

Orange County Model A Ford Club

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Editor Eric Engle

OCMAFC Members getting their Model A's out and about are making the news! This is great for our hobby. Great job bringing the Model A's to the forefront within the community!



Los Angeles Times

Massive caravan kicks off Route 66's 100th anniversary in Santa Monica

George Kulakowski in his 1931 Model 79-B Panel Delivery at the start of the Route 66 Centennial tour. Don't miss George's companion below the door waiting for the adventure patiently.



Eric Engle

Left: Stonehenge or a toy set (hint: Eric is traveling). Right: In Amsterdam entering the Anne Frank house. Was he wishing he had his Model A with him?



THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Anaheim rallies to celebrate Old Glory

Rick & Louise Hall in their 1931 Roadster Deluxe following Bob Osterhoudt with his decked out electric trike in the 31st annual Anaheim Flag Day parade on June 14.



News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Happy Independence Day!!!

I hope everyone has had a great and safe summer so far. The 4th of July and the 250th anniversary of our great Nation is right around the corner, and of course many events, picnics, family gatherings, fireworks, and parades will be occurring. And don't you think our Model A's fit right in with the patriotic themes depicted in a Norman Rockwell painting? I certainly think so, especially when they are decked out to nines with flags, bunting and other such decorations.

We have two 4th of July parades that our club is officially participating in: one in Fullerton, and the other in Newport Beach. Both should be fun with ahoogas and food to boot.

Speaking of food.....did I say food? Food, fun, and great "spirits" will be had at fellow club member **Wade Ratzlaff's** home up in Newhall for the 3rd Annual 5th of July BBQ Party care of the San Fernando Model A Club. For all of you that say that's a bit of a distance to drive, just remember that **Wade** comes down to our First Saturday of the Month breakfasts quite often, so I don't want to hear any whining or complaining; and you can even drive your moderns if you want. Instead of flipping pancakes, I'll be there flipping tri-tips, burgers, hotdogs...whatever might be on the grill. So please come and joining in on the fun at what is quickly becoming an annual tradition.

And for those that don't know about our club, we don't slow down for nothin' (unless you are in that unfortunate situation along the side of the road and scratching your head wishing that a **Don Ratzlaff** or **Dennis Kliesen** were right behind you). If you have a hint of that, "I can fix anything" type of blood in you, or if you would like to learn more, **David Knapp** will be conducting a tech seminar on the repair and/or replacement of fuel gauges (and other unspecified items -- meaning more layers of the onion) at **Bonnie Nardulli's** home on July 11th. Coffee and donuts, what could be more patriotic!

And let us not forget about our club's annual Ice Cream Social held at **Ed and Patti Côté's** home in Santa Ana. **Patti** always has plate's full of brownies, cookies, and assorted other goodies that will certainly throw your diet off + ice cream with every topping imaginable. Sorry, no apple pie...or maybe if we wish hard enough???? After all, this is our 250th anniversary. Be proud America, and I hope to see you there or at any of our wonderful activities happening this month.

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

JUNE 11, 2026, 730PM



The meeting was called to order by President, **Mike Edmonson**, followed by the flag salute and a moment of silence for **Drain Marshall**. **Marilyn Singer-Hawkins** told a joke.

MINUTES: The past minutes were provided in the newsletter. Secretary, **Debbie Parrish**, **Eric Engle** made a motion to accept and **Ed Cote 2nd**. All approved.

FINANCIAL: **Joni Terens** presented the financial report. **Pam Heiland** made a motion to accept and **Ed Cote 2nd**. All approved. Total membership is 124.

ACTIVITIES: 4th of July parade in Newport or Morningside Residential for car showing and lunch. Many activities are coming up so check the calendar. Ice-cream Social at **Coté's** July 18th.

TECHNICAL: July 11th @ **Bonnie Nardulli's** home in Mission Viejo. Seminar is on gas gauges and troubleshooting issues.

