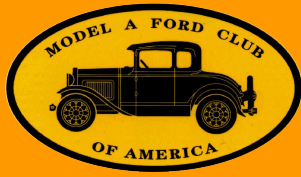


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Merry Christmas  
Everyone

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Bob Kramer



The journey is the adventure, the destination the prize, the end of the journey is only the beginning of the tale to be told for years to come!

## News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Hello Everyone!

I hope this past week's Thanksgiving feast was a complete success and you have plenty of leftovers to tide you over until Christmas -- or at least until our annual Christmas Party! Yes the festivities of the holidays are well underway, and as I'm sure you will read on in this month's Distributor, our Orange County Club will be no exceptions.



We kickoff December's events with a Friday get together at Cypress College, for those who would like to talk turkey (a different kind of turkey) with the auto shop students - these go both on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup>.

The following day is our monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday breakfast at our usual Denny's restaurant in Santa Ana. No Thursday breakfast due to Christmas week, so let's look for a good turnout. Following breakfast, if you are so inclined, a few of us will be heading south to Aliso Viejo to assist with a Toys for Tots Drive; our Model A's always make for quite the magnet and it's a great opportunity to give back to the community for a very worthwhile cause.

The week of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> is definitely party week! Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> is our annual Christmas Lights Tour -- this year is starting off with a get together at the home of **Rick and Louise Hall** at 5pm in Orange, and then a pleasant tour sneaking through Orange Hills, Villa Park, downtown Orange, and eventually to the home of **Ed and Patti Côté** for some more fun and merriment. More fun on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> for our Club's annual Christmas Party at First Christian Church in Orange. Start time is **7pm (not 7:30!!!)** -- be there, or be square. And last, but by no means least is the **Parrish-Terens** Family Christmas Party on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>, again at the First Christian Church in Orange from 11am-2pm.

Whew!!!! Enough? Let's not forget about paying your dues and planning to attend our 2025 Installation Banquet at the Villa Restaurant on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2025. And believe it, or not, planning is on the go for yet another great Pancake Breakfast -- no date confirmed yet, but my bet is on the last half of March!

Until then, see you at the turnaround point,

*Mike*



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**ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A CLUB GENERAL MEETING  
 NOVEMBER 14, 2024, 730PM**

The meeting was called to order by **Mike Edmonson**. **Don Ratzlaff** led the flag salute. **Marilyn Singer-Hawkins** told a joke. All veterans were recognized for **VETERANS DAY**. **ARMY: Ron Andrews, Dale McCall, Don Ratzlaff, Jim Persons, Norm Kredit. NAVY: Frank Mowrer and Bruce Harris. MARINE: Drain Marshall and Mike Edmonson. AIR FORCE: Chrisanne Edmonson, Darwin Kibby and Steve Pavich. NATIONAL GUARD: Rick Hall. MERCHANT MARINE: Nathan Sherry and Frank Reese. Dale and Kathy McCalls grandson** will be entering the **SPACE FORCE**.

**MINUTES:** The past minutes were provided. **Sheila Plotkin** made a motion to accept and **Drain Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All approved. **FINANCIAL: Darwin Kibby** presented the approved, 2025 budget. **Ed Cote** made a motion to accept and **Norm Kredit 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All approved.

Total membership is 134,  
**ACTIVITIES: Steve Pavich** said Rancho Los Alamitos, Garden and museum, will be on 11/16. Meet at Zubis in Huntington Veach at 8:30. Sunday 12/8 will be a light parade. Start at **Louise and Rick Halls** house and end up at **Ed and Patty Cote's** for hot cocoa. Sat 12/14 **Parrish/Terens** Christmas party 11-2pm at the church. Please RSVP. 1/11 Lyons Museum. 2/15 New Fire Station Tour. 12/12 will be our holiday potluck at our regular meeting starting a bit earlier at 7PM.

