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O.C. Model A's Celebrating 4th of July

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Before and After-member Jennifer Ferrario working on Bonnie Nardulli's 30 Coupe... She's quite the "trooper"

**SOMETIMES IT TAKES LOTS OF PATIENCE
WHEN WORKING ON A MODEL A!!
Complete story on page 5**

News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Greetings,

Welcome to the “dog days of summer”! The temperatures have been soaring, but hopefully your radiators and cooling jackets are keeping your engines running at peak performance. While we are feeling a wee bit of a cooling trend (low 80's here closer to the coast) its sure to be heating up once again as we head into August; keep your idle up and fan running quicker -- both in your Model A AND in your house.

It sure was great to see the fabulous turnout for our annual ice cream social, and with that goes a big thank you to **Ed and Patti Cote** (and **Paul** for the expert scooping), both for welcoming us as well as all of the logistics that go into this endeavor. I hear we had a great turnout at the Oakmont Senior Center as well; our club participation at events such as this is a great way to advertise our club and support our local citizens. And finally, both **Eric Engle** and myself headed up to Williams, and then onto Colusa, to pay a visit with **Steve and Cyndi Mitchell** of Mitchell Manufacturing Company to **deliver a number of transmission casings** (big thank you to **Eric, Rick Hall, and Richard Parrish** for these) and to pick up a couple of very fine-looking Mitchell transmissions. **Eric** had a chance to tour the facility as well, which you'll learn more about in his article, so be sure to read this newsletter from cover to cover!

As we look forward to August, expect some fun in the sun between a few breakfasts, a seminar on shock absorbers (please don't look shocked -- pun intended lol) at **Steve Pavich's** home -- don't worry, **Steve** will find a place for you to park, right **Steve**? There is also a change of plans for our August tour. While our original plan was to visit the Back in the Day Museum. It seems the museum has temporarily closed and will be moving to a new and exciting location. Instead we will be traveling south on Pacific Coast Highway and tour through a bit of Dana Point (and enjoy some cool breezes off the Pacific Ocean), then on down to San Juan Capistrano to visit the Antique Mall. After picking up a few historical trinkets we'll be off to lunch and then travel back home.

A few notes as we look ahead to this Fall (right around the corner, right?). September 19th will be our Progressive Lunch between locations in Anaheim and Irvine. We are also still looking at a tour along a portion of Route 66 as we recognize the 100th anniversary of this most storied highway that connected Chicago to Los Angeles and all points in between. Nominations and elections will also be coming up. **Louise Hall** tells me she is tiring of being Past President (really?) so I need to step up into that position so we need to nominate and elect a new President. Elections for Secretary and Treasurer are also to be considered. And the most difficult position to fill will be our Newsletter Editor! A big thanks to **Eric** for stepping up to the challenge when it was needed most, but he tells me he's ready for a bit of a rest. This is not an elected position so he/we will be looking for his replacement come the new year -- plenty of time for a great turnover. See you at breakfast or at our next club event that you choose to attend.

Until then, I'll see you at the turnaround....

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



July 9, 2026, 730PM

The meeting was called to order by President, **Mike Edmonson**, followed by the flag salute. **Marilyn Singer-Hawkins** told a joke.

MINUTES: The minutes were displayed in the Distributor. **Debbie** asked if there were any corrections to the minutes and asked for acceptance. **Steve Pavich** made

the motion to accept and **Sheila Plotkin 2nd**. All approved.

FINANCIAL: The financial report was presented by **Joni Terens**. **Sheila Plotkin** made a motion to accept and **Carole Howard 2nd**. All approved. Total membership is 126.

VP/ACTIVITIES: 8/15 Tour to Back In The Day. A collection of antiques and unique gifts. Located in Orange should be short, easy and local tour with Black Bear Diner for lunch. 9/19 Model A Day and our Progressive Brunch. Starting in Anaheim, Tustin and ending in Mission Viejo. Please see **Becky**. 9/12 100 yr. anniversary of PCH. Tour through Old Newport 10/17 Possible

Route 66 tour with overnight near Pasadena. Details to follow.

