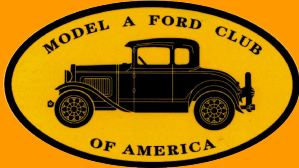


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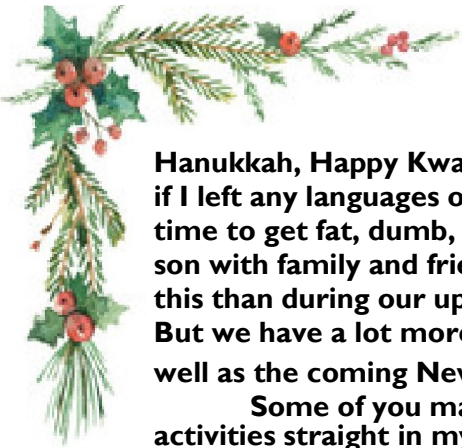
New Member's Corner
 Today we introduce **NEW** club member **Rand Pugmire**.
 Rand currently owns/drives a **1930 Model A Coupe**.
 Please be sure to say "Howdy" to Rand at the next meeting, seminar, or club event.



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News From the President

By Mike Edmonson



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Merry Christmas, Felice Navidad, Joyeaux Noël, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and all that jazz (my apologies if I left any languages or holidays out). Yes, now is the time to get fat, dumb, and happy - enjoy the holiday season with family and friends, and what better time to do this than during our upcoming OCMAFC Christmas Party. But we have a lot more activities involved this month, as well as the coming New Year, so stay tuned.

Some of you may wonder how I get all of these activities straight in my head. Well, it sure isn't me!

Thanks to **Bruce MacIntosh** (with a little help from **Becky**, I'm sure) it is all contained in one handy spot at our website <http://www.ocmafc.com/>. I refer to this quite often when I begin my column and I suggest you all do the same (sans the column).

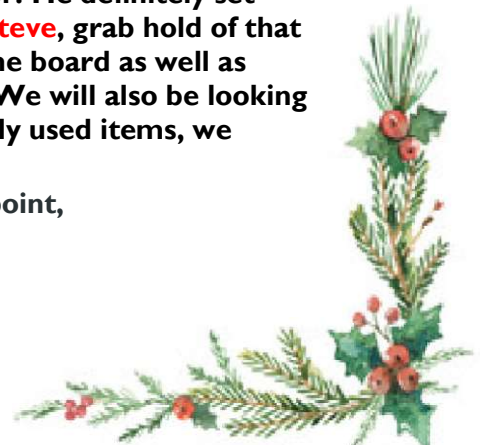
First, as you are probably reading this, our MAFCA National Awards Banquet is in full swing in Santa Maria; how I wish I could be there this year, but it just didn't work out schedule wise. And this same weekend we have our monthly First Saturday Breakfast on December 2nd. A busy day as several of us will be skedaddling over to **Tom Endy's** for a Michell Overdrive installation (and another \$500 donation to the Model A Youth Restoration Award program), and then over to Santa Ana for a Christmas Parade in **Aaron Magdaleno's** neighborhood. A Model A day if I ever saw one. December 11th is our Christmas Lights tour in the Eagle Hills community in Brea; if you are looking at meeting us for dinner at 4:30, be sure to let **Leonard Driver** know for reservation purposes, otherwise we will see you at 6pm.

Moving into the latter half of December (sort of), our annual Christmas Party is on our monthly meeting night - December 14th. Muster time is 7:00pm! Be sure to join in the fun by bringing a dessert or appetizer (to serve 8 people max please, or bring lots of Tupperware!). **Louise Hall** is in charge of activities and I know she has a few "tricks" up her sleeve! And not to be out done, but the annual **Parrish Family** Christmas Party takes place a couple of days later on the 16th. Now **Richard** will always tell you that this is not an official OCMAFC event -- which is true, but he does graciously invite all members of our club as well as the Harbor club, so that's close enough for me.