**TECHNICAL: Ron Andrews** shared that the next seminar will be on 11/16 at **Jeff and Jennifer Ferrario's** house at 8:30. 12/6 and 12/13 at Cypress college to speak with auto shop students.  
**SUNSHINE AND SORROW: Marilyn Hawkins** shared about the passing of **Red Sickman** and life member **Andy Saez**. Our thoughts are with their families.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A five dollar increase in the price per person for the January installation banquet. *The new price will be \$45.00.* The banquet will be Sunday, January 5, 2025. Please pay **Darwin Kibby** or **Kathy Hawkins**. The Bylaws were revised. **Ed Cote** made a motion to accept. **Jennifer Ferrario 2<sup>nd</sup>**, all approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Financial auditing Committee will be **Darwin Kibby, Joni Terens, Jennifer Ferrario** and one person TBA. **Frank Reese** wanted to thank everyone who attended his 90th birthday party.

**HARD LUCK TROPHY:** No Hard Luck this Time!

**RAFFLES: Debbie Gullede** won ten dollars for the attendance raffle.

**Anna and David Orozco** were picked for membership but were not present to claim. The amount will roll over to next month.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Jim Runyan, Rick Hall, Carole Howard and Lori Goff.**

**REFRESHMENTS:** were provided by **Louise Hall, Jennifer Ferrario, Patty Cote, Debbie Gullede** and **Linda Tom** for drinks.

The meeting adjourned at 830pm with 49 members.

Submitted by Secretary **Debbie Parrish** awaiting 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



**Dec. 7 & 8 (Sat/Sun), Toy Drive** to benefit Camp Pendleton Marine families, 10am-3pm.

**Location: Corner of Canyon Vista & Sagebrush, Aliso Viejo, CA.**  
**RSVP Eric Engle for further details.**



**Dec. 7th (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session**, 8:00am, Denny's, 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana. Maybe you've heard of the "No Spin Zone"?? ...Well,

**this AIN'T it!!!** We want to hear your tales, fables, yarns, and maybe even true stories, if you have any... We are always looking forward to your good company.



**Dec. 8th (Sun), OCMAFC Christmas Lights Tour,**

We will be meeting at the **Rick and Louise Hall's** at **5pm** to begin the tour and end at the

**Cote's**. Decorate your cars and yourselves with colorful lights, tinsel, etc. There will be a judging at the **Hall's**. Later we will parade through City of Orange over to **Ed and Patti Cote's** home for hot chocolate and refreshments. Cont: **Doug Marsh** for more info. 805-903-3617



**Dec. 12th (Thu) General Meeting** will be at **7:00pm** at First Christian Church of Orange, 1130 E

Walnut, Orange (between Tustin & Cambridge). Lots of free parking. Pot Luck gathering, rather than the usual General Membership Meeting. See notice this page.



**Dec. 6 & 13, Ron Andrews** is looking to feature a few cars at Cypress College for the auto tech

classes. This session will feature the hybrid engine program at Cypress. Contact **Ron Andrews** if you would like to participate.



**Dec. 14th (Sat), Christmas Party, 11am-2pm**, Club members are invited to a Holiday Party

hosted by the Parrish/Terens families. This will be held at First Christian Church. **RSVP required to Kaci Terens.**

Location: First Christian Church, Orange, 1130 E Walnut Ave, Orange, CA. (Club Meeting room)

## LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER MEETING

Once again we will be shortening the **General Membership Meeting**, in favor for the annual "Special Holiday Meeting". Dec. 12th (Thur) about **7:00pm.**

*While we enjoy holiday sweets, a nice selection of hearty appetizers/finger-food would also be enjoyed by all.*

*Steve Pavich is taking signups for different food dishes. Please give Steve a call, so that he can keep track of the differing foods that are coming to the event.*

**Steve Pavich: 714-322-7561**

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

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

**Dec. 11-14 (Wed-Sat)**, National Awards Banquet, Salt Lake City, Utah, For more info. and registration form-

<https://utahvalleymodelclub.org/nab>

**Dec. 29th (Sun), 66th Annual Holiday Motor Excursion**, Arcadia Regional Park, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, Ca., 7:30am. arrival, Tour departs about 9:30am., Hosted by the Horseless Carriage Club of So. Calif.,

<http://www.socalamca.com/events/2023/12/31/holidaymotorexcursion-w34g3>

**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

### “What Went Wrong?” Tech Seminar

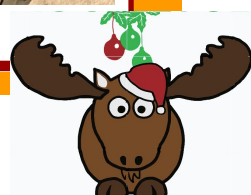
Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, was a magnificently beautiful Southern California morning for a seminar. Held over at **Jeff and Jennifer Ferrario's** home, to help tear apart their engine that self destructed while driving home from the club's last Pancake Breakfast. Actually, **Jennifer** was the one doing all the tearing apart, while all of us “experts” stood around watching, drinking coffee and eating donuts. She's a real, “get your hands dirty” type of a person!!

