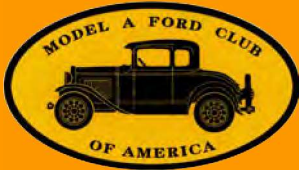


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IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE 61ST OCMAFC PANCAKE BREAKFAST



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Be SURE not to miss this event **SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2024**

7:30—11 am

For best parking, be **SURE** to come early!!

More information on page 12



Another Impromptu Tour

Most everyone knows that the historic Route 66 starts in Chicago. But did you ever wonder where it ended? Right here near the Santa Monica pier. Dennis Kliesen, Mike Edmonson, and Eric Engle decided to visit the "Route 66 End of the Trail". Look for more details in the NEXT issue of The Distributor.

News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Greetings everyone,

We are now driving (I hope) into the month of March. This means several things.....we are in hot pursuit of another great Pancake Breakfast, and the Model A touring season has begun!

First topic is our annual Pancake Breakfast -- Pancakes and Raffles! Our glorious Pancake Breakfast Committee is hard at work, having had their first big meeting this past month; everything seems to be tracking towards our April 14th date. A couple of things that I ask, is for our club member's support for this hardworking committee. First is getting those advertising flyers out to as many locations and people as possible. Along with that is contacting as many local vendors

that you know of that might like to donate items, or gift certificates, for our raffle drawing -- *I can't emphasize this enough*. This process needs to start early, as the Raffle Committee needs to know what items are being raffled, by the beginning of April. This is easily done! In fact, just this past Sunday, **Chrisanne** and I were eating breakfast at Kimmie's in Orange and I asked if they would be interested in donating a gift certificate and they seemed delighted to have the opportunity to support us. It can be just that easy! Second, is filling in the blank spots on those signup sheets during our next March 14th meeting, *especially* in the areas of parking (*can I say "PARKING" loud enough?*), *Raffle, and Kitchen Staff. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!*

Second topic is touring. Touring season started for myself, **Eric Engle**, and **Dennis Kliesen** this past week as we headed north to the Santa Monica Pier to see the end of Route 66, better known as "The Mother Road" (Now Route 66 is starting to wet my appetite!). A tour can be as little as one, two, or three cars; just pick a destination and go! Another thought: the saying up in the northern states is "April Showers bring May Flowers". Well, here in Southern California it's more like February Showers bring March Flowers. And with this past month being the fourth wettest February in Los Angeles, March and April are sure to be full of blossoms (can you say "Superbloom"?). Plan a drive up north (the hills of Gorman), east (Joshua Tree or the Antelope Valley), south (the flower fields of Carlsbad), west (oops, sorry - that's reserved for sailing or surfing). Anyway, you get the idea. Get your oil changed, lube up the car, and fill up the tank and start driving. Nothing like putting a smile on both your face and the people you will encounter along the way.

So your agendas should be set -- Pancake Breakfast and Raffle, and touring.....

Until then, see you at the turnaround point,

Mike

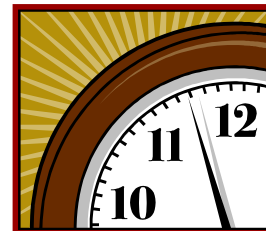


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**Orange County Model A Ford Club
 General Meeting Minutes on
 Meeting held at First Christian Church in
 Orange, CA**

**General Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2024,
 7:30pm**

Meeting was called to order by President, **Mike Edmonson**. Flag salute was led by **Ron Andrews**. **Marilyn Singer-Hawkins** told a joke. **MINUTES:** The minutes were provided. **Sheila Plotkins** made a motion to accept. **Pam Heiland** seconded and all approved.

FINANCIAL: **Darwin Kibby** provided the financial report. **Diane Gaughn** made a motion to accept. **Norm Kredit** seconded and all approved. Present membership is 147.

ACTIVITIES: **Steve Pavich** gave details and departure times for Hwy 39 Event Center scheduled for 2/11. Future tours include March 30th to Costa Mesa Goat Hill train ride and picnic lunch followed by tour to Huntington Beach wetlands on PCH. April 14th - Annual Pancake Breakfast in Hart Park. Please share any ideas for upcoming activities or signups with **Steve**.

TECHNICAL: **Ron Andrews** shared about the upcoming CPR class for familiarization to be held on 2/24. Donuts and coffee to be served. Discussion on taking cars and talking to students at Cypress College.

Please see **Ron** for more details.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: **Pam and Darwin Kibby** announced the arrival of their first grandchild, **Carter**. **Jim Runyon** is recovering from hernia surgery. **Jeanne Parrish** is home now and recovering from her hospital stay.

HARD LUCK TROPHY: Seems everybody's cars were staying healthy. No hard luck this month.