Lastly, we move into 2024 with our Installation Banquet on January 7th where we will thank **Leonard** for his term as the Vice President and Tours Coordinator. He definitely set new milestones for our incoming Vice President, **Steve Pavich**. **Steve**, grab hold of that steering wheel! We will also be expressing thanks to the rest of the board as well as committee heads, with a few outgoing and a few new incoming. We will also be looking for donated items to be raffled off, so if you have any new or gently used items, we would appreciate the gesture.

A busy month indeed, so we'll 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
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 Club Greeter – Linda Tom
 Election Chairperson – Richard Parrish
 Historian & Librarian – Bruce MacIntosh
 Merchandise Director – Perry Wilson
 Pancake Breakfast Setup & Coordination – Aaron Magdaleno, Frank Reese, Don Ratzlaff and Richard Bolls
 Raffle – Ed Cote
 Refreshments – Jim Runyon
 Regional Representative, SCRG – Jim Runyon
 Era Fashions—Kaci Terens
 Sunshine & Sorrow – Marilyn Hawkins
 Webmaster – Bruce MacIntosh

Orange County Model A Ford Club
 General Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 9, 2023 @7:30pm
 First Christian Church, Orange Ca.
 52 persons in attendance.



Meeting was opened by President **Mike Edmonson** with flag salute and recognition of military armed services veterans in attendance (Veterans Day 11/11/23). **Marilyn Hawkins** followed with 2 imaginative and humorous stories.

Minutes were approved as printed in club newsletter: Motion by **Steve Pavich**, 2nd by **Ed Cote** without corrections or additions.

Financial Reports: Treasurer **Darwin Kibby** reviewed monthly report. Motion by **Norm Kredit** with 2nd by **Frank Reese** to approve, approved by members present. Current membership 143.

Activities: **Mike Edmonson** announced upcoming events in the absence of **Leonard Driver**:

1. Christmas lights tour will be Monday 12/11/23 Brea area with pre tour meal at 4:30pm (place to be announced via e-mail), tour to commence at 7:00pm.
2. Regular club meeting Thursday 12/14/23 to be Christmas/holiday potluck consisting of appetizers, and/or desserts with set up @6:30pm, dinner at 7pm, No board meeting.
3. Announcement of Annual Installation Banquet to be held at The Villa in Orange Sunday January 7th 1:00 to 4:00pm. Subsidized cost pp is \$35.00 payable to OCMAFC. Mail to club PO Box 10595 Santa Ana, Ca 92711 or in person at meeting. Annual club membership also can be included \$30.00/family.

Technical: Combined men/women event Saturday 11/11 **Bruce and Becky MacIntosh's** home. No December seminar.

Newsletter: Deadline 25th every month. Editor **Eric Engle** seeking photos of unusual radiator caps and always interesting articles. **Mike** highlighted article in **Restorer Magazine** featuring club members **Leonard Nettles and George Kulakowski** travel to Houston area to help with restoration of AA Texaco tanker truck. Pg 26-28 Nov/Dec issue. In same issue Chapter Chatter pg 44 Announcement of 50-year award program which includes our OC club, an inscribed brick will be placed on the walkway of the Ford Museum at Hickory Corners, Michigan. *See OCMAFC chatter on pg46 with photo of some of our club ladies.*

Hard Luck Trophy Candidates: **Richard Parrish** told his story of overheating on Oak Glen tour, **Norm Kredit** told of his the 'leaky head gasket' fiasco. **Darwin Kibby** relinquished the "much coveted" trophy to **Richard**.

New Business: Election Chair **Richard Parrish** announced nominees for VP/Activities and Technical positions: **Steven Pavich** has agreed to serve as VP/Activities with **Roger Gullede** assisting, **Ron Andrews** will continue as Technical Coordinator and Co-Chair with **David Knapp**.

No other nominees from members present, therefore **Richard** called for the vote with unanimous approval.

