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## A Beautiful Sunny So. California Day For a Pancake Breakfast ??????

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## News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Greetings!

As the saying goes, “April showers bring May flowers”.....ouch! Those April showers were no fun at our pancake breakfast, memorable though it might be. But with time grows fondness, so I now look back and smile as I remember seeing **Ed Côté** and his Model A Pickup meander back and forth through the torrential river flowing down the center of our parking lot. And seeing people being ferried from one side of the parking lot to the other to avoid getting feet and pantlegs soaked. But what I remember most is seeing our club come together, helping each other out under some trying circumstance. Whether it was those braving the rainfall down in the parking lot, up in the kitchen, or in the raffle area, everyone came together and made this year’s pancake breakfast a success at a whole new level. And for that, everyone needs to be commended.



April has indeed been a tough month, most importantly being driven by the loss of two of our beloved members - **Dale McCall** and **Gerald Gaughen**. Our hearts and love go out to both **Kathie** and **Diane** for their tremendous loss. But their loss is also our own loss as well; both **Dale** and **Gerald** contributed so much by their presence alone. Their positive can-do attitude and infectious smiles will be missed by all. Be sure to mark June 20th (NEW DATE) on your calendar for **Gerald’s** memorial service, and be on the lookout for **Dale’s** service too as we pay tribute to these two great men.

But we have had bright spots as well, both in April and continuing into the month of May as **Ron Andrews**, with the help of some great school officials, have lined up a number of school visits sharing the joy and ingenuity of our Model A. **Ron** has another school visit lined up in early May and possibly later in the month too! This month’s technical seminar on May 9th being headed up by Technical Director **David Knapp** is also at a technical school in Tustin, so we are getting plenty of outreach to our youth while also advertising our club’s youth membership and the MAFCA youth membership. For those that have volunteered themselves and their cars, a big thank you! There are still a couple of more events, so if you are interested, please reach out to **Ron** and **David**.

Tours and activities wise we have a few options in the mix to include a possible tour up to Mt. Baldy, Back in the Day Antiques & Collectibles (possibly in June), and the American Military Museum so be on the lookout for announcements. Also, don’t forget to start planning smaller unofficial tours in our region too. As well, by the time our May 14th monthly meeting comes around, a number of us should have some good stories (hopefully no Hard-Luck stories) from our trip up to Bakersfield for the annual CCRG Jamboree, traveling April 30-May2.

And now, back to the turnaround....

*Mike*

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 Tours- ???  
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 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****APRIL 9, 2026, 730PM**

Our President, **Mike Edmonson** opened the meeting, followed by the  
 flag salute. **Marilyn Singer-Hawkins** told a joke.

**MINUTES:** The previous minutes were provided in the newsletter.

**Steve Pavich** made a motion to accept and **Ed Cote 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All approved.

**FINANCIAL:** **Joni Terens** presented the financial report, hitting a  
 small negative before the pancake breakfast. **Aaron Magdaleno** made  
 a motion to accept and **Sheila Plotkin 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All approved. Total mem-  
 bership is 118.

**ACTIVITIES:** Watch upcoming events and tours. Mt Baldy, SCRG  
 BBQ, and possible Olvera St. and Union station in LA. SCRG in begin-  
 ning of May. Please contact **Mike Edmonson** or **Becky MacIntosh** for  
 details. Finishing up on all details for pancake breakfast. **RAIN OR**

**SHINE.**

**TECHNICAL:** 4/18 at **Richards Parrish's** house. 5/9 ATEP (Advanced  
 Technical Education Park). **David Knapp** has set up an event at their  
**OPEN HOUSE**. A few cars will be on display. a tour of the facility will  
 be at 9:30am. **Dennis Kliesen** will give a demonstration, Please con-

tact **David** for details. It looks like a great event.

**SUNSHINE AND SORROW:** **Dale McCall** is home from hospital and  
 on hospice. **Norm Kredit** is still suffering from broken bones and has  
 trouble sitting for any amount of time. **Drain Marshall** was in the hos-  
 pital again for swelling legs and possible hernia.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **Ron Andrews** has got involved with **YOUTH**

**AWARENESS** and goes to multiple high schools to show off our cars  
 and get younger folks interested in all our club has to offer. He has hit  
 4 high schools in our area and more to come. Great job **Ron!** To help

**Ron** or join the next event, please get in touch.

**GUESTS:** **Ed Tolman** from MAFCA, **Graham Reid** was a visitor. **Scott**  
**Bolls** is here from Thailand, just to work at pancake breakfast? **Karen**

**Gaynor** traveled from New York to visit. Welcome to all!

**RAFFLES:** won ten dollars for the attendance raffle. **Sheila Plotkin**  
 won ten dollars for the membership raffle. Will YOU be the lucky  
 winner?

