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## News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Greetings, I hope everyone is doing great as we roll into October. Reflecting back on recent events I realized what makes Model A folks so special. We all specialize in some type of volunteerism. We volunteer through our resources, through our time, and through our knowledge. A good example of this was this past weekend some of us (the "BLT Gang") headed over to fellow club member Tom Endy's to install yet another Mitchell Overdrive. The BLT Gang all volunteered their time, Tom volunteered his time and knowledge, and while the Model A owner gets a perfectly installed overdrive, he also donates funds to the Model A Youth Restoration Program. With this being the 19<sup>th</sup> installation, this team effort of volunteering time, knowledge, and resources has really helped out this very worthwhile program.



And speaking of volunteering, October is nominations month for our club, with elections occurring in November. This year we are looking to fill both Vice President and Technical Advisor positions on the board, so expect someone from the Elections Committee to be tapping your shoulder with a big smile and howdy-do. But seriously, this is an excellent way to give back to the club with just a bit of your time, skills, and knowledge. The club does not run itself; it takes volunteers like YOU to make this great organization function, so please consider running for one of these positions. Can you imagine the fun we will have if we have an election with several people running for a position?

This upcoming October meeting will be important as we begin the nomination process for Vice President and Technical Advisor. We will also be selecting the Model A that will be used on our Pancake Breakfast flyers and shirts, so if you want to have your beautiful Model A considered, please attend and literally throw your name in the hat. And last but not least we will have a very special guest speaker, Mr. Jay McCord. Besides serving as Past President of the Santa Maria A's, Jay also serves on the Executive Board of MAFFI and is in charge of Membership & Marketing for MAFCA. I'm sure he will provide a wealth of knowledge at the National level, so come armed with any questions or concerns you might have.

And of course with cooler weather, we have a couple of trips planned. An unusual trip will be a combined drive and technical seminar to Chino with Model A Race Car driver Larry Madole who has done just about everything you can with a Model A. His EV Model A should be pretty interesting to say the least. Also, we are finally going to make it out to Oak Glen to pick a few fresh apples. Lunch and apples are one thing, but the beautiful drive through the canyons and past Lake Mathews is the real reason for this trip. And of course we have our standard breakfasts on the first Saturday and fourth Thursday of the month. Hope to see you at some of these events, but most especially at our meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> -- and a special note, the Board Meeting will start at 6:00pm as we need to go over the 2024 budget!

See you at the turnaround point,

*Mike*

## 2023 BOARD MEMBERS

President – Mike Edmonson  
 VP/Activities – Leonard Driver  
 Secretary – Debbie Parrish  
 Treasurer – Darwin Kibby  
 Technical – Ron Andrews  
 Editor – Eric Engle  
 Immediate Past President – Louise Hall

## COMMITTEES

Co-Editor/proofreader - Becky MacIntosh  
 ACCC Representative – David Knapp  
 Breakfast Committee – Aaron Magdaleno  
 Club Greeter – Linda Tom  
 Election Chairperson – Richard Parrish  
 Historian & Librarian – Bruce MacIntosh  
 Merchandise Director – Perry Wilson  
 Pancake Breakfast Setup & Coordination – Frank Reese, Don Ratzlaff and Richard Bolts  
 Raffle – Ed Cote  
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 Regional Representative, SCRG - Jim Runyon  
 Era Fashions—Kaci Terens  
 Sunshine & Sorrow – Marilyn Hawkins

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



General Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2023,  
 7:30pm

Meeting was called to order by President, Mike Edmonson. Flag salute was led by Aaron Magdaleno. Marilyn Singer-Hawkins told a joke. **MINUTES:** The minutes were provided, and Gerry Reid made a motion to accept. Dave Knapp seconded and all approved.

**FINANCIAL:** Darwin Kibby provided the financial report. Kathie McCall made a motion to accept. Aaron Magdaleno seconded and all approved. Present membership is 143.

**ACTIVITIES:** Leonard Driver shared several upcoming activities. The celebration of Life for JC Stevens will be on 9/18. International Model A Day is 9/16. Oak Glen will be 10/18. The cruise to Chino will be 10/14.

Please see Leonard or website for more details and signups. Jay McCord (MAFFI/MAFCA) will be our guest speaker at our October meeting. We wish to congratulate Richard and Jeanne Parrish and Bev and Doug Marsh on 60 years of membership. Dale and Kathie McCall

with 30 years.