Sunshine/Sorrow report by **Marilyn Hawkins**: 2 members left our ranks (**Bill Hatcher and Bill Vogen**). Memorials have been held. They will be missed.

Announcements and Raffles:

Richard Parrish invited members to his Family and Friends Fiesta on Saturday 12/16 from 11:00 to 1:00 pm at the church meeting venue. RSVP to Richard.

Good Guy Awards were presented to **Aaron Maldonado, Perry Wilson, Ron Andrews and Don Ratzlaff**.

Perry Wilson presented the new design for the pancake breakfast t-shirts featuring **Roger and Debbie Gullede's** Model A. Beautiful.

Roster Raffle: **Jeff Hodes** name was drawn but he was not present.

Ticket raffle for \$10.00 went to **Marilyn Hawkins**.

Kaci Terens, Karen Gaynor, Jennifer, Mark, and Linda provided refreshments.

Mike announced that this November meeting is the LAST time **Jim Runyon** will be the refreshment chair after many years of service. THANK YOU JIM.

A replacement is needed prior to the January meeting and going forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm to enjoy the refreshments.

Note: The secret sentence is in italics within the newsletter.

Submitted by **Kathie McCall**

We have removed all Committee members' emails and phone numbers in order to ensure their privacy. Members can find

Please Note: Some information contained in our newsletter has been reprinted from other newsletters; we thank and acknowl-

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Dec. 2 (Sat), BS Breakfast, 8 am, Denny's Restaurant, 2314 17th St., Santa Ana, Ca., Time to get caught up on all the latest gossip and silly stories. Come join in the fun with your Model A Family.



Dec. 9 (Sat), Technical Seminar normally held on this day each month, will be back after the 1st of the New Year. **NO SEMINAR this month, due to other December events.**



Dec. 11 (Mon), Christmas Lights Tour and Dinner, 4:30pm dinner time, with the lights tour directly afterwards, Alza Osteria Restaurant, 131 S Kraemer Blvd Brea CA., Lights tour will be through the Eagle Hills area of Brea, Ca., Cont: Leonard Driver or Becky MacIntosh for more info.

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Dec. 14,(Thurs), Membership Meeting, This month there will be **NO Board/General Meet-**

ings... it is party time! We will be having our annual Christmas Dinner this night, **NO gift exchange,** just come and enjoy the festivities.

Set up time: 6:30 pm,

Dinner will be at 7pm.

This will be POT LUCK, Please bring your favorite appetizers and desserts.

There will also be SPECIAL entertainment at this event.

First Christian Church-Orange,
1130 E Walnut Ave, Orange, CA.,



Did someone say "TACOS" ???

Christmas Fiesta,

Dec. 16th (Sat), Richard & Jeanne Parrish's "Family & Friends Luncheon" 11am-1pm, First Christian Church of Orange, 1130 E Walnut, Orange, CA.,

Please RSVP Richard Parrish..

TEXT Richard at 714-393-8582



Save the Date:

**OCMAFC
Annual Installation**

**Banquet
Sunday, January 7,
2024 1-4pm**

The Villa

**510 E. Katella Ave,
Orange, CA**

\$35 per person

**RSVP Darwin Kibby
or Kathie McCall**

Come join the fun. We encourage everyone to "Dress To the Nines"

in their favorite "Era Fashions"

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Swap Meets/Car Shows

Donut Derelicts Car Show, Every Saturday morning, 6-8 am., 9015 Adams Ave, Huntington Beach, CA .

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

Jan27-28 (Sat-Sun) 57th Annual Turlock Swap Meet, Hosted by Modesto Area A's, 7am-5pm Sat., 7am-5pm Sunday, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock, Ca. <https://www.turlockswapmeet.com>

June 23-29 2024, MAFCA 2024 National Model A Convention, -- Ruidoso, New Mexico, Hosts: Southwest Model A's

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

This seminar was a dual function, as the technical side discussed the topic of valve adjusting, and the Era Fashions ladies also had a group of about 10.

