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March 2025

Editor Eric Engle

OCMAFC - 62nd Annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 23, 2025

Mark Your Calendars And Set Your Alarms, Because ...It's almost here!!!

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TOURING THE LONG BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE BOAT

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AND THE GOLDEN WRENCH AWARD GOES TO...

Club member, Jennifer Ferrario, was awarded the club's first ever Golden Wrench Award during a recent club meeting, for being such a "Hands On" gal during the recent teardown of her very sick engine. Jennifer was not shy about wanting to learn the in's and out's of what went wrong with her car. Seems that a couple of the pistons self-destructed, as did the rings. For being quite the "trooper", we salute you!! Good job Jen!!

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News From the President

Greetings everyone,

We've had our showers and lately it feels like spring has sprung. How long will this last? Hopefully at least until after <u>March 23rd</u> -- the date of our <u>62nd Annual Pancake</u> <u>Breakfast!!!</u> A lot of time and effort has gone into the planning and preparation already. A big thank you to <u>Sheila</u> Plotkin for lending her home to our ticket cutting and plastic ware rolling party. About a dozen folks showed to this annual event, which is so necessary to ensure both a smooth breakfast roll out, as well as our glorious Pancake Breakfast raffle. We are on track for another fabulous raffle event and this happens because of the time and effort put in by all of our club members that donate items for the raffle, the many clubs in our region that make donations, as well as our ever-

By Mike Edmonson



busy head honchos of the Pancake Breakfast Committee: Aaron Magdaleno, Frank Reese, and Richard Bolls. We as a club are so fortunate to have these fine gentlemen at the helm.

And not to be outdone are the fine ladies heading up the Raffle Committee: Jennifer Ferrario and Kathy Glendinning. Flyers were made available at our last meeting (which was nearly rained out by those pesky showers!), but if you missed the meeting, there are still more flyers available.

As far as activities go, we kind of slowed our calendar down a bit as all hands are on deck for our Pancake Breakfast. However, we do have a technical seminar scheduled for March 8th at Richard Parrish's house. And wouldn't you know it, it's also <u>Richard's birthday!!!</u> So for his 88th birthday (shhhh) we will celebrate by working on his beautiful 1931 Fordor sedan. We hope to do everything BUT install that beautiful serial #I Burtz Engine, so if you want to celebrate and help out a club member who has always gone out of his way to help others in our club, put a circle around March 8th and we'll see you for coffee and donuts at 8:30am that morning.

Not a club event, but an event nonetheless, is our annual pilgrimage to the CCRG Jamboree to support our neighbors to the north, this year it's April 3-5 in Visalia, CA. Many of these members travel south to support our pancake breakfast, so it's heartwarming to see our own members support their annual event -- and maybe win a Burtz engine or one of the other numerous raffle items they will have on display. Last year was my first visit to CCRG and I was thoroughly amazed at their organization and the number of events and tours that were conducted, so I expect great things from the Charter Oak Model A Club next month.

March 13th is our next and last meeting before the Pancake Breakfast, so I encourage everyone to attend, bring your donated raffle prizes, signup in various areas to help with the raffle, parking, and the kitchen -- as well as signing up to assist with the setup crew. And of course more flyers to advertise our great pancake breakfast!

Until then, see you at the turnaround point,

Mike

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Sunshine & Sorrow – Marilyn Hawkins **Webmaster** – Bruce MacIntosh

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 on Meeting held at First Christian Church in Orange, CA

General Meeting Minutes for February 13, 7:30 pm



Meeting was called to order and flag salute led by President, Mike Edmonson.

Marilyn Hawkins told a joke.

MINÚTES: The minutes were provided. Gerry Reid made a motion to accept and Aaron Magdaleno 2nd and all approved.

FINANCIAL: Joni Terens provided the financial report. Ed Cote made a motion to accept. Eric Engle seconded and all approved. Present membership is 137. ACTIVITIES: Fire Station tour is set for 2/15. Eric Engle and Rodger Gulledge will lead the tour to Long Beach. Old Town Music Hall is set for 3/15 but has been postponed due to pancake breakfast activities. Rubel Castle will take place on 4/19.

TECHNICAL: Ron Andrews mentioned that a technical seminar will take place at Richard Parrish garage on 3/8. Please contact Ron about the subject matter. EDITOR: Please get dues and any roster updates to Becky MacIntosh by deadline of February 28.

