tour, but needed a lift to the gas station when he ran out of gas. Next project, the gas float!



Southern California Regional Group (SCRG) Model A Ford Club of America Fall BBQ

Sat Nov 15th 2025
11AM-2PM (Lunch will be served)
4241 Emerald Cir
Cypress, CA 90630

All Club Members Are Welcome



Please RSVP:
562-833-9497 or
jjrentalproperties@gmail.com

SCRG is growing to support all the Southern California Model A clubs and coordinate/plan multi-club activities. Please join other local Model A club members for lunch at SCRG President, Jennifer Ferrario's home in Cypress.

News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Happy Thanksgiving!

As we travel into November, both Chrisanne and I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. Turkey, dressing (or stuffing if you so prefer), cranberries...and of course the smell of pumpkin pie is in the air. We all have a lot to be thankful for and none of us should lose sight of that fact. I'm especially thankful for our OCMAFC Board members and all of our Committee Chairpersons that help in making our club so special and a big family.

This past month has been pretty busy, and I would be remiss if I didn't point out some of the many activities that took place. First I'd like to recognize Leonard Nettles for his involvement in the Route 66 tour that started in September and lasted for 23 days going into October, driving his Model A from Chicago all the way to Santa Monica. It was a lot of fun watching those vehicles driving onto the Santa Monica pier and enjoying a wonderful dinner as we celebrated quite an achievement. Please plan to come to our November meeting as Leonard will be present to recount his experiences in a very special presentation.

Steve Pavich also was quick on his feet, making adjustments to this past month's tour almost on the fly. While we were originally scheduled to travel out to the Cabrillo Aquarium, attendance confirmation tended to lag a bit so he quickly came up with a walking tour of the Bolsa Chica Wetlands Conservancy followed by a lunch at Woody's. This ended up being a hit and we had about 8-10 Model A's and about a dozen club members. We had an equally good turnout at our tech seminar at Nate Jones Tire. We had a full showing of folks as we learned the details of balancing and shaving of tires, along with everything there is to know about our wheels, rims, and very important details pertaining to our safety while on the road.

Lastly, I'd also like to thank Perry Wilson for coordinating our club's participation in the recent Anaheim Fall Festival Parade, and once again for the accompanying dinner. As always this was a smooth operation -- a class act for sure! Additionally, a big thank you to Brian Huffman and Ed Roth for traveling out to MAFCA headquarters to count ballots for the MAFCA national election for a new slate of officers. This was my first year counting ballots for MAFCA and it truly was quite the experience!

And speaking of elections...we are still looking for members to run for our own offices of Vice President and Technical Advisor. Please consider being a part of our wonderful Board of Directors; being a part of the OCMAFC future is both exciting and fulfilling. Our November meeting is always a lot of fun as it is election night!

See you at the turnaround point,

Mike



2025 BOARD MEMBERS

President – Mike Edmonson
VP/Activities – Steve Pavich/Roger Gullledge
Secretary – Debbie Parrish
Treasurer – Joni Terens
Technical – Ron Andrews/Dave Knapp
Editor – Eric Engle
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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 Bolts
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 October 9, 2025
Meeting held at First Christian Church in Orange, CA

**October 9, 2025, 7:30 pm**

The meeting was called to order and flag salute led by President Mike Edmonson. Marilyn told a joke.

MINUTES: The minutes were provided. Drain Marshall made a motion to accept and Nathan Sherry 2nd.

FINANCIAL: Joni provided the financial report. Ron Andrews made a motion to accept. Sheila Plotkin seconded; all approved. Present membership is 142.

ACTIVITIES: 10/18 Cabrillo Beach Aquarium, 10/25 Anaheim Fall Festival Parade, 11/15 SCRG BBQ 11am-2pm please contact Jennifer Ferrario, 11/22 Tour to Dana Point/San Juan Capistrano (OLD BARN ANTIQUE MALL) Please sign up or contact Steve Pavich for more details.

TECHNICAL: Ron Andrews has arranged for tech seminar to be at Nate Jones in Signal Hill. Nate is a magician working with wheels and wire spoke rims.

Fran Earhart has 2 cars and 2 engines for sale, for details contact Rick Hall.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: Doug Marsh has a hernia, and Kathy Glendinning has a pinched nerve.

EDITOR: Eric Engle has been away tending to his mother. Becky MacIntosh has willingly stepped up by putting out our monthly newsletter, *The Distributor*. Please have all articles in by 25th of the month.