Hosted by Bruce and Becky MacIntosh, about 20 members were treated to premium coffee provided by Leonard Driver and fresh donuts. The topic, tackling adjustable lifters. Usually an indication of needed adjustment would be noise from the engine or poor performance.

There was a demonstration block with adjusters already installed with the side cover off. Rotating the crank pulley showing us which valves opened and when to adjust. There's a "Rule of 9's" formula used in adjustment. Basically speaking, the "Rule of 9's" is this; numbering the valves, front to back, 1 to 8, any 2 valves added together that equals "9" (i.e. 1+8=9), when valve #1 is fully open, valve #8 can be measured.

Although its prime to measure on the heel of the cam, it's hard to access with wrenches (must use thin wrenches). Each lifter **MUST** be lifted to adjust, then lowered to measure. Bruce also pointed out that it's more difficult to do the adjustment in the car.

Ray Salman also had specialty tools for grinding and other operations, to show the group. Ray showed one particular adjuster that was a one off that he had never seen before, probably an aftermarket produced part from the past. Ray also spoke to us about building speed engines and items he had for sale. A handout was also provided with the 9 formula and illustrations.



Of special interest are the "custom" made valve stem "extenders" for the SB Chevy valves that fit, but are about 1/2" short.

Curses!!! Chevy valves were used for demonstration purposes ONLY!



BLT Guys History by Tom Endy October 2023

The creation of the BLT Guys organization began in 2017 when Bryan Thompson and myself were attending the San Diego swap meet. While there we ran into Rudy Perez. I had known Rudy for years. He and his wife had owned and operated Meets Antique Auto Parts, a Model A supply company. Rudy told us about a couple who had recently bought a Model A Victoria they intended to drive cross country. The project would later result in a published book. The couple knew nothing about Model A's and did not belong to a Model A club. They had been told they should have a Mitchell overdrive installed in the Victoria if they were going to drive it cross country. They were referred to a commercial shop in San Diego that quoted a huge price and a long lead time. Rudy asked if we could do the install since the couple lived in Rossmore, only a few miles from where I live. I told Rudy we could do the install and have them call me.

Later that day I received a call from Diane Gaughen. Her and her husband Gerald had recently purchased the Victoria in Pasadena. Diane was a retired high school principal and their plan was to drive the car from Grandville Michigan to Los Angeles. Diane's mother and grandfather had made the trip in 1934 in a Model A Ford and her mother had kept a detailed journal of the trip. She had documented everywhere they stopped to eat, gas up, and stay overnight. The journal had survived the years and the project was to repeat the trip. That being the case, husband Gerald insisted it had to be done in a Model A Ford, so they bought the Victoria.

Bryan and I, along with Larry McKinney had done numerous Mitchell overdrive installs. We had never charged anyone for it, it was always for friends and fellow club members. Diane insisted we be paid for the installation. We agreed to take on the job, but not for the price they had been quoted, it was way too much money. I thought \$500 more reasonable, and we would donate the money to the Model A youth restoration program, and we would do the job in one day. I told Diane to order the overdrive from Mitchell and have it delivered to my house. I gave her the contact information and told her to make sure to order one for a Victoria. As soon as the overdrive arrived we would schedule the install date.

When we first saw the Victoria in July 2017, we noticed it was a beautifully restored car, but it had some mechanical issues that needed attention. We recommended the car be taken to Jim Nichols Model A shop in Costa Mesa after the overdrive was installed. Jim did a brake job on the car, installed a new water pump, and a Snyder high compression head. I also recommended that the Gaughen's carry a spare distributor with them, along with the MAFCA national roster. They agreed, and I supplied them with a restored distributor. Both items proved their worth during the trip.