TECHNICAL: **David Knapp** shared the next technical seminar will be Aug. 8 at **Steve Pavich's** home. The subject will cover shock rebuilding. Doughnuts at 8:30 seminar at 9/ Bring your own chair.

EDITOR: **Eric** has a towing trailer for Model A that he would like to donate to the club. We need a place to store it when not in use.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: **Ellie Pease** has lost her mother of 97.

HARD LUCK TROPHY: Everyone has had **GOOD LUCK!!**

RAFFLES: **Linda Tom** won ten dollars for the attendance raffle. **Mike and Chrisanne Edmonson** won \$30 for the membership raffle.

JULY BIRTHDAYS: **Rodger Gullledge** and **Perry Wison**

NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: **Richard Bolls** brought his daughter, **Hillary**. Welcome

REFRESHMENTS: were provided by **Perry and Gina Wilson, Bev Marsh, Steve Pavich, Rodger and Debbie Gullledge, Sherry Reid and Linda Tom** for the drinks

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm with 50 members present
 Submitted by Secretary **Debbie Parrish** awaiting approval.

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Aug. 1st, (Sat)
Denny's BS Breakfast—8:00am. 2314
17th Street, Santa
Ana., Be sure to
bring you're A's

AND your appetites...



**Aug 8th (Sat), Tech
Seminar, 8:30 a.m.**
Donuts and Coffee,
Seminar start: 9 a.m.
Subj: Rebuilding
Shocks,

Location: **Steve Pavich's** home-
17568 Los Jardines East, Fountain
Valley,
Guess speaker: **Matt Pavich**



Aug. 13th (Thurs)
General Meeting
7:30pm
First Christian
Church—1130 E.

Walnut, Orange.



**Aug. 15th (Sat), The
Old Antique Mall.**
Lunch at El Adobe
Restaurant, San Juan
Capistrano,
Meet up time: 9:45

a.m. at The Five Crowns parking
lot, 3801 E. Pacific Coast Highway,
Corona del Mar.

Depart time: 10 a.m.

Cont: **Jennifer Ferrario** 714 209-0911



**Aug. 22 (Sat),
Breakfast at
Santa Ana Elks
Lodge 794, 1751 S
Elk Ln, Santa Ana.**

Meet in the parking lot at
8:30am. , breakfast at 9am.,
\$14.75 per meal.

CASH ONLY.

Cont: **Aaron Magdaleno**



**For those club members
who have inquired about
helping Rick Hall, see below**



Red Cross Blood Drive
First Christian Church
of Orange

In the Hall
1130 East Walnut Ave
Orange, CA 92867

Monday, Aug. 10th
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Every Saturday morning, 6-8 a.m. Donut Derilicks Car Show. Come have a donut and coffee, while you "criuse" through all the lovely classics and hot rods

Aug 7 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2p

Sep 10 (Sat) 20th Annual Santa Maria's All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet, 201 S Broadway, Orcutt, CA 93455 7am-3pm, free

Oct 16 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm

Dec 4 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm

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 David Knapp
Technical Director

Technical Update: Patience and Flexibility, Put Those In Your Toolkit

On July 11 members gathered at **Bonnie Nardulli's** house for several technical topics centered on her Model A. The main topic was to install a new float on the fuel gauge. Fortunately, **Bonnie** had a very nice brass float and the right parts to install it. We reviewed several special gas gauge tool options, several styles of floats as well as the options for gasket kits. The float installation and gauge rebuild was pretty straightforward and almost went without any hiccups. Almost... A major challenge arose when it was time to reinstall the dash panel with a new aftermarket temperature gauge bracket. The bottom dash screws just would not line up. **Jennifer Ferrario** entertained all of us as she dove in head first (literally) to try and fit the offending screws in the dash. My back and neck hurt for three days by just watching her efforts.