HARD LUCK: Although Jennifer Ferrario was not present, she was the winner of the Hard Luck Trophy by breaking down during the Poker Run.

RAFFLES: Rick Hall won \$10 for the attendance raffle and Rick and Louise won the roster raffle of \$10. That is rare to see both raffles won by the same person. Good Luck to THE HALLS.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS- no one said a word.

REFRESHMENTS: Marilyn Singer-Hawkins, Lori Kredit, Ron Andrews, Joni and Kaci Terens and Sherry Reid.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 with 37 members.
 Submitted by Secretary, Debbie Parrish, and pending approval.

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Nov 1 (Sat) - 8:00am—First Saturday Breakfast BS Session, Denny's, 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana



Nov 13 (Thu) - 7:30pm General Meeting at First Christian Church of Orange. **Come hear**

Leonard's stories about the Route 66 three-week trip! 1130 E. Walnut, Orange (between Tustin & Cambridge). The Board Meeting will be held at 6:30pm and all are welcome.



Nov 8 (Sat) 8:30am donuts, tech at 9:00am Tech Seminar—New wheel alignment device.

Location tbd.

If your Model A needs a little help, contact Ron to schedule a tech session. Contact is Ron Andrews.



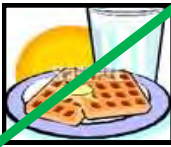
Nov 15 (Sat) SCRG BBQ at Jennifer Ferrarios. 11:00-2:00pm. Lunch will be served. All are welcome. Please RSVP

to Jennifer. Details front page.



Nov 22 (Sat) Tour to **Dana Point & San Juan Capistrano Old Barn Antique Mall** and lunch.

Meetup: 9:45am Five Crowns Restaurant Parking Lot—3801 East Coast Highway, Corona del Mar. **IMPORTANT DETAILS—PAGE 6.** Must bring CASH for lunch. RSVP to Steve Pavich or at November meeting.



Nov 27 (Thu) - No 4th Thursday Breakfast—Have a Great Thanksgiving!



Dec 7 (Sun) - Holiday Lights Tour and dinner—Details coming.



Jan 4 (Sun) - OCMAFC Annual Installation Banquet—The Villa, Orange. 1:00pm-4:00pm. More info coming.

Annual OCMAFC Elections!

It is Election Season. Please step-up and take on one of our open positions for our club. We need active members to continue all our great activities.

Please contact a board member if interested in serving. Having an assistant for the position is allowed so can be a two-person team. **This year, two positions are open (Steve & Ron not continuing):**

VP—Tours/Activities and for **Tech Director**

We could really use some new faces on our Board.

2026 Dues

We have begun collecting 2026 dues. \$30 cash or check to OCMAFC. See page 9 for more info.

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, Nov 2—San Fernando Valley Show and Swap Meet. \$5 entrance fee. 7:00am rain or shine. jimclank@gmail.com

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.

Highlights of the October Tech Seminar

By Ron Andrews
Technical Director



Round and Round We Go

These remote seminars with a great and useful subjects fit well into our Model A life!

I have used **Nate Jones Tire** for years (along with others in our club) for various work on our cars. They are about the only guys that can deal with Model A tires and rims.

Great turn out of over 20 members listened to how Nate, Sr. at a young age got into the business and his experiences in racing. My apologies if he was a bit long winded but it was interesting. The combined experience of **Nate, Sr. and Nate, Jr.** with tires and wheels is extensive. They can deal with any problem when it comes down to it.

Regarding Model A's, they can determine if the rims are out of round, bent, and/or the spokes are not straight. Nate, Jr. put one of my bad wheels on the machine and showed how out-of-balance it was. They have the ability to fix spokes, straighten rims, plus balance with weights (several different kinds).

Nate, Jr. showed us that rust can play an important part in mounting. Sometimes it's necessary to cut a section out of the rim and clean up the rust. There are pro and cons to balance beads. They are no help at all. I guess it is up to the individual on what they want to use in their tires. Tires can sometimes become out-of-round and they are able to true them up by shaving the tread.

We talked about radial tires and their special tubes. The life span of a radial tire is 5 to 10 years maximum due to the construction process of overlapping layers of rubber. Seems that the bonding process has a tendency to let go! The radial tubes are designed to handle the greater flexibility of the tire and the tubes are thicker.

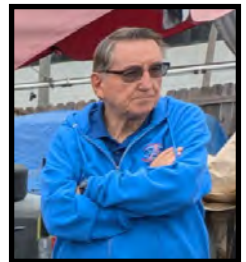
Tire dressing? According to the Jones', not really useful. Best thing to do would be to cover the tire and, when not to be used for a longer term, remove the weight off the tires.

