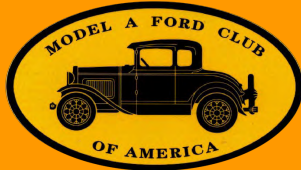


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POKER RUN! By Becky MacIntosh

A great day was had by all as we circled through the streets of Newport and Huntington Beach collecting our poker cards with hopes to become the big winner at the end of the run!.

The big winners were: **Joni Terens with 4 Queens. David Knapp and Becky MacIntosh with Full House's and Darwin Kibby edged out Don Ratzlaff** for Closest to Average Time (even after stopping to help Jennifer & Jeff with the Roadster pickup).

We pretty much stayed off of PCH and explored the Back Bay (both sides), a church and a park, drove a residential street avoiding the kids skating ramps and ended up at Zubies Restaurant to hang out while all the paperwork was completed. And that is a HUGE job. Thanks so much to **Doug Marsh** for everything and to his lookouts—**Marilyn Hawkins, Aaron Magdaleno, Brian Huffman, Jim Michaeloff. And to Richard Bolls, Sheila Plotkin, Bev Marsh, Jennifer Ferrario** for the tortuous job of calculating the results. To **Joni Terens, Becky MacIntosh, Richard Bolls, Steve Pavich (& Matt)** for prep work and checking the route. Apologies to anyone not mentioned—we **appreciated ALL the help!**

We saw new faces and many of our members brought their own “navigators” - loved it!

Jennifer Ferrario's Model A stopped at the bottom of a hill and did not want to start again (no spark) so a friend with a trailer was called in to help. **Jim McCulloch** had to stop and add water—his Model A got thirsty.

We enjoyed the sites through the Back Bay and discovered the tree at John Wayne Park (where Marilyn protected the cards from being carried away by a curious child), Everyone agreed that the distance and the weather were perfect!



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News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Happy October!



love to see you Driving those Model A's

See you at the October Meeting

2025 BOARD MEMBERS

President – Mike Edmonson
VP/Activities – Steve Pavich/Roger Gullede
Secretary – Debbie Parrish
Treasurer – Joni Terens
Technical – Ron Andrews/Dave Knapp
Editor – Eric Engle
Immediate Past President – Louise Hall

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Breakfast Committee – Aaron Magdaleno
Club Greeter – Linda Tom
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Raffle – Ed Cote
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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 Meeting held at First Christian Church in Orange, CA

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025, 730PM



The meeting was called to order by VP, Steve Pavich followed by the flag salute. Marilyn Singer-Hawkins told a joke.

MINUTES: The past minutes were provided in the newsletter. Secretary, Debbie Parrish, made a correction to last month's minutes. She added, Dan Kaiahua, was a 2nd guest speaker. Dan shared being a lifeguard in Huntington Beach and answered many questions about rip tides, sharks, and jelly fish stings. Brian Huffman made a motion to accept and Ed Cote 2nd. All approved.

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

ACTIVITIES: Steve Pavich shared some info on future tours. Anaheim Halloween parade will be on October 25. Please contact Perry Wilson for more details. Possibly Battleship Iowa, Back In The Day, or dinner on the beach. Any ideas for places to tour, please contact Steve. Doug Marsh shared details of the Poker Run coming up on Sept. 13. Ten dollars per hand. Meeting at 9am at Java Café and Bakery in Newport Beach near Jamboree. Bring your money, enjoy a pleasant ride, and maybe go home as **GRAND WINNER!** Contact Doug Marsh. All are welcome.

TECHNICAL: Ron will have our next tech seminar at Darwin Kibby's house on 9/20. Topic Adjusting steering rack. Making sure you steer clear.

EDITOR: Eric Engle has been out of town tending to his mother. Becky McIntosh will be sending out our Distributer for next month. Please get all articles and news items ASAP. May be small delay in delivery of October newsletter. Don't fret.... We're working as fast as we can!

