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50 Year Celebration For The Santa Anita "A's".

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We Need You

OCMAFC Club needs YOU! ...

...with this year's Poker Run

Our annual Poker Run is almost here. Always a club favorite, we are looking for people to help out with this year's Poker Run, that is scheduled for **Saturday, Sept 13 (International Model A Ford Day)**. **Model A Drivers will receive PATCHES for the event....** Modern cars ok. Family and friends of club members are welcome. **RSVP to Doug Marsh with # of poker hands to be played and # of people for restaurant.** **REMEMBER- this is NOT a race!!... It's more of a scavenger hunt.**

Helpers needed for the following task....

- Timekeepers for departure and finish
- "LOOKOUTS" for each stop

Cost per poker hand-\$10

The finish line will be a restaurant, whose location will be announced as part of the Poker Run. There will also be "Bail Out Envelope" that will lead to the final destination, should members get lost and not able to complete the "Hunt".....

Starting point will be at the Java Bakery Cafe at 1064 Bayside Drive in Newport Beach.

Helpers can "buy" poker hands **AND** also drive in the Poker Run.

For more information please contact Doug Marsh at
805-903-3617 or pizmojoe@yahoo.com

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News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Happy September!

Can you believe that September is already here? Kids are back in class and Fall is right around the corner! Of course that doesn't mean that we slow down however.

Doug Marsh is busy putting together a Poker Run that goes on September 13th - what better way to celebrate International Model A Ford Day! You might put a little something extra in your pocket, have a good time, and get a patch for driving your Model A on this special day.



And you know what comes with the Fall season and volunteering...election season! Yes, I will continue to remind you that we will be looking for new (or maybe repeat?) positions on our Board of Directors that include Vice President/Activities & Tours as well as Technical Director. Be thinking of who YOU will want to be nominating, or someone just might nominate you ;-)!

You know activities are the heartbeat of our club, but these don't happen by accident. Volunteers that head up various committees in our club make it happen; this also includes assistants and committee members alike - what can be more grassroots than that! Besides our normal "standing committees", from time to time we also have "special committees" which are instituted by your President, and volunteers fill the seats of these special committees. In fact one special committee is meeting this month with a very difficult task: establishing the criteria and nomination process for our Honorary Life Members. A big thank you to **Richard Bolls, Chrisanne Edmonson, Doug Marsh, Debbie Parrish, and Sheila Plotkin**. Ideally they will come up with a plan that can be presented to the Board, and if approved, presented to our membership for a seal of approval. I'm definitely looking forward to the time we as a club can begin formally recognizing our fellow members that have really put it on the line for all of us!

So to new (or old) board members, our various committee heads and their members, and future Honorary Life Members...onward and upward!

See you at the turnaround point,

Mike

2025 BOARD MEMBERS

President – Mike Edmonson
VP/Activities – Steve Pavich/Roger Gullede
Secretary – Debbie Parrish
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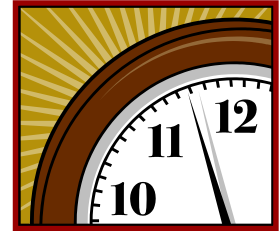
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Sunshine & Sorrow – Marilyn Hawkins
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We have removed all Committee members' emails and phone numbers in order to ensure their privacy. Members can find this info in your roster.

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**

ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A CLUB GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2025, 730PM

Our President, **Mike Edmonson** and VP, **Steve Pavich** were absent. The meeting was called to order by **Louise Hall**, followed by the flag salute. **Marilyn Singer-Hawkins** told a joke.

MINUTES: The past minutes were provided in the newsletter. **Sheila Plotkin** made a motion to accept and **Ron Andrews 2nd**.

All approved.

FINANCIAL: **Joni Terens** presented the financial report. **Bev Marsh** made a motion to accept and **Eric Engle 2nd**. All ap-

proved. Total membership is 140.

ACTIVITIES: **Doug Marsh** shared about upcoming Poker Run

on 9/13. Visit to Back In the Day, planned for October.