NEW BUSINESS: APRIL 14th is the confirmed date for **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**. All hands-on deck for breakfast job signups. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Preliminary setup meeting to be held at **Shela Plotkins** on 2/13 at 7pm. Navy blue shirts were chosen with pancake logo. Please send style preferred and size choice to **Perry Wilson**. **CCRG March 8-10 in Clovis, CA**. **MAFCA National meet** will be in New Mexico June 23-29. Please see **David Knapp** for more information.

RAFFLES: **Karl Bonham** won \$10 for the attendance raffle. **Shashi and Rekha Acharya** were not present for the membership raffle and the prize will roll over to next month.

REFRESHMENTS: **Mark Polentz, Perry Wilson, Leonard Driver, Ron Andrews, Sherry Reid, Don Ratzlaff**.

NEW MEMBERS: Longtime, no see, **Diana Stewart**, popped by to say hello. **WELCOME BACK DIANA!**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: **Sheila Plotkins** and **Rand Pugmire**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM with 49 in attendance. Submitted by Secretary, **Debbie Parrish**, and pending approval.

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.

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**March 2nd. (Sat)
First Saturday
Breakfast 8 am,
Denny's Restaurant,
2314 I7th St., Santa
Ana, Ca.** We really

need your Model A folklore, and adventures. Come have a great time with your Model A family.



**March 14th
(Thurs), General
Meeting
will be at
7:30pm at First**

**Christian Church of Orange,
1130 E Walnut, Orange
(between Tustin & Cam-
bridge).**

C.C.R.G.

**March 8-9 (Fri.-
Sat.), Clovis, CA.,
"A's and More",
2024 CCRG Jamboree
will be March 8-
9, 2024. Hosted by**

**the Fresno Sierra Chapter of
MAFCA.**



**March 9th (Sat)
Technical
Seminar, 8:30
Donuts/coffee
time,
9am Seminar
begins,**

This time the subject is "Tire Maintenance", and will be given by Don Ratzlaff at Richard and Jeanne Parrish's home, 909 S. Hacienda Pl., Anaheim, Ca., Be sure to park in the back, And also be sure to bring a chair.



**March 28th
(Thurs), 4th
Thursday Break-
fast, 9 am.,
Denny's Restau-
rant, 1695 E Lincoln Ave, Or-
ange, CA.**



**Take A Tour:
March 30th (Sat).**

Tour will **BEGIN** at **10am** and go until about **Noon AT** the Goathill Junction Railroad, **2480 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa.**

Come a little early, so that you don't miss anything.

More details to follow.

Cont: Steve Pavich or Rodger Gulledge for further info.

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Mar. 3rd. (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, 5am-2pm, Pomona Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona. \$15 per person.

Mar. 9th. (Sat), Fontana Route 66 Classic Car Show, 8am-2pm, R & B Auto Center 16020 Foothill Blvd, Fontana

Mar. 10th, (Sun), Long Beach HiPo Swap Meet, 6am-5pm, RAIN OR SHINE, \$15 per person, Parking Free.

April 13th (Sat) & Sept. 28, Paradise Valley Model A Club swap meet, 6am-3pm, Western Little League Regional Headquarters in Northwest San Bernardino, Cont: Richard Bronstrup 909-658,6914

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

CPR / AED CLASS

Almost 30 of our club members showed up for a CPR/AED “familiarization” class this day. Led by **Jim and Sylvia Ellis**, our newest club members. It was an exceptionally informative class for everyone! **Jim**, a retired Costa Mesa Fire Chief and Paramedic, and his wife, **Sylvia**, were **VERY** knowledgeable about the subject matter, to say the least. This was probably one of the best seminars this club has ever had!!

The first 5 minutes, after a person has had a “full arrest” heart attack, are the most critical for survival ! The sooner CPR can be started, the greater the chances are for that person to survive! And one of our club members, **Norm Kredit**, had a **VERY** timely story of his own heart attack when he was working out in a gym years ago and one of the employees there knowing exactly what to do. That “**HERO**” ended up saving **Norm’s** life. You just never know when you might need these skills, so be ready...you just might someday save someone’s life.

The “AED” is becoming more and more commonly found in businesses, malls and work places. These pieces of equipment are an amazing life saving tool that actually talks the person through the entire process.

Looking ahead, at some point in the future, we will be holding a basic first aid class, that I’m **SURE** will be of great value for everyone. It’s nice to know exactly what to do when someone might have a cut finger, minor laceration, or maybe even a broken bone, that needs to be mended **PROPERLY**, until the paramedics, or hospital staff can take over.

All in all, this was a very well received hands-on class that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Fantastic job, **Jim and Sylvia!!** Thank you, and welcome to our Model A family.



Jim and Sylvia Ellis explaining proper hand and body position for proper CPR.



AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) unit and how it is applied to patient.



Club member **Norm Kredit** relating HIS brush with death from heart attack. Thank goodness for CPR trained friends!!!



Highway 39 Events Center Brunch/Tour

What a beautiful sunny California day to take a nice tour to the Highway 39 Events Center in Anaheim. The California rains thankfully parted for a few day, long enough for our club to take yet another very pleasant outing to a nice private automotive, motorcycle, and signs collection. Our members even had the **Bob's Big Boy** there to greet everyone. Ah... celebrities! There was also a brunch being served. All this, and a live band playing some great music. Wow!! This was great!!

The club members first gathered early on this Sunday morning, in a parking lot not far from Disneyland. From there our long string of club cars paraded all the way around Disneyland, honking and waving at all the people on their way into the amusement park. Smiles, pointing, and waving were found everywhere. Our Aaoooh horns were even echoed by the horn on the Disneyland Monorail passing overhead. OK..they won!!! Always nice to bring smiles to folks with our old cars!

We then toured over to the Events Center to enjoy the private collection and have a nice bite to eat. Once we were all finished, some of the group took another tour to the Irvine Park Zoo. Not a big zoo, but certainly a nice stop to enjoy and appreciate some rather exotic animals.

Many thanks go out to our Co-Tour Directors, **Roger & Debbie Gulleddge**, and **Steve Pavich**, for a very enjoyable Sunday adventure.



Sunshine & Sorrow

By Marilyn Hawkins
m_hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: Our own treasurer, **Darwin Kibby** became a grandfather last month. Expect photos as **Pam & Darwin** are off to Minnesota later this month to see their grandson, **Carter**.

Sorrow: **Jim Runyon** had a hernia operation latter part of February. Seems his hip does not hurt anymore, now it's the right leg that is giving him a lot of pain. **Becky MacIntosh's** twin sister pass away on February 10 after battling brain disease for 7 years. I'm sorry, I forgot to mention at the general meeting that **Judy Smyser** passed quite suddenly on January 24.

Jeanne Parrish has returned home from the hospital after a brain bleed. However, not fully recovered as she is bedridden and sometimes hard to understand. A former member **Piet Dwinger** (who originally joined in 1980) had a pacemaker implanted last month to regulate his heartbeat. Give him a call for old times sake.

Take care of yourself...life can change in a heartbeat!

TECH –TIP By Rick Hall

Many of us with "touring" Model "A's" have installed alternators for improved lighting, reliability and faster starting. There are many suppliers of kits for installing a Delco (GM) 6 volt or 12 volt alternator on a Model "A", but the kits do not insure proper alignment of the pulley with the water pump and crank shaft pulley. An alternator out of alignment can cause failure of the fan belt and bearings in the water pump and alternator.

I experienced this problem when I installed a 12 volt alternator in my Victoria. I noticed that the alignment was off a little, but figured that the belt would "adjust" for it. Within 300 miles, my new fan belt began to shred and I was getting occasional bearing squeal from the alternator. That's when I knew I had to do something!

Most alternator kits come with an "H" bracket to mount the unit to your front timing gear cover. One company offers an offset bracket, but it is expensive and may not provide the offset you need. An easy and free fix is to remove your alternator and turn it bottom side up. The bottom of the case has a hump which contains a tube that the mounting bolt goes through. You can easily cut off one end of the tube, depending on which way your unit needs to move to provide for proper alignment. Use a cut-off wheel or even a hack saw - case is aluminum and cuts easily. I cut off about 3/8" to put mine back in alignment. Save the piece you cut off and put it on the other end of the tube along with a thin washer. That way, your alternator will stay where it's supposed to when you reinstall it in the "H" bracket on your engine. This process worked perfectly on my car.

If you have not installed an alternator, but would like to, refer to Les Andrews' Model "A" Mechanics Handbook, Vol. II for complete instructions. If you would like to install it with a bunch of old guys eating donuts and offering suggestions, give our Technical Director Ron Andrews a call and we'll set up a technical seminar.



February 5, 2024

To: Southern California MAFCA Clubs

Paradise Valley Model A Ford Club of San Bernardino California, Chapter of MAFCA is once again having their Antique Auto Swap Meets on ~~Saturday~~ **April 13, 2024 and September 28, 2024**. We would like to thank you for placing our flyer in your Newsletter (in the past) and we hope you will see fit to once again publish our date or flyer in a future club calendar / newsletter.

Our swap meet location is at the Western Little League Regional Headquarters, in Northwest San Bernardino. The Meet will be from 6 AM to 3 PM.
20 X 20 Vendor Spaces are \$35.00. No Rain Dates.

Traveling north on I-215 take the Palm off-ramp, turn right, then turn left at signal to Kendall Drive, road will curve around to Little League Drive, make a right.