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: Eric Engle's mom has had a stroke!
RAFFLES: **Frank Mower** won ten dollars for the attendance raffle. **Steve and Debbie Pavich** won \$40 for the membership raffle. Start at \$10 next month.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: **Don Ratzlaff, Frank Mower, Brian Huffman and Louise Hall**

REFRESHMENTS: provided by **Ron Andrews, Darwin Kibby, Jeffry Johnson, Gary Livesey, Bev Marsh and Linda Tom** for the drinks
 The meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Oct 4 (Sat) - 8:00am—First Saturday Breakfast BS Session, Denny's, 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana



Oct 9 (Thu) - 7:30pm General Meeting at First Christian Church of Orange, 1130 E Walnut, Orange (between Tustin & Cambridge). The Board Meeting will be held at 6:30pm and all are welcome.



Oct ?? (Sat) 8:30am donuts, tech at 9:00am Tech Seminar—To be determined.

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



Oct 18 (Sat) Tour to **Cabrillo Beach Marine Aquarium** and lunch.
IMPORTANT DETAILS—PAGE 7. Must bring CASH for lunch. RSVP to Steve Pavich or at October meeting.



Oct 23 (Thu) - 9:00am Fourth Thursday Breakfast Rockwell's Bakery Café,
17853 Santiago Blvd, Villa Park. For more info, contact Aaron Magdaleno.



Oct 25 (Sat) - 5:00pm meetup. **Anaheim FALL FESTIVAL Parade**, downtown Anaheim. Early meetup with dinner provided due to parade crowds and closures. Parade starts at 7:00pm Sign up at October meeting or contact Perry Wilson. See page 10 for more info and morning car show info too.

Annual OCMAFC Elections!

Nominations take place at the **October** meeting. **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, new terms begin for:

VP—Activities and for **Tech Seminar Leader**

We will be voting for new board members at our **November** meeting.

We could really use some new faces on our Board. Please consider getting involved AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

2026 Dues

We will begin collecting 2026 dues at the October meeting. \$30 cash or check to OCMAFC. See pages 9 & 10 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, October 12, 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 September Tech Seminar

By Ron Andrews
Technical Director

Since last month's seminar was about adjusting the steering box, I thought I would relay what to do about Hard steering.

TEST DRIVE

Use a deserted street and about 20 MPH and release the steering wheel. It should come back to a strait ahead position without any assistance from the driver.

CAUSES and CORRECTIONS

1. Insufficient front caster (adjust as necessary)
2. Insufficient front camber (replace spindle)
3. Tie rod and drag link ends adjusted too tight (readjust)
Tie rod end plug 25% compression.
4. Tight adjustment of steering box (repeat steering box adjs.)
5. Incorrect front end alignment
(no toe in adjusted as toe out. Readjust as toe in)
6. Low tire pressure (check for 34 lbs.)
7. Low steering box oil level causing binding in steering box
(check for grease replace with 600wt. Oil)
8. Excessive caster (check and readjust caster)
9. Worn king pin thrust bearings (replace and add a shim)

Brought to you by "Les Andrews" Trouble Shooting Guide

Tech Tip from Ron

While working on Norm Kredit's Light Switch, we discovered the aftermarket clips that go on the shaft are too narrow, so you will need to file them a bit wider.

A BLT Banner Day

9-2-2025 by Tom Endy

Another banner day was observed by the BLT Guys organization with the installation of a Mitchell overdrive in a 1929 Roadster owned by **Nathan Sherry**, who lives in Lomita, California and is a member of the Orange County Model A Ford Club. The installation took place at **Tom Endy's** house on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. We began the effort at 10 AM and were finished by 3PM. The owner made a \$500 donation to the Model A youth restoration program.



Nathan Sherry test driving his roadster after the installation of the overdrive.

There was one show stopper that had to be overcome. Both rear shackle bolts and bushings were shot and had to be replaced.

At the end of the day, the roadster and the overdrive performed as Henry Ford and Steve & Cindie Mitchell had ordered.