Nate Jones Tire can also do a lot with modern cars and motorhomes in all aspects of tires. I hope everyone that attended took something useful out of the session.

Next month, a different way of wheel alignment and a new device. Saturday, Nov 8—we need a location—can anyone help?

Looking for a great member to carry on the Technical Coordination. If you are interested, contact Ron Andrews or Mike Edmonson.

Until next time,
RA



Tire/Wheel Safety Tips

- Check tire pressure in spare (both modern and Model A).
- If you have a flat on the freeway, don't try to change the tire. Drive off into a safer place with less chance of getting hit from the rear (might cost you a rim, however).

OCMAFC Tour—November 22

**The Old Barn Antique Mall,
San Juan Capistrano
& Visit Dana Point on the way**



About 20 miles each way.

Spend a leisurely Saturday driving your Model A South on Pacific Coast Highway for shopping at **THE OLD BARN ANTIQUE MALL** in San Juan Capistrano. There will be a visit to Dana Point on the way.

**Meetup: 9:45am Depart: 10:00am—Five Crowns Restaurant Parking Lot
3801 East Coast Highway, Corona del Mar.**

Lunch at El Adobe Restaurant walking distance from the Old Barn. PLEASE, BRING CASH FOR LUNCH. Return the same way or by freeway—your choice.

**Contact Steve Pavich to sign-up or RSVP at the November meeting.
714-322-7561 stevepavich@gmail.com**

*Save
the Date*

Mark your calendar for two of our popular events coming up. More details to follow via email and next newsletter:

Sunday, December 7—Holiday Lights Tour and celebration.
Refreshments at Ed & Patti Cote's home. Evening hours.
Decorated Model A's and modern cars are welcome.

Sunday, January 4—OCMAFC Annual Installation Banquet—The Villa, Orange.
1:00pm-4:00pm. Come celebrate the past year, come out in your Era Clothing and have a great meal!

Group Photo from Bolsa Chica

Wetland Tour

Including **new member, Don Hofeldt** (between Bruce & Steve). Welcome Don, congrats on your first tour and new to you Model A!



Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins

Sunshine: Happy news – **Debbie Parrish's** son, Dakota and Mackenzie were married on Friday, October 17th at the Newland Barn in Huntington Beach. Congratulations to all!

Sorrow: Former member, Don Gieson's wife, **Karen** passed away late September. She had been ill for many years. **Debbie Pavich** has been struggling with COVID for several weeks and now is recovering from the flu. And yours truly, **Marilyn Hawkins** had basal cell skin cancer removed from her upper chin area.

One of my favorite quotes...

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

May the bounty of the season and the blessings of Thanksgiving fill your heart with peace, love and joy.



Mackenzie & Dakota Parrish with grandparents Richard & Jeanne Parrish.

Happy Birthday – November

Lori Goff Rick Hall Carole Howard Diane Mazzurie Jim Runyon Diana Stewart

BLT GUYS

By Tom Endy

It was another banner day for the BLT Guys on Monday October 6, 2025, a group of them installed a Mitchell Sync transmission in a 31 Roadster and raised \$660 for the Model A Youth restoration program.

The effort began at 0800 and was done a little after 1200. The owner was Gary Gaffney of Prescott, Arizona. There were no show stoppers and at the end of the day Steve Mitchell and Henry Ford would have been proud.



Gaffney—Prescott, AZ

THE ANAHEIM FALL FESTIVAL

Five of our Model A families helped lead off the Anaheim Fall Festival Parade in October. Cars were decked out with lights and fun Halloween decorations. The night was beautiful. The "Pumpkin Man" mascot once again rode the "rumble seat" in Perry & Gina's Deluxe Roadster...always a favorite!

It was a fun and VERY well attended parade and is touted as one of the country's longest running Halloween parades since it's beginning in 1924, when Babe Ruth and Walter Johnson were the very first Grand Marshalls. The Model A's proved to be a crowd favorite and our members enjoyed a good bite to eat and time

together. **A big thank you to everyone!**
Thank You **Perry & Gina Wilson & The City of Anaheim Festival & Parade Organizers** for a great event!



1924: Baseball superstars Babe Ruth and Walther Johnson lead the first Halloween Parade



Just for Laughs



I have many hidden talents. I just wish I could remember where I hid them.



"For Heaven's sake, Elroy! Now look where the Earth is! ... Move over and let me drive."

