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IT'S TOURING SEASON!!

By Eric Engle

Yup, it's finally THAT time of the year again... Time to go touring!!! And once again, **Don Ratzlaff** headed up the Club's annual Mount Baldy Tour. Approximately a 30 mile tour up the hill from the City of Brea to Mount Baldy Village, a string of about 16 club cars (13 A's and 3 Moderns) made the trek up some of the most scenic mountain roads. Spectacular views abounded everywhere. Loved the crystal blue skies and clean fresh air!! Beautiful wild flowers were readily seen along the way also. Hawks gracefully gliding above... Blue Jays everywhere. All so very picturesque!

Eventually the group arrived at their destination, the Mt. Baldy Lodge Restaurant. Nestled amongst the oak and pine trees, the lodge offers a stunning area for visitors to rest and relax while having a very nice meal. Built in 1922, the lodge is definitely a favorite for many, MANY people from the L.A. and Orange Counties, and with very good reason!

Unfortunately, as with all good things, it had to come to an end. So everyone loaded up their cars and headed back down the hill towards home. But even then, the route down the hill was on a different road, so there were all sorts of new sights to be seen and all equally as beautiful!

Great day... great tour!!! Thank you **Don**, for once again heading up this wonderful tour. It is definitely one of the Club's favorites!!

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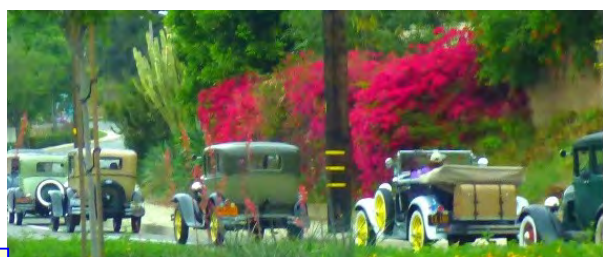
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Leader of the Pack, **Don Ratzlaff**, on patrol.



News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Greetings to Everyone,

What a month May was -- wow! We knew it was going to be busy, but I needed my calendar just to keep everything straight this past month. A big shout out to everyone that participated in the great activities and tours put on by both **Steve Pavich** and **Don Ratzlaff**. The Maritime museum was a special treat that depicted what life was like in the San Pedro area during the beginning of its maritime roots. And Don had a great showing of 13 Model A's en route to Mount Baldy, more cars than in recent memory. A few hiccups along the way, but would it be an adventure if we didn't have a few of these? At least this year was "detour-less"! Thanks again to these two great tour directors as it takes quite a bit of planning to put these types of outings together. Additionally, I had sent a call out to find ways we could participate in Model A Youth Month, and boy did **Ron Andrews** deliver! Not one, but two trips to Fullerton High School, but then also a request to have cars and drivers come out to Cypress College to meet with the enthusiastic students in their auto shop class. What a way to get our wonderful cars introduced to our youth of today. This all starts with you and many of our unsung heroes in our group -- of which we have many!



Speaking of unsung heroes, since I'm now just starting to enter the last seven months of my term as president, I'd like to start focusing in on some of these unsung heroes whom we never want to take for granted. Starting with our newsletter, "The Distributor", that you are currently reading; notice the author of many of the articles you enjoy reading. Many were written by the same person, meaning our fearless Newsletter Editor, **Eric Engle**. He is quite the busy guy, between helping others (me included, probably too many times) with their Model A's, staying involved with all of the club activities, as many of you are also, not to mention home life ... wife, kids and grandkids. And somehow he still has time to write and edit the newsletter. Thank you **Eric** for a job well done! But please take note of the word "write". He shouldn't be writing all of these articles! So many members of our club enjoy and participate in our activities, and if any of you wanted to write an article about your personal experience at one of these activities, that would be one less article **Eric** would have to write. Besides, writing an article about your personal impressions and feelings about a school visit, a tour to Mount Baldy, or somewhere else, or any one of the number of parades we participate in, brings great value to our newsletter and to those that read it. So, I hope YOU will consider writing a short article or story about YOUR personal experiences with YOUR Model A for The Distributor. I know **Eric** will gladly accept your article with enthusiasm, and may even provide a helping hand.

In closing, please scan through The Distributor for June events. We start off with a bang on Day 1 of the month of June with our 1st Saturday Breakfast, followed by the Packing House event in Anaheim and ends with the Ice Cream Social at Ed and Patty Cote's home on the 29th (the 30th is still open!). And not to forget the MAFCA National Convention in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Gas up those cars.....