**TECHNICAL:** Ron Andrews shared about the cruise to Chino, which will be held on 10/14. Please see Ron to sign up.

**SUNSHINE AND SORROW:** Marilyn Singer said that Aaron Magdaleno is still recovering from hurt Achilles. Richard and Jeanne Parrish, Norm and Lori Kredit and Dale and Kathie McCall all had bouts with Covid.

Tissy is suffering from the loss of her husband Bill Hatcher.

**HARD LUCK TROPHY:** Nathan Sherry has had some bad luck with his car, but Darwin Kibby took home the Hard Luck Trophy, due to some carburetor troubles.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Good deed awards were given to Steve Pavich and Eric Engle for helping with the Gaughns car. Richard Parrish received one for selling needed engine as well.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nominations for VP/Tours and Technical will take place in October. Please see Election Committee Chairperson, Richard Parrish, for nominations and volunteers to be considered. We will also be voting on cars for the 2024 pancake breakfast shirts and flyers. If you would like your car to be considered, please submit your interest by signing up. Our beautiful new brand logo was officially voted in and approved. Combining "Old" and "New" logos for just a stunning presentation. Great job Perry Wilson.

**RAFFLES:** Debbie Pavich won \$10 for the attendance raffle. Karen Gaynor won \$50 but was not present for the membership raffle and the prize will roll over to next month.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Louise Hall, Steve and Debbie Pavich, Bruce and Becky McIntosh, Kathie McCall and Linda Tom.

**NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS:** Jackie and Jeff Reed. Randy Ema was our visitor tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM with 47 in attendance.

Submitted by Secretary, Debbie Parrish, and pending approval.

## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**Oct. 7 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session, 8am,**  
Denny's Restaurant,  
2314 17th St, Santa Ana,  
CA., Everyone is wait-

ing to hear your true stories, your maybe not so true stories, your downright mythological tales, and just to simply enjoy your company!  
Don't forget to bring cash to make it easier to pay the bill.



**Oct. 12 (Thur), General Membership Meeting, 7:30-9 pm,** First Christian Church-Orange, 1130

E Walnut Ave, Orange, CA., **Jay McCord (MAFFI/MAFCA) will be our special guest speaker.**

**SPECIAL NOTE: Board Meeting will START at 6 pm for just this day.**



**Oct. 14 (Sat), Tech Seminar + Tour,**

Meet at Don Dormeyer's Studio,  
**7:30-8:30, 2983 Miraloma, Anaheim, Ca., Depart at 8:30**



Breakfast at Flo's Restaurant. 9:30 Flo's Cont: Ron Andrews or Leonard Driver for further information.



**Oct. 18th (Wed) Oak Glen Tour,**  
8:30 Meet at Ms. Donuts, 1602 Lincoln Ave., Nohl Plaza, Anaheim,

Near Tustin Ave., See more info on right.



**Oct. 26 (Thur), 4th Thur. Breakfast, 9 am (New Time)**  
at Paul's Coffee Shop,  
6947 Bushard St,  
Fountain Valley, CA



**Oak Glen Tour  
Oct. 18 (Wed)**

**Meet at 8:30,  
Depart at 9am,**

**Meet at Ms Donuts, 1602 Lincoln Avenue, Nohl Plaza near Tustin Avenue, This will be a 145 mile ROUND TRIP to Oak Glen. Mostly non freeway route (3 miles on 91 thru Santa Ana Canyon) via Lake Mathews. Focus on this trip is the scenic drive, not the destination. Time change not until 11/05., Contact: Leonard Driver for more information.**

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

**Oct 15 (Sun)** Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm

**Nov. 5 (Sun)** 57th Annual San Fernando Valley MAFC Swap Meet & Car Show. Sunday, November 5, 2023. 21000 Plummer St, Chatsworth, CA. Contact Jim Lank 818-400-5418 or jimclank@gmail.com.

**Dec 3 (Sun)** Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm

January 27-28 2024, Turlock Swap Meet, The Modesto Area A's will hold it's 57th annual Turlock Swap Meet from 7am to 5pm Saturday and 7am to 2pm Sunday at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock CA.

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

## International Model A Ford Day

By Becky MacIntosh

He did it again! We followed Leonard's well thought out path – 40 miles one way – covered some distance without too many turns where we lose people...and no car issues. We totaled 11 Model A's and 27 for lunch, quite a group!