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS:** **Scott Bolls, Jennifer Ferrario, Bev Marsh, Drain**

**Marshall, Becky MacIntosh, Gerry Reid, Patty Cote, Steve Pavich**  
**REFRESHMENTS:** Thanks go to **Debbie Pavich, Chrisanne Edmon-**  
**son, Lori Kredit, Sherry Reed, and Linda Tom** for drinks.

The meeting adjourned at 830pm with 37 members.

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

## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**May 2nd (Sat) - 8:00am**—First Saturday Breakfast BS Session, Denny's, 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana.



**May 14th (Thurs), 7:30pm**  
General meeting.  
Board Meeting 6:30pm  
1130 E. Walnut, Orange



**May 5th, (Tue), 8:30-11, Valley High School** visit, 1801 S. Greenville, Santa Ana, OCMAC will be showing a few club cars to the students to encourage them to get involved with the Model A Ford hobby. Cont: Ron Andrews for info.



**May 27th (Wed), "Hump Day Breakfast"**, TBA.



**May 9th (Sat) 8:30-12**, ATP Tech, Presentation and Car Show, Irvine Adv. Tech. & Education Park, 1624 Valencia Ave., Unit 201, Tustin, Ca., 8:30 Coffee & Donuts, 9am Dennis Kliesen Distributor Workshop, 9:30 OCMAFC Tour of ATP facilities, 10-11am Model A Demonstration for students, Cont: Dave Knapp for info.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

# Memorial for Gerald Gaughen



Saturday, June 20

**(NEW DATE)**

11:00am- Reception to follow

**Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church,  
11600 Los Alamitos Blvd.,  
Los Alamitos, Ca.**

## 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.

Sunday,

**May 3rd, Long Beach High-Performance Swap Meet, 6am-1pm, Spectator \$15, Free Parking, Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach.**

**Friday/Saturday, May 1-2: Bakersfield Swap meet. Minter Airfield, 201 Aviation St, Shafter, CA**  
**Sunday, June 28, Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show, \$15 cash per person, children 12 and under free. Parking fee of \$20 (card only).**

**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

April's Technical *Workshop* was just that, work! Well, we worked when we hand the bolts we needed. We did successfully install Richard's #1 Burtz Block and Mitchell transmission which are now resting easily inside the frame rails of his Model A. Our day started with a safety talk—pinch hazards, drop hazards, fire, spills, and more. It must have been successful as no injuries were reported or encountered.

Our biggest challenge (besides bolts)? Installing the front bolt for the drivers side rear axle radius arm. After lots of brainstorming amongst the team, a few ideas were tried/failed, one simple idea prevailed. Here is “how it’s done”: Use a ratchet strap—link one end to the passenger rear radius arm near the brake backing plate. Hook the other end around the middle of the drivers side radius arm and tighten the strap. With enough pressure on the radius arm you will flex it and effectively shorten the arm allowing installation of the front bolt. This literally takes less than 10 minutes! The day was a success—thank you to all who participated!

May 9 is our next Technical Event. This will begin with an informative discussion of ignition components by Dennis Kleisen. Topics will include distributors, caps, and spark plugs...maybe more! Then we will have a tour of the ATEP facility at Irvine College. Following our tours, several members will stick around to demonstrate the features of a Model A to the students who attend the school. There is a car show, high school electric cart races and more—it will be fun! The location is Irvine Valley College ATEP (Advance Technology and Education Park) facility, 1624 Valencia Ave, Tustin. Watch for an email flyer with details and a map.

*Dave*



# Pancake Breakfast 2026 by Eric Engle

You may have heard that, “It never rains in Southern California” .... Well, we have proof that isn’t always necessarily true. While our annual OCMAFC Pancake Breakfast did indeed experience a bit of rain, nonetheless that didn’t dampen the spirits of the brave Model A’ers who were venturous enough to come on out to enjoy our annual Pancake Breakfast. A bit of an explanation needs to be given to address some of the event photos below.