Until then, see you at the turnaround point,

Mike

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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 May 9, 2024,
 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by President, **Mike Edmonson**. Flag salute was said, **Marilyn Singer-Hawkins** told a joke.

MINUTES: The minutes were provided; **Ed Cote** made a motion to accept. **Kathie McCall** seconded and all approved.

FINANCIAL: **Darwin Kibby** provided the financial report.

Sheila Plotkin made a motion to accept. **Dale McCall** seconded and all approved. Present membership is 133.

ACTIVITIES: **Steve Pavich** shared many upcoming activities.

5/15 Pizza Party at Zito's, 5/18 Mariners Museum, 5/21 Mt Baldy and lunch, 6/2 Cars needed for kids viewing and Probation Dept, 6/15 Movie and concert at Church, 6/29 Ice cream Social, 7/20 Chino Museum 8/24 Goat hill Museum. Please sign up and watch for details.

TECHNICAL: **Ron Andrews** shared that he has a Youth Day at Fullerton High School on 5/15. **David Knapp** will be doing

clutches on 5/11.

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: **Marilyn Singer-Hawkins** has a knee injury.

HARD LUCK TROPHY: **Joni Terens** car was smoking and not starting at the May Parade and had to be towed. Frayed wires were the problem.

RAFFLES: **Lori Kredit** won \$10 for the attendance raffle. **Jim Nichols** won the roster raffle but was not present to grab his 20 dollars. Money will rollover to next month.

REFRESHMENTS: **Jennifer Ferrario, Kathie McCall, Sherry Reid, Jeanne Parrish, Joni and Kaci Terens.**

MAY BIRTHDAYS: **Ron Andrews and Karen Gaynor**

We would like to welcome new member **Mike Riel and his wife Kathleen**. They own a 1929 Roadster pick-up. Please introduce yourself and share a story or two.

The meeting was adjourned, and refreshments followed.

Submitted by Secretary, **Debbie Parrish**, and pending approval.

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



June 1st (Sat), First Saturday BS Breakfast 8 am, Denny's Restaurant, 2314 17th St., Santa Ana, Ca.,



June 1st (Sat), Anaheim Packing House Anniversary - Car Display, 11:00am-2:00pm, Box lunch provided, bands, lots of visitors.

Cont: Perry & Gina Wilson.



June 2nd (Sun), 2nd Annual Probation

Dept Car Show Back gate of Juvenile Hall - 333 The City Drive, Orange, Expecting 100-150 youth ages 14-24, **ATTEN-**

DANCE MUST BE PRE-APPROVED. Identity and car registration material must be submitted.

Contact Mike Edmonson



June 8th (Sat), Technical Seminar, 9-11 am. Donuts and coffee at 8:30, Sub: Wheel Bearings,

Location: Parrish home, Be sure to bring your chair and appetite.

Cont: Ron Andrews



June 9th (Sun), Anaheim Flag Day Parade, 12-2 pm, Pearson Park, Meeting location will be 11:00 am in the Von's parking lot, 130 W. Lincoln Ave, Anaheim, Cont: Perry & Gena Wilson



June 13th (Thur) Oakmont Senior Living Car Show, 630 City Dr., Orange, requesting 10-12 cars for

display, 10am-1pm, Lunch will be provided, Cont: Ron Andrews.



June 13th (Thurs), General Membership meeting will be at 7:30pm at

First Christian Church of Orange, 1130 E Walnut, Orange



June 13th (Thurs), Park Plaza Senior Living, 620 S. Glassell, Orange (across from Hart Park), 4-

6 pm, Requesting 4-6 cars for display, FREE food, live band, Cont: Rodger Gulledge.



June 15th, (Sat), Community Outreach Night, 6 pm, Live band, Food Truck, Movie, First Christian Church of Orange, 1130 E

Walnut, Orange (Club meeting location), Requesting Club cars for display, Cont: Rick & Louise Hall



June 22nd (Sat), Lake Park Mobile Homes, 255 Orangethorpe, Placentia, Yorba

Linda Women's Club BBQ, 3pm., Requesting 4-10 cars, BBQ will be provided, Cont:

Darwin Kibby



June 27th (Thurs), 4th Thurs Breakfast, TBA

4th of July Parades

Orange Park Acres- Rodger Gulledge

Morningside- Ron Andrews

Anaheim- Need Coordinator

**Ice Cream Lovers Unite...
...and then make it to the
PREMIER
Ice Cream Event of the
YEAR!
Ed & Patti Coté's**



**June 29th
(Sat) @ 12 pm**

Swap Meets/Car Shows

June 1st&2nd, Huntington Beach Concours car show, 9am-2pm, On the grass in H.B. Central Park, 7111 Talbert, H.B., Classics, Exotics Luxuries, \$15 per person. <https://www.hbconcours.org>

June 13th (Thurs), Park Plaza Sr. Living Annual Classic Car Show, 4-6pm, 620 Glassell St., Orange, CA, across from Har Park, Cont: Traci Nagel 714-289-6622 or traci.nagel@kiscosl.com

June 15th (Sat), Church Community Event, starts at 6pm, Food Trucks, Model A club car show, Kids activities, Bounce House, Movie at Sunset. Cont: Louise and Rich Hall

July 20th (Sat), 70th Annual Parts Exchange, Hose-Long Beach Model T Club, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach, CA., \$15 Per person, Parking FREE, Cont: Jeff Hood 562-597-5936

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

Clutch Seminar by Dave Knapp

The Technical Team hosted a workshop on Saturday, May 11 to discuss the Model A flywheel and clutch assembly. With about 20 members in attendance, we of course enjoyed our coffee and lots of donuts before the learning session began. **David Knapp** began the talk with a review of the different types of clutch and flywheel assemblies as the early 28's used a multi-disk clutch and later cars used a single disk clutch. Pressure plates changed over the years as well with the late 28-31's using a 6 finger pressure plate and some Model A-ers have adapted 3 finger V-8 style pressure plates to their cars.

Flywheel options exist as the early 28 was unique, but the late 28-31 standard flywheel is sometimes modified for a different pressure plate and to lighten the flywheel. David also displayed a '32 flywheel which will bolt on, fit the bell house, and use a Model A pressure plate, but requires a unique and rare starter. Another option is a new Burtz flywheel which is lighter and ready to go using a V-8 pressure plate but does need a ring gear installed.

Preparing a flywheel requires a few potential steps. If the ring gear must be replaced, heat is your friend. Heating the old and new ring gear will help ease installation through thermal expansion. One member even suggested freezing the flywheel to also make this task easier, just don't let your wife catch you. Surface facing the flywheel must be done using a diamond circular hone for a proper finish. A lathe is NOT acceptable for turning a flywheel as there are hardened spots on the surface that will not finish properly. **Ray Salmon** cautioned everyone about turning too much surface from the flywheel and gave pointers for checking how much meat should be left.

Lightened flywheels were a hot topic. Most wanted to know why to consider this step. **Dave** indicated his reasoning was to lower the overall rotating mass of the 63 pound flywheel to bring it back in line with a Model A rotating assembly, because he has a B engine that has added weight of crank counterweights. **Rick Hall** indicated that the reduced mass allows the engine to speed up and slow down faster, which impacts how the car drives and shifts. **Ray**, of course, wanted to go racing, so less weight had many other benefits!

Pressure plates and clutch disks were extensively reviewed. The stock Model A has a 6 finger pressure plate and a 9" disk. The disk should be the "captured spring" style, or Nova brand available from Brattons. If using a V-8 pressure plate, the flywheel requires modification or purchase a Burtz. Be sure to balance the flywheel and pressure plate assembly prior to installing in the car.

Bearing replacement was discussed as well. While your Model A is apart, be sure to install a new pilot bearing. Additionally **Dave** recommended installing a new Release Bearing. Both bearings are non-serviceable and cannot be greased. The greasing you do through the access hole is to lubricate the release arm/sliding. Be careful not to over grease that area as it does not require much and too much grease can negatively impact your clutch assembly.

Alignment of the assembly is important as well. If misaligned, there can be clutch chatter, vibrations, or unusual wear. Alignment should begin with the rear surface of the crank with each item being checked working back towards the transmission for any runout or surface imperfections that could cause issues. We even had a lengthy and important discussion about bolts—very exciting!

Thank you to all the members who brought samples, tools, and experience to make this a great workshop!

Orange May Parade By Eric Engle

The annual Orange May Parade in the historical City of Orange took place on May 4th. Started in 1933, in the depths of the Depression, it was meant to be a means to help ease the hard times. It then grew into an beloved annual event.