**Jennifer** wanted to learn everything she could about the internals of her engine and what actually went wrong with it. She told us that while driving home, the engine spewed out a ton of smoke and then simply quit. Hummmm....**THAT** doesn't sound good! She and her husband already had the engine out of the car and on an engine stand by the time we all got there. With a number of club members guiding her, Jennifer began by removing the head. With a bit of persuasion from a head puller, the head didn't put up too much of a fight coming off, thank goodness. Looking in each of the cylinders, there didn't seem to be anything obviously out of order. However, while rolling the crankshaft over just a bit, we noticed that the valves were not moving. Humm.... So, off came the front cover. That revealed the stripped fabric cam gear. We also found that the center metal hub that mounts the gear to the cam, was torn loose from the fabric material. OK..now we're getting somewhere !!

Next, **Jennifer** removed the oil pan. As soon as that came off, we found some chunks of aluminum. Oh boy... **THAT'S** not good at all! So out came all the pistons. That revealed that two of the pistons had not only broken rings, but also several broken ring lands. Another aspect of the removed pistons, which shocked this editor, was the fact that the pistons had 4 ring grooves, rather than the more standard 3 that I'm used to. Wow!! I had heard of these, but never actually seen any!

So, now the question that needs to be answered is; does **Jennifer and Jeff** wish to proceed with rebuilding this engine, or purchase a brand new one? Decisions, decisions.

While the news of all the things wrong with their engine wasn't good, at least **Jennifer** got a **VERY** good education on the internal workings of her Model A engine. She is a real trooper! She and her husband are now considering the possibility of purchasing a Burtz engine....maybe. Not a bad way to go, in my humble opinion. And, oh, by the way, I forgot to mention that the babbitt thrust washer had a very large crack in it. Not sure how to fix that one just yet. We'll need to see what options might be available for that....



## **Rancho Los Alamitos Tour**

On November 16th, twelve OCMAFC members with five Model A's attended the Rancho Los Alamitos Museum Tour in Long Beach. The Rancho was a 1790's Spanish land grant consisting of 300,000 thousand acres, most of which were sold to surrounding communities. Today the Rancho sits on 7.5 acres and has a large ranch house, horse stables, gardens and a gift shop. Docents provide a hour & half tour to the public and reservations are required. The tour ended with members enjoying lunch at Zubies Dry Dock in Huntington Beach. The drive along the California coastline on PCH was spectacular!



## Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins  
m\_hawkins33@cox.net

**Sorrow:** Our lifetime and oldest member (94 yrs old), **Andy Saez** passed away on November 5 in Durango, CO. Quote from his obit, "...we celebrate a life well-lived, characterized by love, laughter and an unwavering passion for life."

**Sunshine:** It's the Christmas month and I just finished decorating the tree. Next, my kitchen will have lingering whiffs of home-baked breads. Wishing you quiet moments with friends and family this holiday season, and peace and joy for the coming year.

***May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve.***

## **ARE YOU POSSIBLY INTERESTED IN A BURTZ?**



***Orange County Model A Ford Club (OCMAFC) is considering a bulk purchase of BURTZ Blocks to save on shipping costs. Others are welcome to join in.***

There is some concern that the price of the Burtz Block coming from China could rise significantly by mid-2025, due to proposed tariffs on imported goods. Also, shipping fees on the Burtz can be significant when purchased by a single person.

In order to avoid price increase AND get a break on shipping fees, a group of **OCMAFC members** are considering a group purchase of Burtz Blocks for those interested. If you have been thinking about a BURTZ in your future, give some thought that NOW might be a good time to buy. There is currently adequate supply in warehouses in the USA.