On installation day Bryan, Larry, and myself installed the overdrive in about five hours. Thus we became known as the BLT Guys (Bryan-Larry-Tom). It took three years for word to get around the Model A kingdom by word of mouth that there was an organization known as the BLT Guys that can install a Mitchell overdrive in one day for a reasonable fee, and with the money being donated to the Model A youth restoration program. In 2020 the install jobs began coming out of the woodwork. By October 2023 we had done 20 installs, with some including a Mitchell sync transmission, and we had raised a total of \$11,700 for the Model A youth restoration program. The owner of each car received the tax credit since the organization is a 503c. The BLT Guys organization has grown from the original three guys to as many as 20 members from several local clubs that have participated at the install events at various times. The installs are usually conducted on a Saturday at my house in Westminster, beginning at 9AM and is usually finished by 2PM. The owner of the car is asked to bring two dozen donuts and to write a check directly to the Model A youth restoration program, for which they receive a tax receipt. The BLT Guys provide the coffee and cold drinks.



Sunshine & Sorrow

By Marilyn Hawkins
m_hawkins33@cox.net

It's the Christmas month and I just finished signing my last card and off to the post office. Next, my kitchen will have lingering whiffs of home-baked breads and maybe, fudge. I've also been known to make and bottle Kahlua one year...spent more money on the bottles. Here's the quote for December:

Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time





Club Merchandise

The Orange Co. Model A Ford Club PROUDLY has a wide variety of items inscribed with our handsome new club logo. Please contact Perry and Gina Wilson for more details on these great items.

Hats: \$20, Mugs: large \$20 small \$18, Keychains/Pins/small magnets \$2 each, Carry Bag \$10, LARGE car door magnet \$21 each, Radiator Badge \$10, Blankets \$40,

It's almost that time !!! The Much Anticipated Annual OCMAFC Installation Banquet Sunday January 7, 2024

Held at **"The Villa"** in the City of Orange, 510 E. Katella Ave., it's a time to dress up in your favorite "Era Fashions" and come have a ball.

\$35 per person
RSVP Darwin
Kibby or Kathie
McCall.

Need some help with "Era Fashion" clothing? Ask Kaci Terens for suggestions.



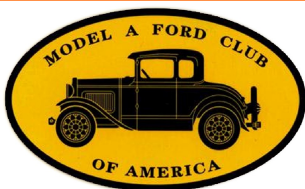
Model A Jamboree - CCRG

Join other members of OCMAFC at this great event! Drive your Model A on wide open roads with few stop signs and gather with 100's of other Model A's. Activities include farms full of historical memorabilia, vintage museums, train ride at the tree farm, a raffle room and a Gymkhana (car games) event! This annual event hosted by the **Central California Regional Group (CCRG)** will be held **March 8-9, 2024** in Clovis, Calif



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

Submit all Articles and ads to eengle@socal.rr.com or mail to Eric Engle, 16732 Redwood St., Fountain Valley, Ca., 92708



MAFCA is accepting 2024 renewals. Call 866-379-3619

or visit

www.mafca.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

March 8-9, 2024, 2024 CCRG Jamboree, Clovis Rodeo Grounds 748 Rodeo Dr, Clovis, CA.

For more info. call *John Hulstrom* at 559-682-7114 or *Todd Riley* at 559-916-2167

June 23-29, 2024, MAFCA National Convention, Ruidoso, New Mexico, for more info. contact Raymond Gabaldon, or PO Box 44, Peralta, NM. 87042, or 505-620-0574, or

<https://www.southwestadventures.com>



Hear ye! Hear ye!

Christmas Lights Tour and Dinner Time is Here!!

Come join the fun of having a delightful Italian dinner, followed by a grand tour of a spectacularly decorated neighborhood in the town of Brea. Dinner will be at Alza Osteria Italian restaurant at 4:30pm, 131 S. Kraemer Blvd., Brea, Ca. The Christmas Lights tour will be held directly after dinner (about 6pm) through the Eagle Hills area of Brea, about 1/2 mile from the restaurant location. Maps will be provided to the Christmas Lights tour area at the restaurant. Please **RSVP Becky** at: OCMAFC@gmail.com.