EDITOR: **Eric Engle** will be on vacation so **Becky** will be taking care of the newsletter.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: **Rick and Louise Hall** celebrated their 56th Anniversary. **Mike Edmonson's mother** died. **Doug Marsh** will have a pacemaker put in and asked for prayers. **Tom Endy** has had another stroke and is being moved to Huntington Beach

RAFFLES: **Pam Heiland** won ten dollars for the attendance raffle. **Nathan and Jeanette Sherry** won the \$20 for membership raffle but were not present to take home the cash. Roll over to next month = \$30

VISITORS: **Lew Shaver**, President of the Idaho Center City Club, **Norm & Lori Kredit's** son, **Chad and Kim Kredit**. **Jessica and Will Minton** have two A's. They saw **Eric Engle** driving his coupe, stopped and got more info, hoping to become new members. WELCOME TO ALL!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS: **Kathie McCall**, **Marilyn Singer-Hawkins**, **Kaci Terens**, and **Debbie Pavich**

REFRESHMENTS: provided by **Ron Andrews**, **Sherry Reid**, **Joni and Kaci Terens**, **Karl Bonham**, **Rick and Louise Hall**, **Aaron Magdaleno** and **Linda Tom** for the drinks

The meeting adjourned 8:30pm with 53 members.
 Submitted by Secretary **Debbie Parrish** awaiting approval.

Happy 250th Birthday America!



Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar

July 2 (Thur) - Drain Marshall Memorial Service-2:00pm

Inglewood **Park** Cemetery, 3801 W. Manchester Blvd, Inglewood.

July 4th (Sat) - Parades

• Newport Beach Community.

9:30am. Parade

starts at 10:30am

RSVP to Jennifer Ferrario.

• Morningside Senior Living, Fullerton

9:00am-11:30am. Parade starts at 10:00am. Breakfast burritos, coffee, etc provided. Other vintage cars included. Contact is Ron Andrews.



July 4th (Sat) Denny's BS Breakfast—

8:00am. 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana. A few of us "will" be there.



July 5th (Sun) San Fernando Valley Model A Club BBQ.

11:00am-3:00pm

Free. Side dishes welcome. There will be members of our club attending. 24422 Cross St., Newhall. Bring your own chair. See flyer Page 6—RSVP needed. Side dishes welcome.



July 9 (Thurs) General Meeting 7:30pm

First Christian Church—1130 E. Walnut, Orange.



July 11th (Sat) - Tech Seminar—Fuel Gauge Repair 8:30am

Bonnie Nardulli's home, Mission Viejo. Address will be emailed/texted.



July 18th (Sat) - Ice Cream Social 12:00noon

See box to the right....



July 23rd (Thurs) 4th Thurs Breakfast—9:00am

Paul's Coffee Shop, 16947 Bushard St, Fountain Valley



July 25 (Sat) - Car display for Oakmont of Whittier Senior Facility. 11:00am-2:00pm

13617 Whittier Blvd, Whittier. Food & drinks provided. RSVP to Ron Andrews.



It's time for the Annual

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**July 18th
12—2 pm**

Family Members Welcome

Yup...the always special

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Please RSVP to Ed and Patti Coté



Swap Meets/Car Shows

Jul 18 (Sat) 72nd Annual Vintage Classic Parts Exchange, LB Model T Club, Long Beach City College Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St, Long Beach, \$5 admission, Free Parking

Aug 8 (Sat)—So-Cal Early Ford V-8 Club Inter-Regional Swap Meet Elks Lodge, 7212 Melrose Ave, Buena Park. \$2 entry. See flyer page 12.

Aug 15 (Sat)—El Segundo 28th Annual Main Street Car Show 427 Main Street, El Segundo
<https://www.elsegundochamber.com/main-street-car-show-2026>

Aug 16 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex Gate 17, 1801 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

Speedometer Noise!

Speeding in a Model A—it could happen...maybe...possibly...I mean there are school zones! It seems quite a few of our members currently have or have had some kind of speedometer issue. On June 13, a hardy crew gathered at Jennifer Ferrario's to learn more about speedometer cables and potential related issues. The workshop started off with the typical donuts and coffee enjoyed by all.

Before our main topic, we began the workshop by discussing pop-out switches. One major key point: the name pop-out more than implies there is some form of 'popping out' that has to occur for it to work. After discussing the styles and functions of pop-outs, discussion transitioned to failure issues with pop-outs. This was a natural lead-in to discussing the second topic—electrical shorts.

There are two important tools for diagnosing electrical shorts: 1) a test light and 2) a multimeter. If your Model A has a fuse and it keeps blowing, you likely have an electrical short. To help isolate it, replace the fuse with the test light. The light will illuminate and stay lit until you find and remove the short. To find the short, start removing electrical connections from the system until the light goes out. The easiest circuit to remove is the headlight/horn harness. If that is not where your short is, move on to the junction box. One by one disconnect wires from the junction box. When the light goes out, you know which wire or circuit to troubleshoot.

