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News From the President

Greetings all!

September has been here and gone, and what a mixed bag this month has been, both locally and nationwide (weather-wise). We had our wonderful Progressive Brunch - and wow! What a turnout!!! I think we were at 51 last count. A big thank you to Karen Gaynor and Sheila Plotkin for your hard work in organizing this event, as well as the hosts: Joni Terens, Eric Engle. Chrisanne Edmonson (and yours truly), and Marilyn Singer-Hawkins. Great job, one and all. And now for next year.....

Shortly after our progressive brunch I high-tailed it up to Seattle to visit family and I was unable to enjoy the other club activities, but I think visiting 93-year-old parents ranks



right up there. But I did hear of some great revelations that Steve Pavich had, thanks to our in-house repair technician William Smith. It's amazing what a few loose wires in the terminal box will do to a Model A! As well, I heard that the tech seminar proved to be profitable on many fronts as troubleshooting and different approaches to tackling repairs was the topic of the day, as was the donuts and coffee.

Another part of our Model A type of adventures is the Model A Touring Club, of which several of our club members also belong to. This year's tour was labeled the "USCAN Tour", a 19-day tour that took place 8-26 September. Both Jim and Kathy Glendinning, and George Kulakowski made the trek that started, for some, here in Southern California, but formally started in Leavenworth, Washington (NOT Kansas) and continued through Idaho, Montana, and into British Columbia and Alberta, Canada. This was most notably George's Panel Delivery Truck's maiden voyage!!! There were a few breakdowns along the way, but fortunately none for either George or the Glendinnings. Hopefully we can encourage one of these brave souls to put together a slide presentation of what had to have been a splendid tour to share with us during a future meeting. And we'd also like to encourage more members to venture out on some of these longer tours with their A's.

But while we have been enjoying our club activities and Model A's, the same can't be said for the southeastern section of our nation. Tragedy has struck in the form of Hurricane Helene. We've been getting updates from our daughter who lives near Charlotte, North Carolina and the news is not good throughout this region. So as we look towards the fair weather of October in our neck of the woods, let's keep the great people of Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, and Tennessee in our thoughts and prayers.

Until then, see you at the turnaround point,

Mike

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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 for September 12, 2024, 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order. Jeremy Gaynor led the flag salute. He introduced himself and announced that he would be taking his mother, Karen Gaynor, with him when he left to go back



to New York. This was to be Karen's last meeting and we are all sad to see her go. He shared a bit of history about their family. Marilyn told a joke.

MINUTES: The minutes were provided; Sheila Plotkin made a motion to accept. Jeremy Gaynor seconded and all approved. FINANCIAL: Darwin Kibby provided the financial report. Ed Cote made a motion to accept. Sheila Plotkin seconded and all approved. Present membership is 137.

ACTIVITIES: Steve Pavich shared many upcoming activities. Train Museum was attended by over 50 people and 16 cars. Fun Day at Goathill. 9/14 will be our progressive brunch. Details and directions will be provided, please bring a chair. 10/19 Rubel Castle. Looks to be interesting place, Steve still looking for leader on this. Anaheim Halloween parade will be on 10/26. Please contact Perry Wilson for this

TECHNICAL: Ron Andrews shared that the next technical will include basic maintenance or any issue you bring to Richard Parrish garage on 9/21. Oct seminar will be on minor body work or wipers. Set your calendar for Nov 16 for engine tear down at the home of Jeffrey and Jennifer Ferrario's home in Cypress.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for car to showcase on the shirts of breakfast 2025. Discussion on replacing upcoming vacancies of officers. Perry introduced a sandwich board for advertising our club. Display at events, gain exposure, to increase interest and membership. SUNSHINE AND SORROW: We had to say goodbye to Brian Mathison and long-time member. Art Moore. Our thoughts are with their families.