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25th of each month

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or mail to Eric Engle, 16732
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Ca., 92708

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ing 2026 renewals.
Call 866-379-3619

or
visit

www.mafca.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

Nov 1st—Riverside, Calif. Orange Blossom Model A Club **Vintage car show** for 1900 to 1959 stock and slightly modified vehicles.

Riverside Elks Lodge, 6166 Brockton Ave. 9am to 1pm. Free for spectators. Food, 50/50 drawings.
obamodela.wixsite.com/riverside

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 1-3—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,
mjdecasare@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.

2026 OCMAFC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Yes, it's that time again!
Time to sign up for all the fun activities
and events that come with being a club
member of the OCMAF Club.

\$30 PER FAMILY!

This year, we are emailing reminders so look for this information in your mailbox or find the renewal form at:
<https://www.ocmafc.com/PDF/2026MembershipForm.pdf>
www.ocmafc.com—tab "Contact Info"

Please mail payment or bring to a meeting.
VERY HELPFUL if you can attach your name to any cash payment. Treasurer is handling a lot of cash at this time and it helps us to account for everything properly!
A little organization on your part, makes our very busy treasurer's job easier—please help out!

Consider adding your birthday or a photo to the roster. Email birthday "month" or photo to becky@genimage.com

****Pay by February 13 to be included in the printed roster****

The Great Short Shaft Debacle

By Wade Ratzlaff, Sept 26, 2025

Some days start off with promise. The kind of day where you think, *"I'll just fix this one little thing on the truck, and then maybe we'll go out for ice cream."* Other days, however, start off like that... and end with you lying in the driveway, covered in grease, PVC pipe in your hands, wondering if you've accidentally invented a new branch of plumbing science.

This was definitely one of those days.

It was July in Santa Clarita, the kind of heat where the sun feels like it's personally trying to set you on fire. The thermometer wasn't content with 100 degrees — it was well past that, heading toward "boil water instantly on contact" territory. Even the lizards were complaining. Naturally, this was the day my dad and I decided to **pull the rear end out of my 1930 Ford Model AA truck** to replace a U-joint.

Now, the AA is a whole different beast than a regular Model A. It's the heavy-duty version, designed to haul more weight than common sense would recommend. It also has a few extra parts that Model A folks don't deal with — like the *short shaft assembly*.

The short shaft is a clever little section that sits between the transmission and the rear driveshaft, letting you add an overdrive like the original **Warford** my dad and I bought years ago. That Warford still sits in the garage, quietly judging us for never installing it.

The job sounded simple:

1. Pull the rear end.
2. Replace the U-joint at the short shaft.
3. Put it all back together before we turned into human jerky in the sun.

By mid-morning, "simple" had packed its bags and left town. The truck was in a thousand pieces scattered across the driveway like a mechanical crime scene. Dad and I were crawling under the frame, hunting for bolts that rolled into places known only to spiders and dark magic. Finally, after much sweating, grunting, and at least three busted knuckles, we got the rear end out and were ready to start reassembly.

That's when we discovered **a horrifying truth**:

We couldn't find the **short torque tube** — the very piece that connected the short shaft assembly. We searched everywhere. Under the truck. Behind the workbench. Inside every coffee can full of miscellaneous parts we'd been "meaning to sort" since 1992. At one point, I even checked the freezer, just in case someone had mistaken it for a popsicle.

Nothing. Gone. Completely vanished, like socks in a dryer.

After an hour of roasting in the sun and arguing about whether we'd *ever actually owned one in the first place*, I had a flash of inspiration — or maybe it was just heatstroke. Either way, I told Dad, "I'll be back," and drove to the local hardware store.

There, in the blessedly air-conditioned aisles of plumbing supplies, I spotted salvation: **black PVC pipe and fittings**. It was cheap, it was round, and I figured, "Well, it's not like it can get *more broken*."

I bought a length of pipe, some fittings, and headed home with my highly questionable solution.

To my surprise, when I slid the PVC pieces together, they **fit perfectly**. Not "close enough to make do," but *snug and solid*, like they were meant for this truck all along. Dad looked skeptical, but I just grinned and said, "Trust me. It'll work."

We built a temporary torque tube out of the PVC and started reassembling everything. For a while, it went better than expected — until we tried to get the splines to fully engage. No matter what we did, the splines just wouldn't slide together that last stubborn inch. We pushed, we pulled, we cursed, we prayed. At one point, I suggested dynamite, but Dad vetoed it on the grounds that we still wanted to *own* a truck when this was over.