To join in, or get more details, contact Dennis Kliesen by **December 13**.  
[drkliesen@gmail.com](mailto:drkliesen@gmail.com)

Other **LOCAL** Model A'ers are welcome to join in this effort. Details on the Burtz engine and current pricing can be found at: [www.burtzblock.com](http://www.burtzblock.com)

**All kits will be delivered to a central location in Orange Co., CA., TBA**

**Important reading BEFORE ordering a Burtz Engine Kit**

**Builders Guide-** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-7b4CrvrKPvtXU5r-O6Oy1pIZCnAVVcW/view>

**Oil Pump Info-** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MPcvvRWMNTd3wOJh1mvkE76QQpQ\\_CURp/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MPcvvRWMNTd3wOJh1mvkE76QQpQ_CURp/view)

**Oil Filter Info-** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZJvz02uY7Ey7lIXRgeiXgP6BDGbvZrZ1/view>

## OCMAFC Military Veterans

### Ron Andrews – US Army 1970-1976

As July 20, 1970 rolled around, I had just returned home to Fullerton, California, from a great water-skiing trip to Lake Elsinore. Waiting at home for me was “The envelope” with my personal greetings from the US Armed Forces. The bus trip from Southern California to Fort Ord in Northern California was long but I kept in my mind that I would survive.

Early in zero week we were given an opportunity to acquire a job of our choice for the cost of one year. I must admit basic training went fast and I was on my way to Fort Lee, Virginia—another part of the country, new friends, and job skills. We learned to gauge storage tanks, run pipelines, fill collapsible tanks and we even had some free time to visit the Washington Monument, the Smithsonian and Arlington.

Graduation and assignments with no leave came, and our whole class figured we were going to southeast Asia. But some of us were going to Germany, some to Korea, a few to Alaska. Several days later and after a long flight, I arrived at my assignment in a new country of bratwurst and beer. I was assigned to a Cavalry Unit with tanks, armored carriers and trucks, and was designated the Section Chief. We spent a lot of time in the field but several times a year we went to the East German border to relieve the units there.

In 1972, I was able to acquire a month leave. A friend in my unit contacted me and said if I could get an acceptance from either Army Reserve or National Guard, I could finish my enlistment at home in one of these units. I returned to Germany with paperwork in hand and was released about a week later. During my long flight home, I had time to ponder what I had experienced and had seen - it would stick with me the rest of my life.

The National Guard would be a breeze. I attended college and the National Guard at the same time. National Guard was one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer (and a few trips to universal studios for training - *it was the best fun*).

I look back to this part of my life and feel that I was very fortunate to have had this experience.





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.,

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or visit

www.mafca.com



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SAVE THE DATES :

Dec. 11-14, MAFCA NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET, Salt Lake City, Tours, Seminars, etc. Hosted by the

Utah Model A Club:

<https://utahvalleymodelaclub.org/nab>

June 16-25, 2025 National Tour, Virginia Battlefields, Host Dallas Model A Ford Club.

<https://sites.google.com/view/mafca-2025-national-tour/home>

April 3-6 2025, CCRG JAMBOREE, Visalia, Calif., Hosted by Charter Oak Model A Club, Cont: Phil Kneeland, 559-679-1980

or

[lindannphil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindannphil@sbcglobal.net)

June 15-22, MAFCA National Tour, Bull Run to Appobattox & everything in-between, Host Dallas Model A Ford Club.

<https://sites.google.com/view/mafca-2025-national-tour/home>



68th ANNUAL

HOLIDAY MOTOR EXCURSION

Presented by

The Horseless Carriage Club of So. Cal.

Sunday/December 29, 2024

7:30 am arrival @ the Park

Tour Departs around 9:30 am

Donations Greatly Appreciated

**\*1932 and older stock vehicles required for tour participation\***

Arcadia Regional Park

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\*\*Limited spectator parking available\*\*

Please park in designated parking spots only.