Our second project was to figure out why it was running poorly. Recently, another member had temporarily changed the spark plugs to a known good set and said that the car ran well but overheated quickly. Based on that report, we installed new plugs but did not get the same results. After some head scratching, several components were tested, a few swapped out, and ultimately the timing was re-set. Changing the timing generated the most improvement, but it still does not seem to be running properly. We know the points are bad and need changing but did not have the appropriate parts to do that—set for a future visit. The good news is that the timing adjustment seems to have abated the overheating problem.

While we did not achieve all of our goals, some improvements were noted and plans were set for addressing the other known issues. This car certainly is making us think and is testing our problem solving abilities!

Next month, Matt Pavich will demonstrate shock absorber rebuilding at Steve Pavich's Fountain Valley home. As usual, donuts/coffee at 8:30, seminar at 9:00. The Pavich's have plenty of chairs, so just show up to get shocked!



"After working all day on your gas guage, I'm feeling a little parched!! I also think I should have used some # 90+ sunblock..."



Ed and Patti's Annual Ice Cream Social Event by Eric Engle

One of the best and most anticipated club events took place yesterday, Saturday, July 18th, at **Ed and Patti Cote's** beautiful home. And once again it was a resounding success! Everyone who attended had a magnificent time! Thank you, **Ed and Patti**, so very much for hosting this fun event.

This same morning was the annual Vintage Automotive Swap Meet at the Veterans Memorial Stadium in Long Beach. It was attended by a good number of club members, sauntering down the aisles, searching for "hidden treasures". Most of the "parts hounds" found something to brighten their day, this editor included.

And as if that wasn't enough fun for one day, most of us topped off the day by visiting **Ed and Patti's** home to enjoy bowls of ice cream, with all the trimmings. A few of us (guess who) even had a nice glass of Root Beer Float (no "frosty mugs" unfortunately); just as I remembered from my childhood days! (I still miss those **A&W Frosty Mugs**!)

This was definitely a great day!!!

Oh....one more thing...**Ed Cote** auctioned off a very nice mountain bike, going to winner **Maury Long**. Ride on Girl!



Maury Long was the winning bid on this nice mountain bike.
Good job Maury !



One again, Patti and Ed Cote hosted a GREAT Ice Cream Social !



Sunshine & Sorrow

By Marilyn Singer
jmsinger@pacbell.net

Sunshine: When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive—to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love.

Sorrow: **Gerry Reid** had a heart attack on Sunday, July 12 and spent two days in the hospital. His doctor has increased or changed his blood thinner medicine. This is his third attack (the other two were during Covid). He is home and doing well.

*A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing,
the birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken.*

Happy Birthday – August

**Bill Baker Bob Currier Jeffrey Ferrario Susan Gaynor Bill Harris
Joanie Harris Barbara Knapp Lori Mylar Debbie Parrish Matthew Pavich
Joe Pospichal Mark Svoboda**

Please pass along my thanks for the lovely flowers that arrived from the club for Gerald's Celebration of Life! I brought them home and have made 4 bouquets to put in various rooms around the house to spread the memories.

Many thanks to all,
Diane Gaughen

With Gratitude:

Thank you for the many expressions of kindness and compassion during the recent illness and demise of Dale. The numerous cards, messages and visits were over the top. Even more meaningful were the presence of so many at his Memorial Service and the wonderful representation of the Model A era automobiles. Several of you were of assistance (you know who you are) in evaluating and testing his car to help with establishing the value prior to the sale to a club member. While I miss Dale and the Ford, I know I can always count on the OCMAFC for encouragement and support. THANK YOU. Kathie McCall

Road Trip to Mitchell Manufacturing

by Eric Engle

Club President, Mike Edmonson and I took a road trip this last weekend (July 25-26) up to Steve and Cindy Mitchell's shop in Williams, Calif., to see how the Mitchell overdrives and synchromesh transmissions are manufactured... and to pick up our own synchromesh transmissions, that will soon find homes in our respective cars.... **WOW!** It's quite the operation, to say the least!!