TECHNICAL: **Ron** will have a seminar at **Richard Parrish's** garage on 8/16. Installing glass run channels will be the subject

matter. Donuts at 8:30 Seminar at 9

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: Everyone seems Healthy.

NEW BUSINESS: Our Installment Banquet will be on January 4, 2026. **Jim Nichols** will be closing the shop and needs to get

rid of all surpluses. Give him a call if interested in any parts

GUEST SPEAKER: President of M.A.F.C.A., **Ed Tollman**, shared his cross-country trip to Virginia. 7300 miles in his Model A, with his grandson riding shotgun. Such an experience to share and encourage others to do the same. Possibly try a National Tour. Thank you, **Ed**, for taking us along on your journey.

RAFFLES: **Bev Marsh** won ten dollars for the attendance raffle.

Harley Broviak won the membership raffle but was not present. Amount will roll over next month. Will YOU be the lucky winner?

NEW MEMBER: **Jeff Johnson** -1930 Tudor and **Stephen and Mona Halcum** who purchased **Steve Pavich's** 1931 Tudor. Welcome

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: **Barbara Knapp** and **Debbie Parrish**

REFRESHMENTS: Thanks go to **Gary Livesey, Patti Cote, Bev Marsh, Norm and Lori Kredit, Sherry Reid, Jody Smith, Tissy Hatcher-Smith and Linda Tom** for drinks.

The meeting adjourned at 830pm with 47 members.

Submitted by Secretary **Debbie Parrish** awaiting approval.

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Sept 6th, (Sat), First Sat. Breakfast, 8:00am, Denny's, 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana. During these closing summer months, don't miss a chance to bring your Model A's out for a great day of being with your OCMAFC family.



Sept. 20th (Sat), Tech. Seminar, Subject: Adjusting Steering Box.
When? 8:30 donuts and coffee, 9:00 seminar starts.
Where? Darwin & Pam Kibby's home, 5660 Avenida Antigua, Yorba Linda.



Sept. 11th (Thurs), General meeting will start at 7:30 at First Christian Church of Orange, 1130 E Walnut, Orange (between Tustin & Cambridge).



Sept. 25th (Thurs), 4th Thurs. Breakfast, 9am, Kaye's Kitchen, 12939 Main St, Garden Grove, Cont- Aaron Magdaleno

OCMAFC POKER RUN Sat. Sept. 13th

Yup...it's almost time for our 2025 Model A Poker Run. Be sure to mark your calendars and **DON'T** miss it!!

Lots of good, clean fun following "treasure maps", from one location to another, as you seek to make the very best poker hand you can.

Gather at **9 am** at the [Java Bakery Cafe at 1064 Bayside Drive in Newport Beach..](#)

First car will leave at 9:30, and then others will leave every 5 minutes thereafter.

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Swap Meets/Car Shows

Every Sat., Donut Derelicts car show, 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.

9015 Adams Ave, Huntington Beach, 6-8

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

Sept. 13 (Sat), 23rd Annual Santa Maria's All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet, 201 S Broadway, Orcutt, CA 93455 7am-3pm, free. <https://santamariavalley.com/events/20th-annual-santa-maria-as-all-ford-car-show-and-swap-meet>

Sept. 13 (Sat) La Mirada Classic Car & Bike Exhibit, 10am—2pm, La Mirada Landmark, 13710 Avendia Santa Tecla, La Mirada, Ca., Anyone wishing to join, please contact Johnny Rodriquez at jrodri57@yahoo.com

Sept. 19 (Fri), Cerritos College car show to celebrate 70 years of serving the community, Parking Lot 8 on Studebaker Rd., "Roll In" time: 2:30-4:30 pm, Show Time: 5-8 pm., For more info- <https://www.cerritos.edu/70/car-show.htm>

Sept. 29th to October 3rd, CCRG Grand Tour to Solvang, Please join us as we explore the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley, the pristine coastline, and historic sites in Santa Barbara. For more info on hotels, and itinerary, click on Santa Maria

Model A's link.