You just never know..... By Eric Engle

Recently the BLT team installed a Mitchell Overdrive in **Nathan (Nate) Sherry's** roadster (ref. **Tom Endy's** article). **Tom** makes mention of the rather interesting "Show Stoppers" that had to be overcome before reassembling **Nate's** driveline. I bring this up, because there have been discussions on the importance of using a spring-spreader to remove the rear end for an overdrive installation, or simply dropping the rear end with the spring still attached. Here are some good examples why USING a spring spreader is the **best choice**. With the spreader in place, it removes all the pressure on the shackles. If one doesn't use a spreader, all the pressure from the un-sprung leaf spring will put even more strain on weak, worn out shackles, possibly leading to a catastrophic failure of a shackle, thus allowing the leaf spring fly. They are noted for being called "WIDOW MAKERS" !!!!! Here are the photos of **Nate's** shackles and the worn out bushing that all needed to be replaced.

Please, don't forego using a spring-spreader. Those springs are under a good bit of tension and you don't want to be trying to dodge one, should the shackles decide to let go!

You just never know when one of those might break and let the leaf spring fly!!!!



Side-by-side comparison to new shackle (left) and old (right)



Close up of worn shackle.



Worn spring bushing (left) with new (right)

Sunshine & Sorrow

By Marilyn Hawkins
m_hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: Did you know that in the September/October issue of the *Restorer* magazine that two of our young members were featured on page 30 (Model A Youth Restoration). **Blake Hill** is a member with his dad and **Lilly Ogle** is the granddaughter of Steve & Debbie Pavich. Pretty Cool, huh!

Sorrow: Early in September **Eric Engle's** mom had a TIA and then 2 days later had a stroke. She lives in the San Fernando Valley and Eric is handling the paperwork for home care. She has suffered minor brain damage to the area that controls speech. Let's all be thankful for each day.

What do you use to mend a jack-o-lantern? A pumpkin patch

Happy Birthday – October

Karl Bonham Don Dormeyer Jim Glendinning Pam Kibby Anna Orozco Velma Riggs

October Tour — Cabrillo Beach Marine Aquarium—free admission (donations) Saturday, October 18

9:30am Meet at Zubies Dry Dock Restaurant

9:45am Depart—path will be by street. Return home same way or use freeway (your choice).

Parking in front of the aquarium is \$1 per hour.

Aquarium for about 45 minutes, followed by lunch at Raffaello Ristorante, San Pedro

MUST BRING CASH TO PAY FOR LUNCH....WILL BE A SINGLE CHECK TO BE SETTLED.

Please RSVP to Steve Pavich or at the October meeting. More information including addresses, etc. will be emailed.

Bratton's is Closing—will continue to produce high quality parts !

After almost 50 years, Bratton's Antique Auto Parts
has decided to close their retail operations.

Current inventory will be sold with no restocking.

Reductions in price will be shown on the website.

Spend any gift cards you may have, before October 31, 2025!

Bratton's will continue to focus time and energy on making the high quality parts that have been provided to the hobby. These parts will be sold through the network of dealers.

Poker Run Photos



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 accept-
ing 2026 renewals.
Call 866-379-3619**

or
visit

www.mafca.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

Sept 13th: 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. Patches awarded to those in a Model A.

Oct. 5-13th, SCRG Grand Canyon Tour. Starting in Twenty-Nine Palms, up to Williams, AZ, at which point we will meet and continue with the Route 66 Tour driving from Chicago, IL, ending in Santa Monica.

[https://www.scrghmafc.com/](https://www.scrghmafc.com/Events/20251005Route66.pdf)

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Oct 7-10 Swap Meet and Car Show, Hershey, PA
Mafca.com/event/mafca-at-hershey

Dec. 3-6 MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Mobile, Alabama.

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

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 OCMAFC Club.

\$30 PER FAMILY!

How can ya go wrong with a deal such as that?!?!....

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 helps to account 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. Use the form on the next page or email birthday or photo to becky@genimage.com

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

SAVE THE DATE

Dana Point / Old Barn Antique Mall / El Adobe for lunch

Saturday, Nov 22 OCMAFC November Tour to Dana Point & San Juan Capistrano with lunch at El Adobe Restaurant (walking distance from Mall).

Meetup will be at 9:45 at Five Crowns Restaurant Parking Lot, Corona del Mar.

More info at the October Meeting and by email.