Originally started in 1977 by Steve's father, Glen Mitchell, they manufacture every aspect of the parts necessary for the overdrives, and all of the internals for the transmissions, at their facilities. They even case harden all the gears right there in shop. Very interesting to see what all it takes to manufacture all the gears, splined shafts, shifting arms, etc.

Steve is an interesting and chatty sort, and with Mike and I, who are well known to be a tiny bit "chatty" also, we talked, and talked, and talked for about 4+ hours, even though Mike and I needed to get back on the long road back to our home in Orange County; a 6 ½ hour drive, without stops...which there always are! But we were just having too much fun learning as much as we could from Steve and Cindy!!

Thank you Steve and Cindy for showing us everything involved with producing your very fine overdrives and transmissions. It was a **REAL** pleasure meeting with the both of you....



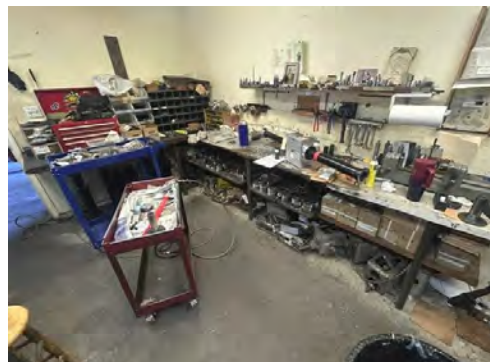
Mike E. and Dino in beautiful downtown Williams, Ca.



Beginning stage of gear



Almost finished gear



Assembly room. Cindy Mitchell (not photographed) usually does assembly



Glen Mitchell, Steve's father, who started the business many years ago

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

Sept. 18-19th, MAFCA Model A Days at the Model A Museum, Join us as we celebrate the Model A and the Model A Speedster. September 18 & 19 on the grounds of The Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan

<https://www.maffi.org/index.htm>

Sept. 19th is International Model A Day. FREE ... Just go out and

drive your Model A !!!!
Commemorative patches are available at \$4.00 apiece, with a minimum order of 20 to Bruce Adams, 254 Ocean Avenue, Northport, New York, 11768

Oct. 24th, 9am to 1pm., Vintage Cars and Warbird Birds, 6936 Flight Rd., Riverside, Ca.,

FREE...

<https://obamodela.wixsite.com/riverside>

FOLLOW THE TRACKS OF TIME

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Registration Opens August 1, 2026



4th of July Spectacle At the Morningside of Fullerton Retirement Community by Eric Engle

The Orange Co. Model A Club was invited to two different events to celebrate our country's 250th birthday. One group of club members went to participate in a 4th of July parade through a Newport Beach neighborhood. Our group, on the other hand, paraded through a beautiful retirement community in the City of Fullerton. Our group was only a part of a much larger group of classic/vintage vehicles, and modern day sports cars. Very nice turnout!! Our parade started cruising through the community about 10 am, winding through the complex a couple of times, waving, Aaougha-ing, and just generally having a great time bringing smiles to all the spectators....and trust me, there were a LOT of smiles on all of the residents there!!! It was a very good day for celebrating the birth of our great nation. Thanks be to **Ron Andrew** for getting our club members once again invited to this fun event.



The 4th of July parade in Newport Beach...

By Mike Edmonson

...started off with a surprise guest: rain drops, albeit rather brief and sparse, but it was still surprising to hear a few "pitter-pats" on the roof of a Model A in July. But the best part was keeping the temperature in the low 70's -- perfect parade weather for the six cars and 11 club members representing OCMAFC. This community parade was our second year in attendance, had several special guests to mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation, including President John Adams, Uncle Sam, and Betsy Ross. Besides the wonderful lunch of In-n-Out burgers, chips and a soda (how can you go wrong with that combination), the afternoon was highlighted with a rousing recitation of the Declaration of Independence by one of our Founding Fathers, President John Adams -- all in all a perfect way to cap off our Nations 250th anniversary.