<https://www.santamariamodelaclub.com>

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

Oct. 25th (Sat), Anaheim Halloween Parade, 7pm, MORE INFO TO FOLLOW...

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

Highlights of the May Tech Seminar

By Ron Andrews
Technical Director

Shake, Rattle and Roll

I don't know about you, but I really don't like squeaks and rattles—and mine were getting pretty bad. The culprit? Loose-fitting windows. It turns out that excessive window movement in the channel was the cause.

Why was this happening? In my case, the felt window channel installed in my car were the wrong ones—they were much narrower than the door felt retainers mounted inside the door. To make things worse, the same type of felt—meant for the sides of the window—had also been used on the top door rail.

I headed to C.W. Moss in Orange and found a complete kit for my 1930 Tudor. It had all the necessary parts to replace the worn-out components. But when I finally found time to install everything, I quickly realized there weren't many helpful videos on YouTube about fixing this issue.

Just by chance, Mike Edmonson—our Club President—called and asked, “You any good at window stuff?” I replied, “I’ll try,” and we started working on the passenger door of his 1928 Tudor.

We began by removing the handles, door panel upholstery, wind lace, and the top door rail (held on by three screws). With the window cranked all the way to the top, the regulator *should* disconnect from the bottom window channel. If you have trouble disconnecting the regulator, try removing the regulator mounting screws to loosen the entire assembly (*suggestion: maybe leave one (1) loosened screw in so that the entire assembly doesn't fall inside the door*)

At this point, the window should lift out through the top of the door, and you can remove the old felt channel.

The new felt channels come with clips at the top and bottom that hook into the door. (*Tip:*

The kit includes adhesive, and it's a good idea to apply some to the backs of the channels in addition to using the clips.) Foam rubber strips are also included for the top door rails, where the glass seats when fully closed—these need to be glued into place.

One more thing: there's a flat rubber block the window rests on when fully rolled down. It has a tab that holds it in place. **Jennifer Ferrario** showed me a great trick—there's a small raised metal stay where the tab goes. If you cut a matching slice in the rubber stop, it fits in much more easily.

I hope this helps on your next window channel replacement!

Until next time.

RA



FYI next month's seminar on September 20th: Adjusting your steering box hosted by Darwin Kibby at his residence.

Santa Anita “A’s” Turns 50

Sunday, Aug. 10th. Pasadena Elks Lodge

This past Sunday morning, our club was honored to be invited by the Santa Anita “A’s” to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their club’s founding. Always eager to support fellow Model A enthusiasts, 15 of our members and 10 of our club cars proudly took part in the festivities.

Event organizers **Janet Beggs** and **Jim Kroeger** had hoped to wrangle up at least 50 Model A’s—one for each year of the club’s history. Thanks to the support of neighboring clubs, that goal was not only met, but far surpassed. A whopping 72 Model A cars and trucks filled the parking lot of the Pasadena Elks Lodge—right at the iconic corner of Orange Grove and Colorado Boulevard, where the annual Rose Parade begins.

It was an incredible turnout, with a stunning array of beautifully restored vehicles. Crowds of spectators roamed through the display, admiring the cars and asking plenty of questions about these classic machines.

Big cheers to the Santa Anita “A’s” for organizing such a memorable day. Great weather, great people, and a parking lot full of history—what more could a Model A lover ask for?

Happy 50th, Santa Anita “A’s” ! Here's to many more years of keeping these beautiful machines on the road and in our hearts.



Early morning starting point for a few of our club members, before making the 40+ mile trek up to Pasadena.



A gorgeous day, and a beautiful way, to travel through Pasadena in our Model A's



Just a small sampling of the more than 70 “A’s” that showed up at the Pasadena event.

Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins
m_hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: Happy news...**Jennifer Ferrario**, our raffle and election member, became a grandmother for the fourth time! Baby boy, **Callum Steven Ferrario** born on August 18th -- 7 lb. 5 oz., 20 in long.