At 8:30am on a Saturday, there are lots of people on Harbor Blvd walking from their hotels to Disneyland and we blasted our horns for them as we paraded by. The Orange traffic circle was just starting to get busy, giving us the chance to cruise the circle a time or two before continuing. We were ready for a break in Costa Mesa to regroup and pick up a car or two and we managed to crash an event just getting setup at Lion's Park (oh, those last minute happenings that creep into our tours...). We made the turn onto PCH into gloomy weather. It was even wet for about 3 miles but our Model A's did just fine. Quite a switch from 95° days we have had the last 3 years for this event. Main Street in Seal Beach was as busy as ever as we cruised by and made our way to lunch in the harbor. Our sun loving group in their summer shorts got a little chilled at lunch but overall a wonderful day.



## **ACCC Update** By Dave Knapp

The Covid virus that gripped the Association of California Car Clubs has finally waned! In May, the ACCC finally put together an updated newsletter and they appear to be back in business. Below is an update of some recent-ish California legislation related to our beloved cars as reported by the ACCC in the May newsletter.

### **A.B. 220 Fails to Meet Legislative May 2021 Deadline**

A Bill introduced in California to exempt motor vehicles prior to the 1983 model year from emissions inspection requirement failed to advance before the legislature's passage deadline. By rule, the proposal will now be eligible for reconsideration by the legislature in 2022. Current law requires the annual testing of all 1976 and newer model-year vehicles.

As most are aware, this has not been the first proposal in recent years attempting to revise the state's emissions exemption to benefit our hobby. The average age of registered automobiles across the US is about 11 years old, including factoring in our Model A's. It is likely the pollution contribution of cars older than 1995 is minimal as very few cars that old are daily driven. The California smog laws are outdated and are increasingly losing relevance as the electronics in cars built since model year 1996 implemented OBD2. As an owner of a stock modified 1994 Mustang, getting it smogged is nearly impossible as the technicians don't even know how to work on a car that old. Just last year, I actually had to show the technician where certain components were on the car so he could complete the task!

### **Newsome Signs Order to Phase Out New Gas-Powered Cars by 2035 (Sept 2020)**

California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a controversial Executive Order instructing the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to draft regulations requiring that all new cars and passenger trucks sold in the state be zero-emissions by 2035. Doing the math—that is just 13 years from now. Once drafted, CARB's proposed regulations will be subject to a lengthy regulatory process, including legal, economic, and environmental analyses, public comment and hearings. The Governor's order is also expected to face numerous legal challenges from opponents. I just hope the Governor's house is subject to the rolling blackouts due to an insufficient electrical grid.

### **SB 112 Restores "Fix-it" Tickets**

SB 112 amends a 2018 law which forced a fine for cars suspected of violating the state's exhaust noise limit. Under SB 112 car owners are now allowed 30 days to correct violations. The noise limit for exhaust systems installed on motor vehicles in California with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of less than 6,000 pounds, other than motorcycles, may not exceed a sound level of 95-decibels when tested under a Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) procedure. SB 112 does not change this. Luckily most of our A's aren't too loud even without a muffler.

### **Smog Testing Woes for Tuned Vehicles (7-16-2021)**

Beginning July 19 (unclear if that is 2021 or 2022), California's Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) may fail motor vehicles during their "smog check" inspection if they are found to have software modifications (tunes) not provided by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or approved through a California Air Resources Board (CARB) Executive Order (EO). If a vehicle has had its software modified (aka "Tuned") the modified vehicles software must have an approved CARB EO to be considered legal. The ACCC Action Network (SAN) is working with BAR to ensure that vehicles modified legally do not inadvertently fail. BAR anticipates approximately 5-10 vehicles will fail each day for illegally modified software. For context, BAR inspects approximately 33,300 vehicles each day as part of the smog check program. As our A's don't even have an electrical ignition let alone a computer, no worries for most of us. Your club ACCC rep is keeping a close watch on this one as it hits close to home for something else in the garage.

**Sunshine & Sorrow**

Marilyn Hawkins  
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**Sunshine:** My favorite season is Autumn. I hope all of you have visited the East coast where the countryside is ablaze with colors of the fall season. I checked... the reason it's called "fall" season is??? because the leaves fall from the trees. You knew that, right. And remember to visits Starbucks to get those Pumpkin Spice Lattes. **Sorrow:** The month of September has been blessedly healthy. Let's keep it that way.

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

Editor's note: Got this addition from Doug Marsh- "I want to thank the club and the members for the encouragement and the card I received while recovering from my total knee replacement surgery. Love you all. Serendipity Doug."