Thank You and we look forward to see you at both of our upcoming Swap Meets.
For more information call Richard Bronstrup at 909-658-5914.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :

Mar. 8-9, CCRG Jamboree, Clovis,
Ca., Hosted by Fresno Sierra

Chapter of MAFCA.

June 23-29, **MAFCA National
Convention, Ruidoso, New Mex-**

**ico, Cont: Ray Gabaldon,
550-620-0574, or P.O. Box 44,**

Peralta, NM. 87042

Interested in touring to the
**MAFCA Nat. Convention? Capital
A's will be driving their "A's".**

Cont: Susan—

susan@ExecutiveTravelCenter.com

BLAST FROM THE PAST, Villa Park, Ca. circa 1929



The history of the Villa Park goes back to around 1860. It was an agricultural area with citrus as a main crop. This Employee Photo Day at Sunkist packing house in 1929, which was used until 1983

Mini-Tech Tip by Dennis Kliesen

Trying to remove a difficult fan blade from your water pump?? Try heating it up with either a hair dryer, or a heat gun. The aluminum that they are often made of will expand greater than the steel shaft they are mounted on.

Club Merchandise

Looking for a means to proudly show your support for the Orange County Model A Ford Club?? Check out some of these fine useful items, then contact Perry and Gina Wilson to make

your order.



11 oz Mug: \$18.00

15 oz Mug: \$20.00



Two Options for LOGOS:



OPTION #1

OCMAFC Logo on Back 2024 Pancake Breakfast Logo on Back



OPTION #2



EXECUTIVE Style (Suit Sizing), Outer

Chest & Lower pockets with covered button snaps.

\$32 (size 38, 40, 42)

\$38 (size 44, 46, 50, 52, 54)

\$43 (size 56, 58, 60)

Vestis™ Shop Coat
Item DEF-3061

Two Option for STYLE. Price includes graphics.
Price may increase by \$2 if minimum order of 10 is not received for imprinting. Prices includes tax

REGULAR: No outer chest pockets, lower pockets only on outside. The chest pocket is on the inside of the coat.
Exposed button snaps.

\$30 (Small thru Large) – includes tax

\$35 (XL, 2XL, 3XL_ - includes tax

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Embroidered Baseball Caps - \$ 20

Medium and Large sizes



Width: 3.44 "

Height: 2.37 "

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GOLD		LIGHTBLUE	
BLUE		NEONGREEN	
GREEN		RED	

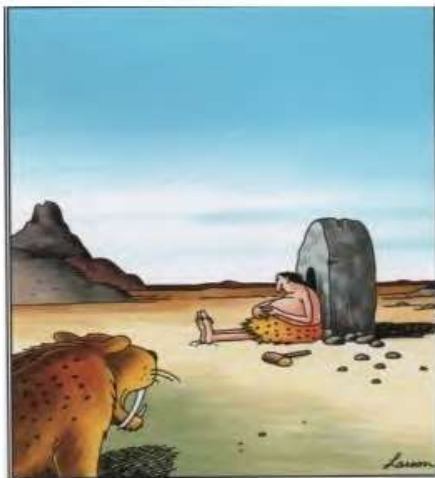


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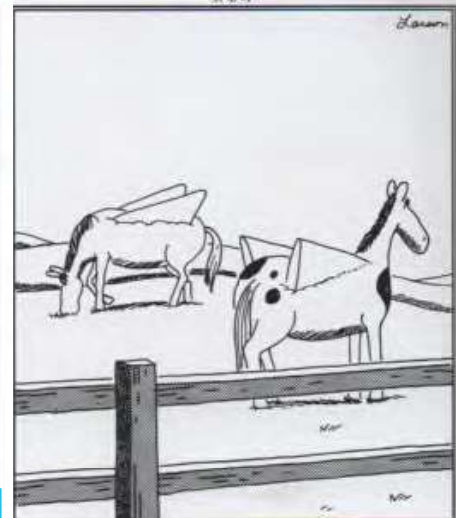
I put a lot of thought into it and I just don't think being an adult is going to work for me!



how tight should the oil drain plug be? asking for a friend.



Thag Anderson becomes the first fatality of falling asleep behind the wheel.



Horse styles of the 50's



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Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting , March 14th, 2024

Time: 7:30pm

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



THE 61ST ANNUAL OCMAFC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 14th 2024

7:30-11 am
 701 S. Glassell St.,
 Orange, Ca., just north
 of the 22 Freeway.

Be sure to come early so that you can have a great meal, visit with all your Model A friends, and just have a great time enjoying **"Henry's Lady"**

Adults: \$10
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 Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs,
 Juice, Hot Cocoa & Hot
 Coffee



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 7:30am-11am
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