HARD LUCK TROPHY: Steve Pavich with his broken timing gear. RAFFLES: Joni Terens won \$10 for the attendance raffle. Mick and Pam Bacich won the roster raffle but were not present to grab the

prize. Money will rollover to next month. REFRESHMENTS: Nathan Sherry, Bruce McIntosh, Lori Kredit, David Knapp, Perry Wilson and Sherry Reid. Linda Tom as always covers the drinks.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Frank Mower, Brian Huffman and Don Ratzlaff

Jeremy Gaynor stopped by to say hello from New York. Or was it just to take his mother, Karen Gaynor, with him? Many adventures to you both

The meeting was adjourned with 40 members present, and refreshments followed.

Submitted by Secretary, Debbie Parrish, and pending approval.

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Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Oct. 5th (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session, 8:00am, Denny's, 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana.

Come join the good natured BS entertainment and bring some of your own tales of fond memories.



Oct. 19th (Sat), Tour to Rubel Castle, 8:30am-1:30pm, 844 N Live Oak Ave. Glendora, CA., tour start-

ing point will be at Panera Bread in Brea, 23 S Associated Rd, Brea, CA, at 8:30am., Cont: Steve Pavich for details.



Oct. 24th, 4th Thurs. Breakfast, TBA



Oct 10th (Thurs), General Meeting will be at 7:30pm at First Christian Church

of Orange, 1130 E Walnut, Orange (between Tustin & Cambridge).



Oct. 26th (Sat), Anaheim 100th Annual Halloween Parade,

Parade starts at at 7pm. Cont: Perry

and Gina Wilson for more details. This is a "scary" fun event to dress up our cars and the parade crowds.



Oct. 12th (Sat), Tech Seminar on Paint and Body, 8: 30am **Donuts & Cof**fee. 9am Semi-

nar begins (more details to follow...Looking for a location)



Decorate and lightup your cars and come on out to entertain the spectators that will line the route.

FALL FESTIVAL, (

The Anaheim

Fall Festival and Halloween Parade

Is Celebrating It's

Centenial Year.

October 26th (Sat) we once

again have an opportunity

to show our cars in this fun

Halloween parade.

Parade starts at 7pm.

HALLOWEEN PARA

Contact Perry and Gena Wilson for further details for signing up.

Swap Meets/Car

Oct. 12th (Sat) Cyprus Festival & Car Show, 10am-3pm, Oak Knoll Park, 5700 Orange Ave Cypress, CA., \$25 per car to ENTER you car in car show, Spectators FREE. For more info.: https://www.cypressfestival.com Oct 13 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm

Oct. 25-26 (Sun) Newport Beach Classic Car and Truck Fesstival, Balboa Pier, N.B., Free Admission, https://newportbeachclassiccarfestival.org

Oct. 26 (Sat) Orange Blossom Model A Club VINTAGE car show, Riverside Elks Lodge, 6166 Brockton Ave., Riverside, Ca., 1900-1959 vintage or "Slightly Modified" cars only., https://obamodela.wixsite.com/riverside/ carshow2023

Dec 8 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm

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

Highlights of the Sept. Tech Seminar

By Ron Andrews Technical Director

About 15 members worked on 3 dozen donuts and coffee, along with a few Model A's, gathered at Richard Parrish's backyard. Thank you, Richard, once again for the use of your place. I was hoping this would be a "work on your car" day, but it quickly turned into lots of "useful information" session.

Will Smith had just returned from his long cross county trek to an the old car festival in Michigan. <u>MANY</u> miles in a car that his dad had owned 50 years ago. We all discussed random topics, such as tire rotation, lubing Crank Guide (mostly overlooked), oil changes at what mileage etc. Did you know that there is a hole in the Crank Guide that periodically needs oil?? That's for lubricating the front leaf spring!

We talked about cooling systems and difference between original radiators and the newer "Heavy Duty" radiators. Will emphasized that a good radiator is a KEY factor in the cooling of Model A's! Be sure to lube the distributor cam/points rub block! And don't forget the drilled hole in the top of the lockdown screw for cam, if you have one. An item I've missed would be the rear hub bearings, probably every 2 years. I checked mine and luckily mine were good.