Recovery: Both **Mike & Chrisanne Edmonson** were not feeling well on meeting night. **Mike** with a bronchial infection and **Chrisanne** with an ear infection. Here's to a healthier month.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart." **Helen Keller**

Happy Birthday – September

Sylvia Adelmann Gerald Gaughen Brian Huffman Frank Mowrer Don Ratzlaff

"Change the Condenser"

by Tom Endy, rev 2023

On most any Model A tour one of the participating cars will likely drift to the side of the road inoperative. Soon after everyone gathers around someone in the crowd will surely yell out "change the condenser". This knee-jerk reaction has become ingrained in Model A folklore. The truth is that good quality condensers available today seldom ever fail.

Over the years I have seen countless numbers of condensers changed out, but I have only observed one that actually failed, and that was because the ground strap soldered onto the back of the condenser came loose due to an over-heated engine.

The common practice for checking a condenser is to use an ohm meter. It will tell you if it is shorted or open, but not what the actual capacitance value is.



A Honeytek A6013L Capacitor Tester (called a condenser in automotive jargon) is available through Amazon for about \$22. The tester will tell you not only if the condenser is good or bad, but the actual value in micro-farads. Set the pointer on two micro farads.

What I have discovered with my new Honeytek tester is that the good quality condensers from Bratton's test out at a nominal .228 -.235 micro farads. I have never seen any documentation that Henry ever recorded about how many farads (or portions thereof) are required of a condenser to properly operate a Model A Ford ignition system.

It is difficult to describe what a farad is, especially when only a very small portion of one is used in a Model A condenser. A micro farad is but .000001 of one farad



The Honeytek tester is a unique thing to have along on a tour. You can easily test a condenser while it is still attached to a distributor installed in a Model A. Simply remove the car's fuse, and slip a business card between the points. The plus lead of the tester is clipped to the arm of the points; the negative lead is clipped to ground on the distributor.

There are still poor quality condensers being sold by some suppliers. They are easily identified by the ground strap being soldered to the end of the condenser. The good quality ones sold by Bratton's and a few other suppliers will show three little dots on the strap indicating they are stake welded on.



On the left is a good quality Bratton's condenser. On the right is a poor quality soldered on condenser still being sold by some suppliers.

Poker Run 2025

& International Model A Ford Day



On Saturday, September 13th, we will gather around 9:00 AM., at [Java Bakery Cafe at 1064 Bayside Drive in Newport Beach.](#) The first car will leave at 9:30 AM and cars will leave every five minutes after that. The last car may leave somewhere around 11:00 AM. So if you feel like it, you can arrive as late as 10:30, and still join in the day's Festivities!

Drivers will need a navigator to read and interpret the instructions. You will be LOOKING for the Big Orange Signs with an 'A' on it attached to a tree, sign post or telephone pole. You will be directed to various areas where you will find the Orange 'A' Signs. You must watch for these signs, as the exact location will not be provided as part of the "hunt".

Look for the Poker cards, in envelopes, in a canvas bag near the orange 'A'.

'LOOKOUTS' are still needed!!! If you don't plan to drive the route, but want to participate, this is a great spot for you. Reach out to Doug for more information about being a Lookout.

At \$10 per hand, the pot will be divided up and given to top 3 Poker Hands, as well as the driver closest to the average time.

This will be a cool day, keeping to the Beautiful OC Coast. Take your time and enjoy the Wonderful views. There will be many places for photo opportunities.

Starting in Newport Beach, and finishing in Huntington Beach.

There will be plenty of places along the way to take a break, stop for snacks, gas, groceries, restaurants, bathrooms or any sort of rest stop that you need.

The total route is about 30 miles.

Instructions will be provided in written form. There will be no map.

This will drive you in circles. If you see cars going in a different direction, don't necessarily follow that car, because you may miss something.

And of course, we are ending at a fun restaurant for a good meal and companionship.