FUN WITH CAPS By Eric Engle

It's safe to say that Model A folks are an adventuresome group, always looking for fun things to do with their Model A's. Outings, pot luck meals, parades, and just about any excuse you can think of to drive their vehicles and bring smiles everywhere they go. One of the things that has always given me smiles, is when I spot any unusual radiator, or gas caps. Needless to say, when one takes the time to start looking for the unusual, the unusual can often be found. And you can trust me when I say, there are a lot of "unusual" and fun caps out there! Here is just a small sampling of those that I have found while attending different events. I encourage everyone to keep their eyes open for fun caps and maybe even join in the fun. One's own imagination is the only limit to the fun with Model A caps !



Where would the Road Runner be without the Wile E. Coyote on his tail ??

What's in Fashion???

By Kaci Terens

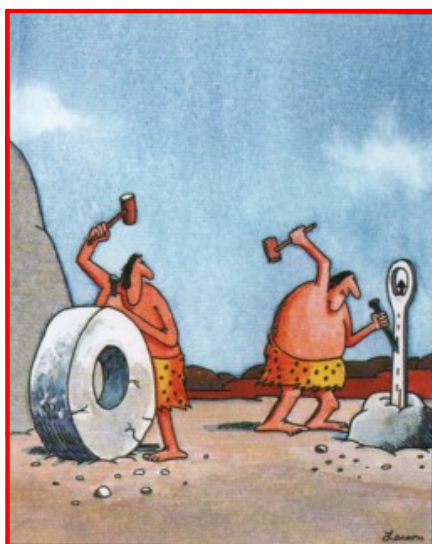
For our first fashion seminar on November 11th, we had some clothing that was loaned for display by the Parrish Family, as well as clothing donated by the Pavich's, MacIntosh's, and my family, some for display and some for sale with proceeds going to the club. We talked about different types of fashions for the 20s and 30s such as high waisted pants for the men and drop waist dresses for the woman. We also talked about where to buy clothing and how to reimagine it as 20s or 30s era clothing. We had a great turn out and I hope to do another one again soon.



Just for Laughs

I have many hidden talents.

I just wish I could remember where I hid them.



It makes a loud grinding noise when I merge onto the highway.



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Dedicated to the History and Preservation of the Model A Ford

HOLIDAY PARTY

Next Meeting **Dec. 14, 2023**

[Second Thursday of the month]

Set-up time: 6:30 pm

Party time: 7:00 pm

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



OCMAFC MEMBERS RENEWAL NOTICE

Club members find it very useful to have member photos in our printed Roster. It helps jog those memories when putting a face and name together. If you are at a meeting, **Linda Tom** would be glad to take your photo for the roster. Or just email a photo to **Becky MacIntosh**: becky@genimage.com.

New rosters will be printed in late February/early March, so get your photos in and pay your 2024 dues (**\$30 per household**) by January 31 to be included.

Give payment/updates to Darwin or mail to club at P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711.



2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL NOTICE • Use this form to submit your dues

Orange County Model A Ford Club

Name(s): _____

AMOUNT: \$30.00 per family residing at same address

Please, make any roster CHANGES below...

New Family Members: _____

Vehicles: _____

Telephone/Cell Nbrs: _____

Address: _____

Email Address(es): _____

Any other updates/corrections: _____

Would you like to add or update your photo in the Roster? Send to **Becky MacIntosh**, email: becky@genimage.com

You may confirm current information by going to the "Members Only" page on the Website at www.ocmafc.com or check the 2023 Roster for accuracy.

Make your check payable to: Orange County Model A Ford Club (OCMAFC)

Mail to the club at:

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Payment **MUST** be received by **January 31st, 2024** to be included in the club's printed 2024 Roster!