Eventually we got to our main topic: speedometer noise! With Jennifer's roadster, we removed the speedometer cable and inspected it and the housing carefully. During disassembly, we realized the speedometer wasn't even hooked up. Despite that, the car had noise that was typical symptom of a speedometer cable. We compared the old speedometer cable parts to new reproduction parts and found several notable differences. We then tested the speedometer using the old cable and housing to ensure the speedometer worked. To do this we connected the lower end of the cable to a drill run in reverse (counter-clockwise). The speedometer cable had a few oddly worn spots and some unusual lubrication. We chose to install a new cable into the original housing. Prior to installation, a liberal coating of cable lubrication was applied. Recommended lubricants were AC Cable Lube provided by Brian Huffman and Chain and Cable Lube provided by David Knapp. Jennifer opted for the AC Cable Lube and the car was reassembled. She can now watch her speed!

We learned a few other things when we discovered the car had a dead battery and a stuck float, but that may be a topic for a future episode. Join us next month where we will repair a gas gauge, troubleshoot a poorly running Model A, and another surprise topic!



"The perfect Ford tool!"... Jennifer's carburetor was leaking some fuel, so she was tapping on it with a hammer to get it to stop, which is an acceptable practice that sometimes works.

Drain Marshall

This obituary was printed by IATSE Local 728 (Motion Picture Set Lighting organization)

Drain was a member of Local 728 for over 65 years, marking an extraordinary lifetime of service and membership. Drain was part of what may fairly be called one of Local 728's family dynasties. Past and present members of the Marshall family number 15 in total, and Drain was the last of the oldest generation.

When he joined the Local in May of 1958, he paid the then-whopping sum of \$100.00 in initiation fees and was formally voted into membership. Like many of his generation, Drain followed the traditional path through the craft. He spent several years working on rigging crews before moving on to green deck lamp operator, then to work on the floor. He eventually became a Best Boy and by the early 1980s began working as a Chief Lighting Technician or as it is commonly known, a Gaffer.

His career spanned feature films, television series and sitcoms, reflecting both his skill and his deep commitment to the craft. Drain retired in April 1999 to spend more time with his wife, Delores, his extended family and his passion project: his beloved VW Bug.

Local 728 extends its sincere condolences to the Marshall family, his friends and all who had the privilege of working alongside him.

3RD ANNUAL
5TH OF JULY
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Model A Club
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Drain Mahaffey Marshall

April 14, 1932 - June 6, 2026

FUNERAL SERVICE:
 THURSDAY JULY 2ND AT 2:00PM

INGLEWOOD PARK MORTUARY
 3801 W. MANCHESTER BLVD.
 INGLEWOOD, CA 90302

Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Singer

Sunshine: Wedding anniversaries for the month: June 13 **Rick & Louise Hall**—56 yrs; June 28 **Norm & Lori Kredit**—57 yrs; and June 4 **Richard & Jeanne Parrish**—66 yrs. Congratulations to all.

Sorrow: **Mike Edmonson's** mother passed away on June 11 at the age of 95 years. She lived in the state of Washington. **Ellie Pease's** mother passed away at the age of 97. **Doug Marsh** had a pacemaker inserted to regulate his heart beat. Went to see the doctor about elbow surgery and they discovered a heart problem. **Drain Marshall** passed away June 6 (very active member since 1999). Drain had been in and out of hospital since early January. **Tom Endy** had a stroke early June and was taken to Hoag Hospital. As of June 10, he was moved to board and care residence in Huntington Beach. He is alert, talking clearly and doing quite well.



PATRIOTIC – 250 Years of Freedom

“We’re blessed with the opportunity to stand for something—for liberty and freedom and fairness. And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to.”

—Ronald Reagan

Happy Birthday – July

John Carter	Mary Dormeyer	Rodger Gulledge	Pam Heiland	Dennis Kleisen	Lori Kredit
Beatrice Noiman-Buck	Jim Persons	Cathy Thomason	Gina Wilson	Perry Wilson	

Fully Paved!... by Diane Gaughen

The continuing series of Route 66

After Oklahoma, the other Southwestern states to be paved were Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. How were they coming along?