Then, like a heavenly breeze cutting through the sweltering air, my wife Stacie came outside. She took one look at the situation and said calmly, "Why don't you just crank the engine and let the wheels drive the shaft in?" Dad and I froze. It was such a simple, obvious idea that it physically hurt to realize we hadn't thought of it ourselves.

We hooked everything up, turned the key, and gave the engine a bump. With a satisfying *clunk*, the splines slid perfectly into place. Victory!

The truck was back together, the U-joint was fixed, and the PVC torque tube had proven itself as an unlikely hero. Dad nodded slowly, perhaps reconsidering his lifelong skepticism of hardware store improvisations. Stacie just shook her head like she'd known the answer the whole time.

As the sun set, casting long shadows over our scattered tools, I leaned back and admired the truck. Sure, the Warford overdrive was still sitting in the garage waiting for "someday," and sure, my "torque tube" technically came from the plumbing aisle, but the old AA was back on the road.

And on that sweltering, grease-stained day, that was good enough.



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)

PHONE: 714-546-2969 Come by and find what you need

MODEL A'S ON ROUTE 66

8 Model A drivers/passengers and one rescue vehicle with trailer joined together to traverse the original Route 66 (as much as possible). In following their blog, it was a well-planned trip (by Rob & Debbie Kirkpatrick) with many historic highlights and few breakdowns. The total trip was 3 weeks.

OCMAFC member, **Leonard Nettles**, was a part of the group, trailering his Model A to Chicago to start the trek. We look forward to hearing his stories which he will relate at our **Nov 13 meeting!**

Leonard on the route in Kingman and at the end point, Santa Monica Pier!



Winslow, AZ

To read the daily blog of the trip:
route66ModelA2025.wordpress.com

Between Kingman & Oatman, AZ.

8 miles with 191 turns, drop offs, no guard rails.





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Next General Meeting

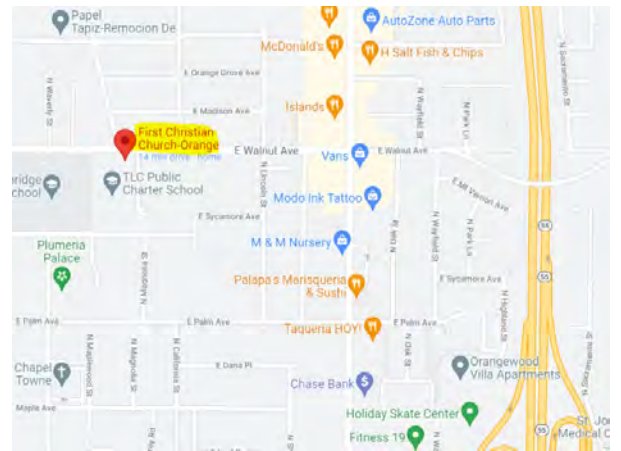
[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting Nov. 13th, 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



MAFCA News

From the Sept/Oct issue *The Restorer*

MAFCA and the Model A Restorers Club have joined with the Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI Museum) to form a planning committee in preparation for the **100th anniversary of our beloved Model A Ford in 2028**. This committee has already had several meetings. Look for announcements soon.

MAFCA has applied for a **US Postal service commemorative stamp in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Model A Ford**.

An appeal letter has been prepared by Board member Sherry Winkinhofer and sent along with the application. If you'd like up-to-date information on this project and other commemorative stamps, visit the USPS site at

www.stampsforever.com

ACCC Update: Leno's Law Appears to be Dead

By David Knapp, ACCC Representative

SB712, affectionately dubbed **"Leno's Law"**, was aimed at easing the long-standing California emissions testing requirements required of classic cars. If passed, it would have instituted a rolling 35 year exemption.

The California assembly bill was held up in the Assembly Appropriations Committee hearing which effectively killed the bill. Challenges to passing the bill posted by environmental groups, including the American Lung Association, warned it would dilute clean air protections. According to them, Leno's Law represented a backward step from climate goals, even if projected emissions weren't massive. Senators tried to keep it alive via amendments like requiring historic plates or trimming eligibility years, but they couldn't save it. The final nail in the coffin was the cost of implementing this bill which the affected departments was assessed to be very high according to Senator Shannon Grove.

Under current emission's rules, every car built after 1976 must get a smog test every two years to keep its registration current. For cars with OBDII ports, that's not such a big deal, but for cars without that port, it's a big-time hassle that involves a dynamometer and a lot of testing equipment. Finding a facility that can perform this work is getting extremely difficult as fewer than one percent of the 13 million registered cars in California fall into this segment.