Each owner has his routine for maintaining their car and we touched briefly on certain items that are probably already known to most, but maybe occasionally overlooked. We were enlightened on bits and pieces of Will's trip and some issues he had along the way. The second part of the semi-

nar belonged to Eric Engle on undercarriage cleanliness.

Eric, a 30 year Engineer (driver) for the fire department, explained that, while he was still working, it was his job to make sure that his rig was clean and well taken care of. Same would go for ALL of the equipment carried on the rig. Everything clean, in good working condition, and in exactly the right compartment that is was stored. He explained that every Sunday, which was called "Duty Day", he was expected to, along with other duties, clean the entire undercarriage with a bucket of soapy water and rags. The purpose of this was make sure that the department could maximize the life expectancy, as they are VERY expensive! There was also the added duty of looking carefully for any loose nuts, bolts, etc., or cracks or broken items underneath.

Eric carried these "Duty Day" practices over to his 31 Coupe, maybe every 6 months or so. He told of cleaning his Coupe just a few days earlier and finding a missing nut/washer for one of the body to frame mounting bolts. Things can, and do, loosen with time from the normal everyday vibration of driving. Be sure to check those oil pan bolts!

Eric showed some of the items that he uses for the task: a bucket of warm water with a "healthy" dose of dish soap, several clean rags, overalls and gloves...and let's not forget eye protection. He also showed the group a "Magic Creeper" that he uses: a thin piece of material that allows for a person to easily scoot under the car being worked on. Very interesting item, that is easily

stored in the car, or wherever.



HERS.

Eric Engle showing some of the items for cleaning undercarriage.



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Open Doors California – Anaheim Packing House By Perry Wilson

On Sunday, September 15th, we had (9) cars and many members participate in sharing their fine automobiles at the Anaheim Packing House for the 2024 Open Doors California special event. Our cars lined up with other classic automobiles, which also included (2) 22 ft long hearses, reminding us that Halloween is just around the corner. The City of Anaheim provided free shuttles to (6) historic locales: the Kraemer Building, Briggs-Burns House (Broken Spirits), Carnegie Library (MUZEO), Packard Building, Anaheim Packing House and Crawford Marmalade Factory (MAKE Building). The hop on/hop off shuttle tours were hosted by the Anaheim Historical Society. In fact, Muzeo Museum and Cultural Center displayed an interesting Civil War field medicine kit in their collection, provided courtesy of our own Steve Pavich. The field kit belonged to 1st Sgt. Steve Pavich, 116th Penn. (1863). Can it get any better than that? Well, the answer is, "Yes!". Club members were treated to delicious Pizza while enjoying each other's company on a delightful day. This was a "car share" event that was enjoyed by many.















Civil War Field Medicine Kit
1860s
Courtesy of 1st Sgt. Steve Pavich, 116th Penn. 1863
The Civil War Medical Kit was filled with essential equipment including scalpels and a bone saw for field amputations. But the mechanization of warfare and the continual advancement of killing technology was overwhelming.

Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins m_hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: "Two sounds of autumn are unmistakable...the hurrying rustle of crisp leaves blown along the street...by a gusty wind, and the gabble of a flock of migrating geese."

Sorrow: We just learned in early September that Brian Mathison passed away on August 18 at the age of 75 years old and that the family has already completed memorial services. Member since 2022. Then at our general meeting it was announced that Red Sickmann passed away on September 10 at the age of 90 years old. Member since 2004. Sympathy cards were mailed to both families.

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

Route 66 - How To Begin by Diane Gaughen

So how do you start creating a national highway system from the mishmash of existing trails and roads? The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture appointed a joint board of state and federal highway officials to designate and number a national system of highways, using existing roads and create a consistent system for marking these roads.