Texas had a lot of catching up to do since there was no concrete on Route 66 in 1929. But in 1930, things started to progress. The state started buying up rights-of-way and grading the roadbed so construction could begin. Around 1934, Jesse Smith, a farmer from McLean, was “loading gravel by hand with a pair of mules and a little old two-wheel car.” But it did the job!

New Mexico made a lot of progress after Governor Clyde Tingley was elected on a good-roads platform in 1935. At that time, 66 was a combination of dirt, gravel and some pavement. But by 1937, the paving was done! Floyd Shaw was one of the surveyors for the paving crews. “A lot of the dirt was moved by trucks, but the finish work was done with mules and horses.”

Arizona had its own particular issues: the road builders would build concrete dips through the creeks and washes instead of building bridges because of the expense. But when tourists would see water in the dips, they would try to drive around them and get stuck in quicksand! But by 1937, the concrete was completed.

California, on the other hand, was way ahead. By 1934, it was fully paved! This was a good thing, because by 1925, Los Angeles had one automobile for every three people! And the population doubled between 1920 and 1930. When 66 was fully paved in 1938, a person could start a drive on the edge of Lake Michigan and 5 days later, be looking at the Pacific Ocean.

News from the Road— Centennial Route 66 Tour

We have been watching the news from the Route 66 Centennial Tour including Leonard Nettles & George Kulakowski (who went part way). Updates occasionally show up on the MAFCA Facebook Group.



“On June 17, the group spent the evening with the Oklahoma City Model A Club at a member’s shop for a well deserved maintenance stop. The local club helped with oil changes, replacing a fan blade, reconnecting shock lines and assessed a damaged spring. A homemade meal followed with good friends and conversation.



Senior “A” Days by Ron Andrews

In June, we had two events scheduled back-to-back to showcase our cars at Senior Living Facilities.

At Buena Parks Senior Center attended by **Don Ratzlaff, Mark Polentz, Gary Livesey, Debbie & Rodger Gulledge, Ron Andrews** and a friend from another club, Jerry Garvin (and his 55 Studebaker Commander); the day got warm early and attendance by the residents was very low. But we were served a great BBQ burgers and dogs lunch. Buena Park has an outstanding facility and a huge meeting room, Was sad that more of the seniors didn’t take advantage of this event.



Next was Silverado Memory Care Home in Brea. We had just 3 Model A’s (**Steve Pavich, Debbie & Rodger Gulledge and Ron Andrews**) but a gentleman showed up in his bright red 97 Corvette looking like new. Then a 55 Chevy and a 60’s Lancia came so we had enough for a party. Lots of residents came out, some in wheelchairs, to look at our prize possessions, taking pictures and asking questions. Lunch was great with cheeseburgers, hot dogs, salads and desserts. The topper was root beer floats.



I am glad we could entertain the residents at both of these facilities. Makes it worthwhile owning a Model A.

Next event—Morningside Fourth of July parade.

Until next time, Ron



PARTS FOR SALE

Ron Andrews has Model A Parts for Sale. Contact Ron for more info.

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for the
next Distributor is
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and ads to
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or mail to Eric Engle,
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Fountain Valley, Ca.,
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ing 2026 renewals.
Call 866-379-3619**

or
visit

www.mafca.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES 2026

Sept. 19th,

International Model A Ford Day will be
a **OCMAFC Progressive Lunch** with
3 stops to enjoy food and friends!
More info coming! See box to the
left, we need help.

**Sept. 18-19, Model A Day at the Gil-
more, Celebrating Model A Speed-
sters at the Gilmore Car Museum,
Hickory Corners, Mich.**

<https://www.maffi.org/WSContent/MAD.html>

2027

**OCMAFC Installation Banquet at
The Villa. Sunday, January 10 —
1:00pm-4:00pm**

CCRG Annual Jamboree

**SCRG will be helping CCRG to host
this annual event for 2027. Help will
be needed. May 13-15, 2027 at Cam-
bria Pines Lodge, Cambria, Calif.
Contact is Jennifer Ferrario**



OCMAFC Progressive Lunch—WE NEED YOUR HELP

Marilyn Singer and Becky MacIntosh would like to coor-
dinate the Progressive Lunch this year on **Saturday,
Sept 19—INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD
DAY**—A day designated for getting out and driving your
Model A!