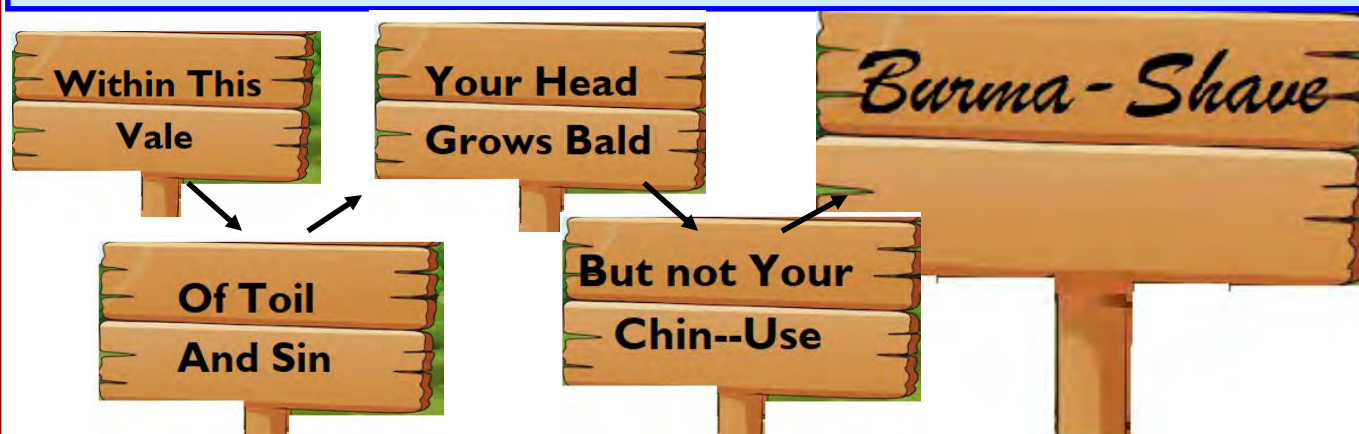


Bucks and Ballyhoo...by Diane Gaughen

Route 66 wasn't just a great way to get across the country, but it was a way to make money and be a part of adventures. June Morris was a kid who grew up watching Route 66 being constructed near her grandfather's farm in Miller, Missouri. She got to see matinee idol Douglas Fairbanks drive his sweetie, Mary Pickford on the highway. She also witnessed a giant flatbed truck carrying the huge mirror to the Mount Palomar Observatory in California. This was more fun than going to the movies!

One of the greatest events for sheer outrageousness was the time in 1928 when sports promoter C. C. Pyle staged a 3400-mile footrace (The Bunion Derby) from Los Angeles to Chicago following Route 66. It continued on from there all the way to New York City and ended 3 months later. The prize for the winner was \$25,000! Teletype and radio allowed people to follow the fates of the runners until they finally made it to their destination. It was great publicity for the not-yet-fully-paved road.

The winner was Andy Payne, a Cherokee Indian who had grown up on a farm in Oklahoma. He hoped the prize money would help his family who was struggling and pay for his wedding! Oklahoma welcomed the runners and Will Rogers even offered a prize to the first runner to reach his hometown of Claremore.



Just for Laughs





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Next General Meeting

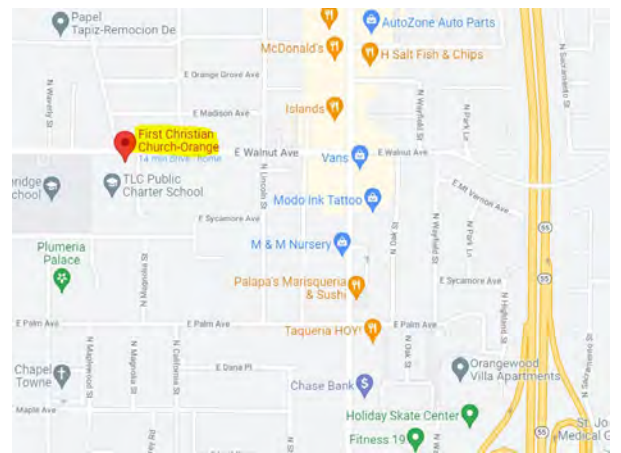
[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting , Aug 13, 2026

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



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