When the board first met in 1925, they had about 250 marked trails to choose from. Eventually, with input from the states, 75,884 miles of roads to be paved were approved. Cyrus Avery was on this joint board and had power

of approval over the final highway plan.

Believing that Oklahoma needed a major U.S. highway, Avery drew a line that went south of the Santa Fe trail and north of the Butterfield Stage route, both major roads used since the Gold Rush of 1849 brought many migrants to the West. But Avery's road wasn't a direct East-West route. It was on the diagonal from Chicago to Southern California. (OK – get out your maps!)

Here was the issue: all other federal highways were to be east-west or north-south – no diagonals allowed. Eventually, this route was accepted because it linked many major cities. A secondary issue was which of the smaller towns would be included in the eventual routing.

But stay tuned for the biggest controversy of all – which number would this highway be called – 60, 62 or 66? This almost caused the death knell for Route 66!

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Step Back In Time: The Evolution of Fall Footwear

As we transition into the crisp, vibrant days of fall, it's the perfect opportunity to delve into a subject that warms our soles and spirits: shoes. Recently, I came across a remarkable article in a Sears, Roebuck catalog from 1927, gifted to me by a fellow club member. This golden nugget of fashion history not only showcases the latest footwear trends of the time but also offers a fascinating glimpse into how style and practicality have evolved over the decades.

A Blast from the Past

In this vintage catalog, I found an array of stunning images featuring the fall shoe collection, including cozy boots lined with soft sheep wool and fleece-lined Oxford shoes designed for women and little girls. These styles were not just about aesthetics; they embodied a charm and comfort that many of us yearn for today.

Meanwhile, the men's selection was equally impressive, highlighted by robust all-rubber, all-weather boots from a brand called Flint Rock. The catalog boldly proclaims, "It's the Greatest Work Shoe Money Can Buy." At a production cost of \$6 to \$7, these boots were sold for a mere @2.79-a price that feels almost like a dream in today's market!

The Cost of Quality Then and Now

Reflecting on those prices may spark a nostalgia for some of a time when quality footwear was both accessible and affordable. If only we could travel back in time or find similar deals in today's vast shoe market! In our era, where the latest sneakers can soar in the hundreds, it's both a challenge and a yearning to find shoes that marry quality and affordability.

The Personal Connection

As the fall and winter months approach and temperatures drop, our choices in footwear become increasingly critical. It resonates deeply to consider how our ancestors faced similar seasonal challenges with a mix of style and functionality. Perhaps it's time to embrace both modern innovation and classic design as we choose our fall footwear - after all, our feet drive us through our Model A outings, and so they deserve the best.

Stepping Forward with Style

So, as we prepare for the fall months, take a moment to appreciate the rich history of footwear that shapes our choices today. Whether you opt for classic styles reminiscent of the past or modern designs suited for today's demands, remember that each pair of shoes tells a story - one of comfort, resilience, and individual style.

We would like to encourage all our club members to have a little extra fun and dress in era-period clothing for Model A events.

Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is 25th of each 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 2025 renewals. Call 866-379-3619

or visit

www.mafca.com





UPCOMING EVENIS

Saturday, October 19 Rubel Castle Tour (NOT ADA compliant) 8:30 a.m. Meet at Panera Bread. 9:00 a.m. Tour starts via Non-Freeway surface streets.

423 So. Associated Road, Brea 92821

Lunch at Legends Dinner
1155E Rte 66, Glendora, CA
Saturday, November 16 Rancho Los Alamitos Historic

Ranch & Gardens Tour 6400 E Bixby Hill Rd, Long

Beach, CA

December: Holiday Lights

Tour (TBD)

Ron's Mini-Tech Tip Starter Motor Test:

Ignition switch in "OFF" posi-

tion (voltmeter set on 10v DC). Check positive lead (+) for a

good ground.

Place the (-) negative lead to the starter's battery cable connection.

Press starter rod to engage starter. Starter should turn over at a good rate of speed and hold for about 10 seconds.