The parking lot of the historical Hart Park in the City of Orange, is also part of the local flood control system. As such, there is a dam upstream from the park. Though the amount of rainfall for the day of the breakfast was only about 0.2 of an inch, seems that someone upstream decided to lower the water level behind the dam. Though short lived, for about 1 hour, the center of the parking lot looked to be a torrent of raging waters. Even still, everyone actually enjoyed the spectacle of water rushing though. And one resourceful Model A’er took it upon himself to shuttle a few folks from one side of the “raging waters” to the other. *(I wonder if that’s something along the lines of how the Uber company got started? Hummm....)*

Rain or shine, everyone there had a great time enjoying pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and/or orange juice. And then there were all the Model A’s, Model T’s, hot rods and vintage bicycles to check out. And trust me, there were some FINE looking vehicles to look at!! All-in-all it turned out to be a very enjoyable event! See you next year....



Note the lack of water in the channel earlier in the morning

Just a bit later; same parking lot / channel

**Sunshine & Sorrow**

By Marilyn Singer  
[jmsinger@pacbell.net](mailto:jmsinger@pacbell.net)

**Sunshine:** Remember to tell your loved ones you care.

**Sorrow:** Heart-breaking news that our club has lost two members this last month. **Dale McCall** passed away on April 18. He and his wife **Kathie** have been OCMAFC members since 1993, always volunteered when needed. Memorial services pending. And then on April 20, **Gerald Gaughen** passed away. If you recall he and his wife **Diane** made the Route 66 trip in 2017. Memorial services on Saturday, June 20th (\*New Date\*). More info to come. Our prayers and sympathy are with the **McCall** and **Gaughen** families.

*The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side.*

Happy Birthday – May

**Ron Andrews Meredith Castillo Karen Gaynor Beryl Johnson Judy McQuaid  
 Everett Parker Kathleen Schaner Jerry Sterling Jody Smith**

## Memories, Memories... by Diane Gaughen

In the heart of Oklahoma City, Grady Bell recalled how his father had worked on Route 66 all the way across Oklahoma. It saved them from starving during the Depression when Dad got a job with the Works Progress Administration (WPA). He hauled dirt with a team of horses and a dirt shovel from 1930 to 1938. Likewise, LeRoy Martin helped build the road around Elk City when he was 15 years old. Life was tough but they were happy to have work.

Allie Alba, who had come to Oklahoma in a covered wagon, recalled watching the concrete being laid. "...the concrete would expand in hot weather, and cold weather it would draw up. It had to have space. I worked out there on the highway when they done it. We had to take it out if we didn't leave space because it'd buckle up."

Garland Lowry had his own memories in Canute; "We had a street dance under the railroad trestle when they finished the pavement, the night before they opened it up to traffic. It took plum two or three years to get that road paved through town."

The last part of U.S. 66 to be paved in Oklahoma was a short section from Miami to Afton, which was completed in autumn of 1937. At last! But what about the other Southwestern states? Stay tuned...

## **A Day at High School**.....by Becky MacIntosh.

The club hit the road for a great cause this April...bringing the Model A hobby straight to the next generation.

Our first stop was Buena Park High School on April 8<sup>th</sup>, where **Ron Andrews** led the effort, joined by **Steve & Matt Pavich** and **Don Ratzlaff**. The team connected with all three levels of automotive shop classes approximately 110 students enrolled in the Regional Occupational Program (ROP) courses. These programs, offered at high schools, community programs and junior colleges, provide “hands-on” career training, with Automotive Technology being one of the largest and most popular tracks. Students are also exploring fields such as Culinary Arts, Emergency Medical Responder, Graphic Design/Digital Arts, Patient Care, and even Artificial Intelligence.

The momentum continued on April 15<sup>th</sup> with a visit to Sunny Hills High School in Fullerton...Ron's alma mater. Participating in this stop were **Ron Andrews, Eric Engle, Gary Livesey, and Becky & Bruce MacIntosh**. The shop teacher had done his homework and had written questions the students had to get answered by listening and asking. Are you ready to answer these questions?? Why did Ford use a 6-volt electrical system? What are those levers on the steering column and wheel for?? What is a “Death Wobble”?? How do you use the Hand Crank?? The 25 students were polite and took an interest in our hobby.

Ron already has additional high school visits lined up across Orange County, where he'll continue speaking to classes and showcasing Model A's out on campus quads. Volunteers and vehicles are always needed; ideally 3-4 cars per event. So if you're interested in participating, be sure to reach out to **Ron** and join the effort to keep the hobby rolling into the future.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SAVE THE DATES :** The NCRG – Northern California Regional Group will host their annual Mini Roundup in Sonora, California May 22-24 hosted by the Sonora A's. Seminars, driving tour, gymkhana, Hubley Derby, raffle and banquet. Info and registration: <https://www.sonoraas.com/2026-mini-round-up>

### **ACCC Update:**

#### **Do you know who your Senate and Assembly members are?**

By Dave Knapp

The Association of California Car Clubs Spring newsletter had two interesting things in it. The first item was information on the Leno's Law reintroduction. That topic was covered in an article here last month. Hopefully you took time to send a letter to support this change. The fate of that legislative item should be clearer by the time this article is printed, but as of this writing it is not.