This year's theme?? **"May The 4th Be With You"**, of course!! As such, many of the participants were decked out in full Star Wars apparel. Chewbacca was there, several Darth Vaders, Obi-Wan Kenobi, R2-D2, Padmé Amidala, and a large host of other characters. It was an incredible sight to see!

The O.C. Model A Ford Club turned out 15 of our club cars. We kind of had our own "parade within a parade". And if the crowd's reaction was any indication, we WOW'ed em!. Smiles, cheers, and LOTS of request for us to blow our horns...which we happily did. It was truly a great time for both spectators AND participants.

By the way, our own **Rick Hall** first took part in this very parade back when he was just 8 years old, as a Cub Scout.

Many thanks to the City of Orange Old Towne Preservation Assoc.'s **Diana Zdenek** and **Brandy Romero** for inviting us to once again take part in their annual event.



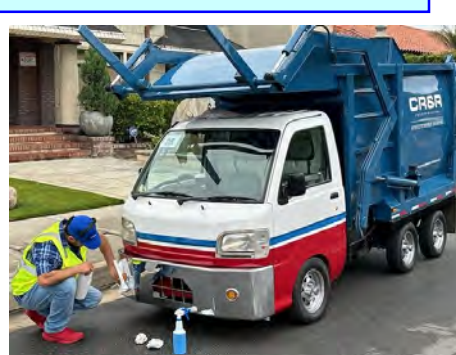
Padmé Amidala



Reo Motor Car, from John Wayne's movie, "Big Jake"



Rick and Louise Hall, with grand daughters



Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins
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Sunshine: Longer days, sunshine and warm breezes are in the air. It's almost summertime. Great news...I'm going on a 10-day Denali Explorer Alaska Cruise and Tour, June 9-19.

Sorrow: **Ed Salman** experienced TIA episode in May. Slowed him down some but doing okay now. We were glad to see him at the May tech seminar. Unknowingly, **Marilyn Hawkins** tore the meniscus cartilage in the back of right knee when she fell late February. Now wearing a leg brace and PT 3/times weekly. However, received a cortisone shot last week to relieve the pain.

***You may not feel better tomorrow, next week, or next month,
but you will feel better.***

Cypress College Automotive Class Visit....by Ron Andrews

Three of our club's Model A's were invited to the Cypress College Automotive class by the instructor, **Michael Klyde**, for a "surprise" visit for his students. **Ron Andrews, Mark Lackey and Dominic Cimarusti** parked their machines facing the stairs of the Automotive class building for viewing. At 10:00 am, a group of blue uniformed students surrounded our cars and I proceeded to explain the Model A's history, production numbers and features. The students seemed very interested, asking numerous questions about its operation, speed, engine facts, costs, etc.

We handed out flyers covering a brief history of the Model A and club business cards. We talked for about 30 to 45 minutes. We even taught a few how to actually start the car.

Next was the best part... giving rides to all and letting them get the feel for what it was like in the 30's, explaining that the roads were mostly non existent back then. I picked a student that could drive a stick shift, and invited a couple more students to ride in the back seat, letting the driver get the feel for a car you actually have to "drive". It would seem that he thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Quoting **Mark Lackey**, *"The A is an affordable, 65 mile an hour machine, born into a 35 mph world. It is a viable, reliable, affordable, work of art, even 94 years later!"*

Editor's note: Great work guys!!! Thanks for representing the Club and the hobby of Model A's.



FULLERTON HIGH SCHOOL YOUTHS AND MODEL A's by Eric Engle

Friday, May 17th, several of O.C. Model A Ford Club members took time out from their hectic schedules to show off their club cars and give the Fullerton H.S. students an education on what it's like to own and operate a Ford Model A. Most students were amazed that "Henry's Lady" is almost 100 years old AND that so many are in such fine shape and still on the road, often as daily drivers! They all seemed to realized just how incredible an accomplishment that really is. How many of today's vehicles will still be around 100 years from now??? Probably not very many. The students had Sssoooo many questions and our group were able to take care of those with relative ease. The only question that this Editor didn't really have an answer for was, "Have you ever gone DRIFTING with your Model A?". Hummm.....couldn't really tell them that I'd even HEARD of anyone trying to do that. "Grand Master" **Richard Parrish** was also there to share his book of memories from when he and his wife, **Jeanne**, traveled through 49 of our country's states in their Tudor, INCLUDING Hawaii (they missed Alaska). What an amazing story!! Thanks **Richard** for sharing all that. No doubt those students took some of those stories home with them to share with their family and friends.