Observe voltmeter reading: 4.5 volts GOOD! Less than 4.5 volts bad (starter turns slowly).

Make <u>SURE</u> that starter switch is in good condition!

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<u>International Model A Ford Day</u> <u>Progressive Brunch</u>

Always a fun event, this year's Progressive Bruch was a winner in every aspect! Beautiful weather, huge (50+) member turnout, 17 Model A's on the road and GREAT food! We caught up with members (and also some of the Model A's) that we don't see very often. It was great seeing them on the road again.

Appetizers were hosted by the Terens/Goff family in Tustin and started the day off right with a collection of fruits, muffins, bagels, coffee and tea. Greetings and photo taking kept everyone busy for a good while. Thanks to the entire Terens/Goff family for all the setup/service.

Then it was time to drive those Model A's to lunch in Cloverdale Park in Westminster, where Eric Engle and Mike & Chrisanne Edmonson served Eric's homemade chili, Three Bean Salad, and Mike and Chrisanne's Corn Bread and Pasta Salad. No one went away wanting for more, but all seemed to have had satisfied smiles! Thank you Eric, Mike & Chrisanne for managing this lunchtime feast.

As the group left for the next stop of the tour, sadly Jim Persons' car would not start and had to be towed home. Maybe the next "Hard Luck" trophy goes to Jim?? We'll see.

had to be towed home. Maybe the next "Hard Luck" trophy goes to Jim?? We'll see. Final leg of the day....desserts by Marilyn Singer-Hawkings in Irvine. With a beautiful park location, Marilyn filled the table with pies, cakes, fruits, Jell-O delights and cookies. Don't know how anyone could still be hungry, but just about everything was consumed as folks relaxed in the nice shade and spent more time with friends. Thanks to Marilyn and her helpers (Becky & Bruce MacIntosh and Kathie & Dale McCall)

Each stop in this event is a huge effort by the volunteers to put enough food on the table for the 50+ members (and we know how our members can eat!). We thank them all!

Thank you to Karen Gaynor and Sheila Plotkin for orgainizing this event once again. We will miss you Karen as you head off to live in New York. It was great having your family members,



Jeremy and Brenda, join us for the day













Note the age of the "hired" help.



INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY PATCH

Saturday, Sept. 14th, was "International Model A Ford Day", and if you drove your Model A "Pride and Joy" that day, then you qualify for the latest International Model A Ford Day patch. Beautifully embroidered patch for your sweater, jacket, or ???? . Bruce MacIntosh will have patches to present at the October meeting.

DID YOU KNOW...

That the Ford Model A came BEFORE the Model T ??



Built between 1903 and 1904, the 1st generation Model A was built well <u>BEFORE</u> the Ford Model T, produced between 1908 and 1927.

1,750 cars were made between 1903 and 1904 at the Ford Mack Avenue Plant, Detroit, Mich.

The car came as a two-seater runabout \$800 or the \$900 four-seater tonneau with an option to add a top.

The horizontal-mounted FLAT-2, situated amidships of the car, produced a "whopping" 8 hp.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ford_Model_A_(1903%E2%80%9304)

Just for Laughs

"I'm starting to think that I'll NEVER be old enough to know better" Editor's note: "Amen to that!"





OLD AGE COMES AT A
BAD TIME!
WHEN YOU FINALLY
KNOW EVERYTHING,
YOU START TO FORGET
EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.



We are on the Web! www.ocmafc.org

Dedicated to the History and Preservation of the Model A Ford

Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]
Next Meeting Oct., 10th, 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

First Christian Church of Orange

1130 E Walnut Orange, CA

(Between Tustin & Cambridge)



Yes, it's that time again! Time to sign up for all the fun activities and events that come with being a club member of the O.C.M.A.F. Club.

\$30 PER FAMILY! How can ya go wrong with a deal such as that?!?!....



2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL NOTICE • Use this form to submit your dues
If there are no changes to Your Roster Information, Enter Only Your Name(s)

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