The second item of interest was a small note for identifying who your Senate and Assembly representatives are. I had no idea who mine were, but by following some simple instructions I do now! If you'd like to know, here is a quick way to find out....

Go to [assembly.ca.gov](http://assembly.ca.gov)

Click on "Members" at the top of the page.

Select "Find your representative".

Enter your address and scroll down.

Two tabs appear: One for your Assembly Member and the other your Senate Member.

Another bit of learning I received by doing this, I now know what jerrymandering looks like in my part of Orange County.

# Grease

By Tom Endy

The Model A Ford has numerous grease fittings sticking out all over the car just begging to be greased. However, one area Henry failed to consider is the two parking brake levers on the rear wheels, each with a pair of bushings.

Even though the bushings see little wear, they should be greased. Trying to oil them is difficult. There is a way to install grease fittings. The modification has been around for years and is something worth doing. It is best approached when doing a brake job when the rear brakes are apart.



The above photo shows a pair of brake levers with grease fittings installed. Drill from the end of the shaft with a nominal 1/8" drill bit down to a point between where the two bushings ride and cross drill it. Then drill the end of the shaft with a 5/16" drill bit about 3/8" deep.



Press in grease fittings and the tool to insert them can be obtained from Bratton's. The part number for the grease fittings is 36740 and the part number for the drive-in insertion tool is 36810; page 160 in their catalog.

Using the tool, hammer the grease fittings into the end of the shaft where you drilled the 5/16" hole and the shafts are then ready for installation.



The above photo shows a grease fitting in service on a vehicle driven daily. Give it a shot of grease whenever greasing the car.



— This year's Swap Meet honoring Gil Klecan —

**MAY 1 & 2 - 2026**

**Brass Era / Pre-war Swap Meet**



**MINTER AIRFIELD**

201 Aviation Street - Shafter, CA  
(A few miles North of Bakersfield on Hwy 99)



- ◆ Vendor set-up; Friday morning
- ◆ Swap Meet; Friday & Saturday
- ◆ Vendor Space (20' x 40') \$65 / Buyers \$10

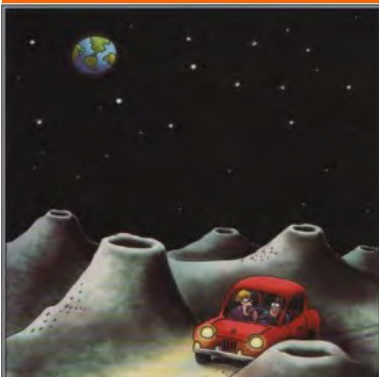
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For more information, call Gerald Robinson: (510) 332-9588

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**(661) 387-1678 ext. 0** Group Code: HCCSC  
19480 Quinn Road, Bakersfield, CA 93308

*Just for Laughs*



**“For heaven’s sake, Richard! Look where the earth is! Move over and let me drive!!**

*I woke up this morning determined to drink less, eat right, and exercise. But that was four hours ago when I was younger and full of hope.*





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## Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting May 14, 2026

Time: 7:30pm

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



## May 9 - Technical Seminar/Facility Tour/Show

Irvine Valley College: Advance Technology and Education Park (ATEP)

Address: 1624 Valencia Ave, Tustin, CA, Unit 201 (identified as #3 on map below)

Activities: Facility tour, car show (free), electric go cart race, Model A Club demonstrations

### Schedule of Events:

8:30 Donuts/Coffee

9:00 Dennis Kleisen – Distributor Workshop

9:30 ATEP Facility Tour for OCMAFC members

10:00-11:30 Model A Demonstrations for the students. Many of the students have never worked on a car that doesn't have electronic fuel injection and hydraulic brakes. **If you want to participate in demonstrations for the students your car must be inside the facility the day prior (May 8).**

- Brake System Design and Operation – manual system, rods & levers, manual adjustment
- Starting Procedure – Demo how to start with starter...and yes there is a crank but we don't need to demo that
- Engine Timing – timing pin, distributor, manual distributor advance, points, condenser
- Engine Fuel System – gravity feed, filters, carburetor, choke, basic adjustments
- Other ideas welcome—to participate you must drop your Model A off the day prior & RSVP!



RSVP to David Knapp – 949-243-5210 or [david-knapp@cox.net](mailto:david-knapp@cox.net) if you want to participate in the demonstrations with your car.