## A BLT Banner Day

by Tom Endy September 2023

Another banner day was observed by the BLT Guys organization with the installation of a Mitchell overdrive in a 1929 Phaeton owned by Dan Paige, a member of the Santa Anita A's Model A Ford club who lives in Altadena, CA. The installation took place at Tom Endy's house on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We began the effort at 8:30 AM and we were road testing the car by 2 PM. It was a successful day, however, there were a number of show stoppers

The pinion bearings and race were found shot and had to be replaced and the pre-load re-set. One of the large pinion nuts was stripped and had to be replaced. The thrust washer was also missing and had to be replaced. The large pinion race was very tight in the banjo and was difficult to remove. It was also difficult to install the new race back in the banjo because it went in very tight. We also found the two rear axle nuts were installed only finger tight instead of being torqued to a nominal 100 ft. lbs.

A 1929 Phaeton has a dropped floor pan in the rear for storage of the canvas boot. There was concern about it conflicting with the overdrive. The overdrive was the standard configuration and there appears to be enough clearance, however, going over a large bump or loading the car with several passengers may be a different story.

A donation of \$500 was made to the Model A youth restoration program by the owner. This was the 19<sup>th</sup> install the BLT Guys have done as a fund raiser for the Model A Youth Restoration Program.

At the end of the day the Phaeton and the overdrive performed as Henry Ford and Steve Mitchell ordered.



## Stars of the Day - Again - Anaheim Packard Anniversary

By Becky MacIntosh

Eleven OC Model A's came out on a hot Saturday to display our cars for the 100th Anniversary of the Packard Dealership building in Anaheim. The dealership opened in 1923 and continued through the Model A era. We were joined by a couple more Model A's and a couple of Packard's. One Packard that was there was actually purchased from that dealership in 1934. We were joined by an early 1900's REO (Ransom E Olds) touring car. In about 2012 the building, after sitting empty and derelict for many years, was restored to original look and hosted a burger joint. It is now reopening as a fine restaurant. Across the park is a robust food court housed in the old Packing House (for local citrus). Great old town, historical site. We had front row seats, lots of people wandering by, jazz music, box lunch from the local food court, shade and a light breeze. Overall very nice day. Thank you Perry for coordinating and taking care of us!

A couple of good stories about this historical project. When redoing the building, they discovered 100s of unissued license plates under the floorboards. All 1929, sequential and totally rusted. See the picture for a view of the art made from these and hung on the restaurant wall. Next story: The restoration project was finished on a Monday. The architect went home and woke the next morning to a news headline sent by a friend showing a Cadillac driven through the front windows of the building. He figured he was being fooled and replied..”No Way, not funny”. Unfortunately, it was true..a car chase overnight ended badly and the restorers were going to have to go back to work.





Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is **25th of ea. month-**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**SAVE THE DATES :**  
**MAFCA National Awards Banquet, November 30 - December 2, 2023 -- Santa Maria, CA**

Hosts: Santa Maria A's  
 Turlock Swap Meet, January 27-28 2024, The Modesto Area A's will hold it's 57th annual Turlock Swap Meet from 7am to 5pm Saturday and 7am to 2pm Sunday at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock CA.

**MAFCA 2024 National Model A Convention, June 23 to June 29, 2024 -- Ruidoso, New Mexico**

Hosts: Southwest Model A's

## WEBMASTER WANTED

MAFCA IS SEEKING a volunteer to take over the position of Webmaster.

This person must have general knowledge of web infrastructure, as well as a background in HTML editing using applications such as Dreamweaver..

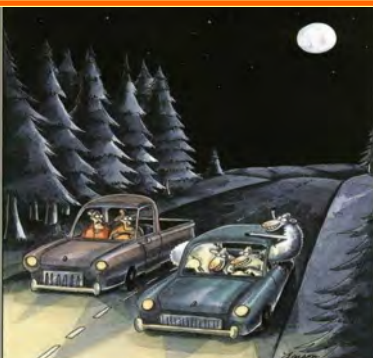
Experience in PHP, CSS and SOL, as well as other scripting languages, along with SFTP, will be helpful as well. Training with our current platform will be provided by interim webmaster Rick Black.

If your love of the Model A extends into the digital world, we could use your help. Here is an opportunity to contribute to the hobby you enjoy.