Please no trailers at the County Park

All vehicles must be clear of the Park by 10:00 am



*Don't forget that the next Installation Banquet  
Is Coming Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.  
It will be here before you know it, so plan now to be  
there.*



Plan now to join us for the **OCMAFC 2025  
Installation Banquet** Theme:  
"Walking Through  
History"

**Wear your "Era Clothing"  
(or not) and drive your car.**

**Sunday, January 5** (lunch time) at  
The Villa in the City of Orange,  
1-4pm

Cost to members **\$45 per person.**

**RSVP** now by making payment to **"OCMAFC"** and send to  
P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711



**Whatever it takes,  
Just BE THERE!!!!**

# Route 66 – Finally!

By Diane Gaughne

Missouri chief engineer Piepmeier wrote to Cyrus Avery, "I am willing to accept 62, 66 or 60, from Chicago to Los Angeles, and nothing else... That is my position, and I hope you will agree with me and that we can get something settled at once." Avery accepted this and presented this to MacDonald, chief of the Bureau of Public Roads.

The good news was that Kentucky had just agreed that Route 60 would go from Springfield, Missouri across Kentucky and Virginia to Newport News. This left Route 66 as the number from Chicago to Los Angeles. At last! The date was July 23, 1925. Although 66 had not been the first choice, it was acceptable.

W. C. Markham executive secretary of the American Association of State Highway Officials, urged Avery to accept this action by Kentucky so they could get on with marking roads and making maps. On August 11, Markham sent a memorandum to the state highway departments of 11 states, notifying them of the numbering decision.

When all was said and done, Cyrus Avery was pleased with his 24 months of hard work. The number was accepted by the secretary of agriculture, and in November, 1926, it became the law of the land.

So where did the number 66 come from? No one knows...

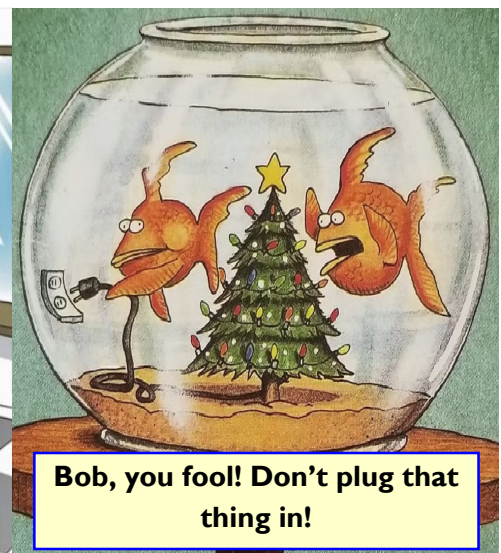
## *Just for Laughs*



"Officer, give the ticket to her. She does the driving. I just sit behind the wheel and do what I'm told."



REALLY? I GOT MY WIFE A VACUUM CLEANER FOR CHRISTMAS TOO!



Bob, you fool! Don't plug that thing in!



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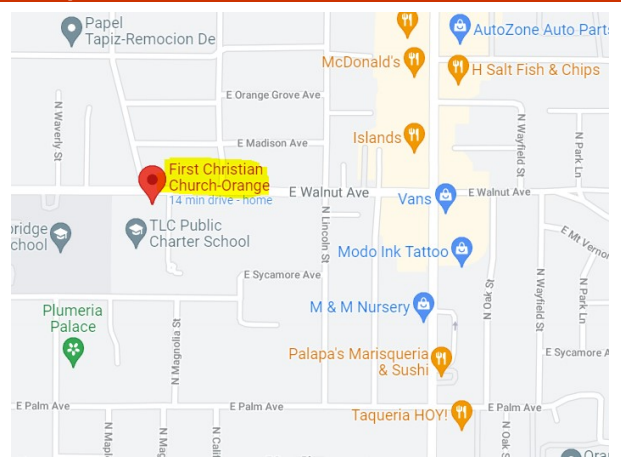
## Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting Dec. 12th, 2024

Time: **7:00pm for Pot Luck**

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?!?!.....

*We will be adding birthday month information to the roster this year. We would love for you to provide the month of your birthday with your renewal of dues if you wish to be included. Marilyn will be around asking for this information at the meetings as well.*



**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)

## Orange County Model A Ford Club

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:becky@genimage.com)

You may confirm current information by going to the "Members Only" page on the Website at [www.ocmafc.com](http://www.ocmafc.com) or check the 2024 Roster for accuracy.

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

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**PO Box 10595**  
**Santa Ana, CA 92711**

Payment **MUST** be received by February 28th, 2025 to be included in the club's printed 2025 Membership Roster!