Richard Parrish and Debbie are hosting appetizers.
Marilyn Singer is hosting Desserts.

**WE NEED SOMEONE TO HOST THE LUNCH
STOP.** Something that feeds a crowd of 50 quickly.
Club reimbursement for food. We can have members
bring their own chairs.

An IDEA... We could do lunch at HART Park in
Orange. Your menu or we could buy rolls, meat,
cheese, vege tray, chips from Costco and serve. Need
a couple people to handle this.

Contact **Becky MacIntosh** to help. The event will not
continue without your help.

From **Doug Marsh,,,**

*Happily, I am on the road to recovery after my recent pacemaker operation. Now that I am
Battery Operated, I am feeling better and have more stamina.*

*Thank you Marilyn Singer-Hawkins for the uplifting and funny Get-Well card. I truly appreciate all
of the prayers and comforting words of encouragement.*

STAR SPANGLED BANNER DAY....by Eric Engle

June 14th.....a PERFECT day to celebrate our American flag and all that it stands for! Once again, thanks to the efforts of **Gina and Perry Wilson**, our club members were invited to be a part of a really fun annual event in the City of Anaheim; this coming year having an extra special meaning as we are on the cusp of our Nation's 250th year of independence. We are also gearing up for all of our club's summer events....so stay informed by reading on in the newsletter. All this month's summer events will be in the Calendar of Events/Activities on Page 4.

There was an impressive number of club cars/members this year...maybe the most that I've seen. There was also a number of Tri-Five Chevys, every one being decked out in American flags, top to bottom, stem to stern! There were also marching bands, along with gorgeous Mexican maidens, all wearing beautiful traditional Mexican dresses.

This was a very special day of celebration of our Nation's flag and traditions. Great work, Gina and Perry....!! Thank you so much for inviting everyone. And thanks to all the club members who came out with their decorated A's.



Installing Light Switch Spider

Idea submitted by Dennis Thomson, South Weber, Utah
Illustration by Stephen Holt, Urbana, Illinois

Tiny Tips

From MAFCA Members

THIS TIP FOR INSTALLING the light switch spider on the horn rod came to me from Randy Christiansen.

- Cut a four-inch length of ½-inch conduit.
- Cut a ½-inch window in one end and place a wood plug in the other end.
- Push the light switch spider onto the horn rod and install the C-clip to the horn through the window using needle nose pliers. If you drop the C-clip, it falls into the conduit where it can easily be retrieved.



Your Idea Goes Here!

IF YOU HAVE A HELPFUL TIP about Model A restoration or maintenance, please send it, with a photo or sketch, to the MAFCA office: 250 S. Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631 or email to: Restorer@mafca.com

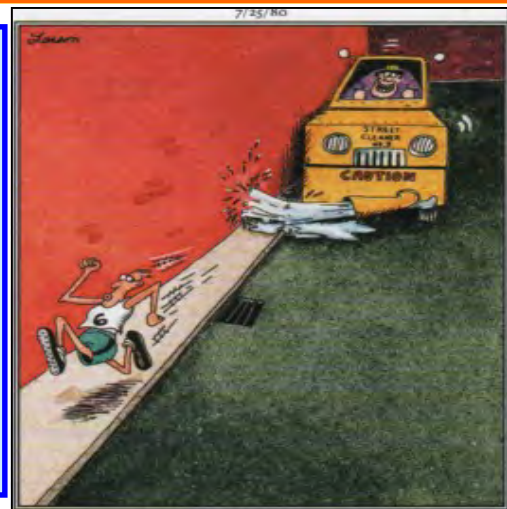
From Restorer Magazine

Just for Laughs



"Well...you've stumped me. Most folks only want to know how to go the other way."

**Quality
means doing
it right when
no one is
looking**





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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 July 9th, 2026

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

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



13th Annual So-Cal Early Ford V-8 Club Inter-Regional

*Giant...
Collector Car*



Swap Meet

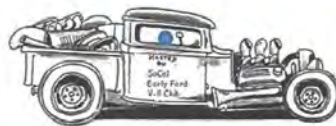
*Lots of Ford
Flathead Stuff*



Saturday, August 8, 2026

The only place that you're going to find Early Ford stuff
 is at a swap meet like this - put on by Early Ford V-8 Club folks
 Car & Truck Parts - Accessories - Tools - Literature, Books & much more

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the Public
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