If you have an interest in volunteering for this position, please contact me at [chapterorcoordinator@mafca.com](mailto:chapterorcoordinator@mafca.com) or directly at 405-812-8131—or any current Board member. *Will Langford, 2023 Chapter Corordinator/Web Liasison*



## Just for Laughs



Sheep that pass in the night



Well, here they come...You locked the keys inside, you do the talkin'

## Take Your Foot off the Gas

by Tom Endy

In 1952 I was a senior at Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra. I had a friend who had graduated the year before and had joined the navy and was stationed aboard a ship in San Diego. One week end he was home and saw an ad in the newspaper for a 1928 Model A Ford coupe for sale, the price was \$75. It was painted all one color (beige) and it was in very good condition. My friend bought the car. Neither my friend nor I knew anything about a Model A. We had no idea what the spark advance handle was for. The spark handle was in the up (retarded) position when he bought the car and that was where it remained.

One Sunday night my friend attempted to drive the Model A to San Diego. He got as far as the Huntington Beach pier when he noticed a red glow through a hole in the fire wall. When he pulled over and opened the hood he was shocked to see the exhaust manifold was glowing a bright cherry red. He quickly closed the hood and left the car there and hitch hiked to San Diego. The following weekend he hitch hiked back up to Huntington Beach and drove the car home. The spark handle was still in the up position.

A few weeks later he and I were driving the car around Alhambra one weekend. We were headed south on Garfield Avenue approaching Mission Road. On the other side of Mission was a set of railroad tracks that were very rough to cross. Today those tracks are still there, however, now there is an overpass. We were clipping along at about 45mph, my friend was driving. When we crossed the tracks he kept his foot on the gas; the rear of the car bounced and the rear wheels momentarily left the pavement due to Henry's killer rear spring. This allowed the rear wheels to spin up to a much higher speed than the car was traveling. When the wheels re-connected with the pavement, the ring gear cleaned most of the teeth off the pinion gear.

The moral to this story is when you cross over rough railroad tracks (or speed bumps) take your foot off the gas. Also learn what the spark handle is all about.

# Ford



Where did the iconic Ford logo come from? Was it Henry Ford's signature? Was Ford inspired by the popular Coca-Cola trademark?



Actually, it was designed by C. Harold Wills. Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on June 1, 1878. His family moved to Detroit in 1885 where he finished his schooling. When he was 17 years old, he became an apprentice at the Detroit Lubricator Co. At the same time, he took night courses in mechanical engineering and metallurgy. At only 23 he became the chief engineer at the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. in 1901.

He caught the automobile bug and in 1899 he asked Henry Ford for a part-time job. He worked with Ford at the Detroit Automobile Co. early mornings and late evenings, where Henry Ford was the superintendent. In 1901 the company became the Henry Ford Motor Co. and by 1902 Wills was working for Ford on his famous racers, 999 and Arrow. Then, as a fulltime employee, he was instrumental in Ford using lightweight, strong nickel-chrome vanadium steel for frames on their production cars. He also was heavily involved with designing the 1908 Model T and created the planetary transmission and the detachable cylinder head.

What does all this have to do with the logo that is recognized all over the world? As a youngster he was interested in calligraphy and used his talents to design the famous Ford logo in 1907. Good friends, Henry Ford was the best man when Wills married Mabel Preston in 1904. Their friendship did not last though. It didn't help that Charles E. Sorensen, Ford production chief, was determined to oust Wills. Finally, Wills left Ford Motor Co. in 1919. Henry Ford did not forget his contributions to the company and Wills left with \$1.5 million in severance. He also invested in steel firms that produced vanadium steel that amassed him another \$4 million. With this capital he started the Wills Sainte Claire car company. Later he worked at Chrysler Corp. as a metallurgist.

C Harold Wills passed away in 1940, at the age of 62; ironically, at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. The oval was incorporated into the logo in 1912 and the royal blue color as a background in 1927.



*(Borrowed from the Calumet A's.)*

**Rick and Louise Hall recently took a trip back East to take a Great Lakes ship cruise. While in port, they decided to take a side trip to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Very nice little "road trip" for two of our club members. Welcome home Rick and Louise.**





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## Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting , Oct. 12, 2023

Time: 7:30pm

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



**Got a spare transmission?  
Wondering what to do with  
it?? How bout a birdie  
house???**



### MAFCA - Club 50 Year Recognitions

As a special way to recognize Model A Clubs, MAFCA and MAFFI (Model A Ford Foundation) have decided to purchase inscribed bricks at the Model "A" Ford Museum for each club that reaches 50 years of membership in MAFCA. This will be retroactive to include ALL clubs that have achieved 50 years of membership and will continue each year in recognition of clubs reaching that milestone. The bricks will be installed prior to Model "A" Days in September 2024. The bricks are a permanent display at the museum in Gilmore, Michigan. OCMAFC reached the 50 year mark in 2011 and therefore will have our own brick on display compliments of MAFCA and MAFFI.