Please, RSVP Doug Marsh with # of poker hands to be played and # of people for restaurant. Late "joiners" are welcome also. Contact Doug to let him know that you'll be there. Cont at:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

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

**[https://mafca.com/national-
events](https://mafca.com/national-events)**

**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. Inter.
Model A Day patches will be
available to participants.**

**Oct. 5-13th, SCRG Grand Can-
yon Tour, Starting in Twenty-
Nine Palms, California, up to
Williams, Arizona, at which
point we will meet and con-
tinue with the Route 66 Tour
driving from Chicago, Ill., end-
ing in Santa Monica, Ca..
[https://www.scrgrmafca.com/
Events/20251005Route66.pdf](https://www.scrgrmafca.com/Events/20251005Route66.pdf)**

**Oct. 7-10 Swap Meet and Car
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linary delights..**

Wagon Tales: Episode 3b by Dave Knapp

“When your brakes break...”

Pressing the brake pedal has been more of a suggestion than an order for a while. No amount of adjusting seemed to make much difference. Interestingly, at the Pancake Breakfast a fellow club member commented on the positioning of the front brake arms on the Woody. He was insistent that there was not enough pitch forward to have good braking (15 degrees forward seems to be the ideal). His recommendation



was brake shims, or pills, that would allow a bit more arm pitch by lengthening the internal rod. Initially, I felt the shims were a little bit of a stop-gap, but they were cheap enough, so I ordered a set, thinking it would be an interesting experiment.

When the Woody's turn came for some 'love', I set out to repack bearings and try installing the brake shims. Upon removal of the first front drum, I was stopped dead in my tracks. Brake

shoes? Shouldn't there be friction material for them to be called brake shoes? Immediately, the project shifted gears. I moved to the rear axle fearing, but somewhat knowing, what I would find. What was the number for Randy Gross again? Yep, new drums, shoes, bearings, pretty much everything you can name—it was time! The more I looked, the worse the state of things became.

On top of new brakes, new bearings, races and rear seals were installed. The rear bearings are certainly going to be a conversation piece at a future tech workshop. The front bearings appeared OK, but after popping out a few races and inspecting them, changing everything just made sense.

While I am working through this project, Dennis Kleisen stops by to visit. Of course, he suggests several “while your at its”. I guess that means there will be more Woody tales coming soon and more work for me! Anyway, the Wagon is back together and stops like never before. We no longer need to toss an anchor out when approaching an intersection. Shout out to Randy—thanks for the great work!

Go give your Model A some love.

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—

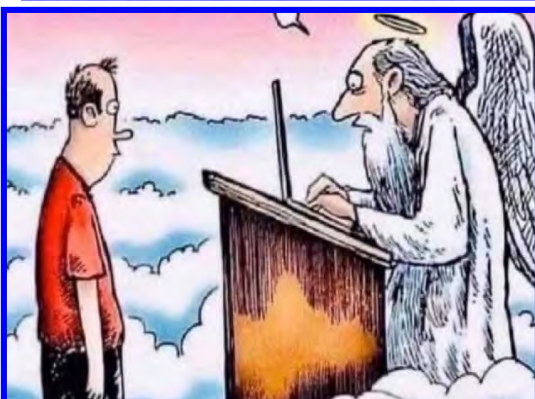
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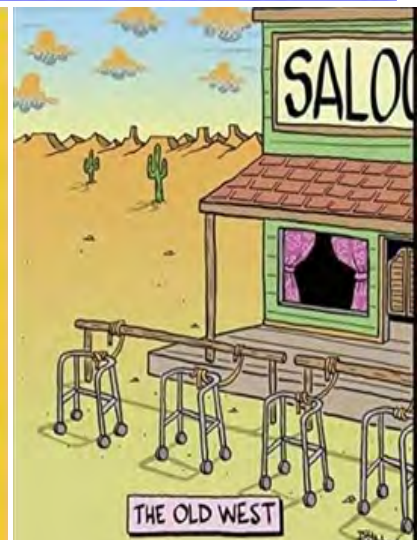
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Just for Laughs



You asked which oil to use?!?!..... in a car forum?!?!.....

I trained my dog to fetch beer. It may not sound too impressive but he gets them from the neighbor's fridge.





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Dedicated to the History and Preservation of the Model A Ford

Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting Sept. 11, 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



23rd Annual All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet

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