For Year: **2026**

www.ocmafc.com

Membership RENEWAL Application
Orange County Model A Ford Club (OCMAFC)

(A Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA))

OCMAFC Membership Dues Are: **\$30 per Year** for Family living at same address (with newsletter delivered via email)

Name: _____ B-day _____

Last First Middle Mo. Day

— ONLY ENTER INFORMATION THAT NEEDS TO BE UPDATED IN THE PRINTED ROSTER —

To submit/update photo for Roster, please email photo to becky@genimage.com

Submit by February 13, 2026 to be included in printed roster

Spouse: _____ B-day _____
 Last First Middle Mo. Day

Anniversary: _____
 Month Day Year

Address: _____

Street	City	State	Zip
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Telephone #s: _____
 Home # _____ Cell # (for text message event reminders) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Names of children living with you: _____

Year and Body Style of Model A Fords owned:

(Example: 1929 Model 45A – Standard coupe – (Parts, WIP, Driver, Touring, Show))

MAFCA Membership Number (If Active): _____ Since: _____

Please Make Check Payable to: Orange County Model A Ford Club (OCMAFC)

Please Remit Application and Dues Payment to: Orange County Model A Ford Club
P.O. Box 10595
Santa Ana, CA 92711

Membership in our National Organization, the Model A Ford Club of America is recommended and encouraged for all Members. Payment can be made online at www.MAFCA.com

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

★ THE ANAHEIM FALL FESTIVAL

Once again **Perry Wilson** will lead the group for the **Anaheim Fall Festival Parade**.

Saturday, Oct 25th—parade starts at 7:00pm. **5:00pm Meet-up** due to parade crowds and closures. Dinner will be provided prior to the parade

Details will be provided to those that sign up. Sign up at the October meeting or contact Perry at perrygina@msn.com 714-635-4388.

There will also be a Car Show from 10am-3pm—Center Street Promenade, Downtown Anaheim—\$65 entrance fee—prizes. Perry is entering—join him. Register at anaheimfallfestival.org.

Just for Laughs

**SOMETIMES I
WONDER IF ALL OF
THIS IS HAPPENING
BECAUSE I DIDN'T
FORWARD THAT
MESSAGE TO 10
OTHER PEOPLE**



"Sorry about the two scars. We had your X-ray upside down for a while."

**YOU KNOW WHEN
YOU BUY A BAG
OF SALAD & IT
GETS ALL BROWN
& SOGGY?
COOKIES DON'T
DO THAT**



Return Address:
OCMAFC
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Santa Ana, CA 92711

We are on the Web!
www.ocmafc.org

Dedicated to the History and Preservation of the Model A Ford

Next General Meeting

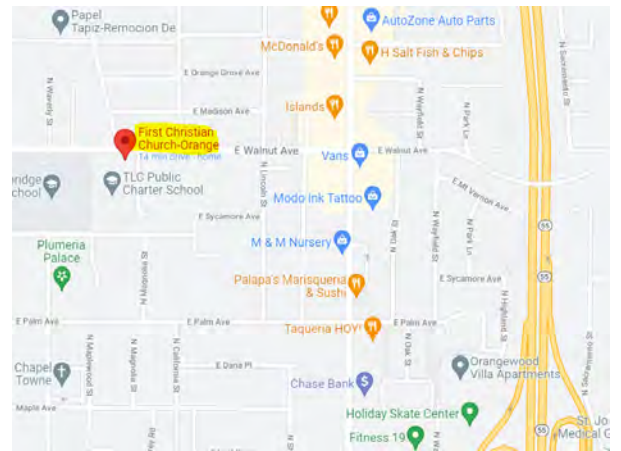
[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting Oct. 9th, 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



Who's Model A? Can you guess who is the owner for each of these Model A's?
Answers at the bottom.

Hint: All are current members of OCMAFC.



A



C



E



G



B



D



F



H



I

A: Dale McCall B: David Knapp C: Richard Parrish
D: Doug Marsh E: Mark Lackey F: Perry Wilson
G: Mike Edmonson H: Domonic Cimarusi
I: Dennis Kliesen