Thanks to our club Technical Director, **Ron Andrews**, for arranging this outing for the student body of Fullerton High School.



Richard Parrish sharing some of his fond memories of traveling through 49 of our U.S. states with his wife, Jeanne



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :
June 23-29, MAFCA Convention, Ruidoso, New Mexico., Hosted by Southwest Model A's
July 20, 1863, HENRY FORD'S BIRTHDAY
NATIONAL AWARD BANQUET, December 11-14, Salt Lake City, Utah
Sept. 14th, 22nd Annual All Ford Car Show, Hosted by Santa Maria A's

MEMORIAL DAY AT FAIRHAVEN MEMORIAL PARK *by Eric Engle*

Memorial Day is a day to honor our U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in our country's armed services. And once again, our club members were invited to line the entrance to Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana, CA., with a string of club cars, all decked out in patriotic dress. Along with our club cars, there were also a number of Model T's and hot rods that were also invited to adorn the entrance to the park's commemoration. The event hosted a live band, guest speakers and a sizable crowd of patriotic citizens attending. Several aero squadrons flew in formation over the crowd. It was a great event to give thanks to all of our military personnel who have been so willing to possibly give their all to protect our country.



FULLERTON HIGH SCHOOL PART DEUX

By Eric Engle

After a group of our Club members visited Fullerton High School a few days earlier to show all the students our club cars, a much smaller group of Club members went back several days later to the high school's Paint and Body class to share what we could on that subject. **Eric Engle** spoke briefly on the subject of body work, and **Steve Pavich** spoke on the subject of mechanics and then how to (hopefully) avoid blowing one's self up with a 6 volt coil, when hooked up to 12 volts. The students were then allowed outside and encouraged to take a look, once again, at some of our Club's cars to see what some of the body work and paint jobs looked like after being finished. **Caroline Kim**, the substitute teacher, was even caught on camera climbing into a rumble seat for a photo op. Several of the students were also allowed to climb into the driver and passenger seats of our cars, to "try them on for size". Always nice to show off our Model A's and give encouragement to the younger drivers, with the hope of sparking the flames that might eventually lead the younger crowd to getting involved with these grand old historical vehicles.



Los Angeles Maritime Museum by Eric Engle

What a BEAUTIFUL day to drive up the California coast, through Long Beach, and ultimately ending up in San Pedro at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum. First meeting up for breakfast at a local Irish pub (Silky Sullivan's), we finally got underway. What started out as a bit of a gloomy day (aptly named "June Gloom" here in So. Calif.), finally burned off and became a bright and sunny day. The L.A. Maritime Museum is a BEAUTIFUL old structure, that once was the Municipal Ferry Building, for when there weren't any bridges linking the mainland with Terminal Island. Operated as a ferry terminal from 1941 to 1963, it was closed due to the opening of the Vincent Thomas Bridge. It has since been remodeled into a wonderful museum, showing the early days of the L.A. Harbor area. There were many artifacts and photos of the early days, especially all the tuna canneries that abounded for many years on Terminal Island. There was also a wonderful collection of paintings done by artist **Arthur Beaumont** (1890-1978). And as luck would have it, his grand daughter and her husband (**Debbie & Rodger Gulledge**) just so happen to be a couple of our club members, who were proudly showing her grandfather's artwork being prominently displayed. If you weren't able to make this tour, I would highly recommend stopping by someday on your own.



Debbie & Rodger Gulledge explaining and admiring "Deb's" grandfather's work.



Yours truly looking very much in command.



Just for Laughs

Instead of a sign that says, "Do not disturb" I need one that says, "Already disturbed, Proceed with caution"



"You've got to start sometime. Why not operate on this one?"



SO HOW'S THE MEMORY HOLDING UP?



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Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting, June 13th, 2024

Time: 7:30pm

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



Upcoming Club Tours

June 29th, Ice Cream Social, Cote's Home, 2435 Bonnie Brae, Santa Ana

July 6th, Saturday, Chino Air Museum, Planes of Fame, 14998 Cal Arco Drive, Chino

July 20, Saturday, Model T Swap Meet, 5000 Lew Davis St, Long Beach

August 24, Model Train Engineers Tour, 2480 Placentia, Costa Mesa

September 21st, Rubel Castle, 844 Live Oak Ave, Glendora

Questions? Contact Steve Pavich, Club Tour Director

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