PANCAKE BRÉAKFAST: Everyone is busy with pancake breakfast preparations. Please sign up for work duty. Sunday MARCH 23, 2025. 7-11am. Signups are as follows: KITCHEN DUTY- contact Richard Bolls, PARKING- contact Steve Pavich. RAFFLE and DONATIONS- contact Jennifer Ferrario or Kathy Glendinning. Any last-minute donations should be brought to March general meeting. GUEST SPEAKER: David Frazee, Secretary of M.A.F.C.A. spoke about some of the multi day tours. A Ridge Route Tour is planned for May with a San Diego group. Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica leaving Sept. 22 till 10/13. Trying to boost interest, ideas and enthusiasm for Southern Calif Regional Group. Known as S.C.R.G. Annual meeting will be held on March 23 at Hart Park during pancake breakfast, approx. 10:00am, Under the BIG TREE. David can be contacted at (760) 822-9523, OR Frazeeintree@hotmail.com OR Secretary@MAFCA.COM

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: Marilyn Singer-Hawkins shared, in lieu of flowers, we sent a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Dianne

HAŔD LUCK: Sheila Plotkin will keep trophy as no hard luck this month. Jennifer Ferrario was presented with the Golden Wrench.

RAFFLES: Becky MacIntosh won \$10 for the attendance raffle. Mark Lackey won the roster raffle of \$40 but was not present to grab the prize. Money will roll-over to next month.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: Joni Terens, Rand Pugmire, Aaron Magdaleno and Louis Petrosine.

REFRESHMENTS: Kathie McCall, Sherry Reid, Marilyn Singer-Hawkins, Becky McIntosh and Kathy Glendinning.

Happy Anniversary to President Mike and Chrisanne Edmonson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Submitted by Secretary, Debbie Parrish, and pending approval.

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Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



March 1st (Sat), First Sat. Breakfast, 8:00am, Denny's, 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA.

Time to bring them A's

out and enjoy "breaking bead" with liked minded enthusiast. Come on out ...and drive them Model A's.



Tours have been postponed until next month, due

to ongoing preparations for our 62nd Annual Pancake Breakfast.



March 27 (Thurs), 4th

Thursday Breakfast, 9 am., No details just yet..



March 8th (Sat), Technical Seminar, Subj: Replacing Bendix gear

Where: Richard and Jeanne Parrish home.

When: 8:30 am. donuts and coffee.

Seminar stars at 9am. Cont: Ron Andrews.



March 13th (Thur), General Meeting will be at 7:30pm at First Christian Church of Orange,

I I 30 E Walnut, Orange (between Tustin & Cambridge).



O.C.M.A.F.C. 62nd ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday March 23rd
This is the BIG one!! Don't miss
out on one of the largest
gatherings of Model A's.



Pancakes and Model A's...What could possibly be better?!?!

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Swap Meets/Car Shows

Every Sat. morning 6-8am., Donut Derilicks Car Show, 9015 Adams Ave, Huntington Beach, CA., FREE https://www.instagram.com/donutderelicts/?hl=en

March 2, Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, 5am-2pm, \$15 per person CASH ONLY, \$18 parking, 1101 W. McKinly Ave., Pomona, Ca., Cont: (714) 538-7091

March 8 (Sat), Route 66 Car Show, 8am-2pm, 7865 East Ave., Fontana, CA. Host: Pickups Limited More info.— limbow1429@yahoo.com

April 3-5, CCRG Jamboree, Visalia, Ca., Hosted by the Charter Oak Model A Club of Visalia, Car show, Tours, Seminars. http://www.ocmafc.com/PDF/SKM C450i24120207030.pdf

May 2-3, Bakersfield Brass Era / Pre-war Swap Meet, Minter Airfield, 201 Aviation Street, Shafter, CA. \$10 entry. Steven (323) 497-0601 or (661) 387-1678

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

Temperature Gauges

About 25 members gathered in Norm and Lori Kredit's garage with coffee and donuts. I thought I would present this topic, because it could be a critical factor in the operation and prevention of possible overheating problems.

Since Henry did not install temperature gauges (probably because of the cost), it might be wise to consider adding one from the many aftermarket companies out there.

Why? The first reason might be that the early aftermarket Motometers aren't necessarily very accurate, because they only measure the temperature in the top of the radiator, often never actually touching the water...and they're oftentimes hard to read/see. Aftermarket mechanical ones actually measure the water temperature flowing through the engine block, which is a much better indicator for the driver of what's going on in there.

Planning the install: Where to put it? What type of gauge? (do you want it to light up?) Should one use a mechanical gauge, or a digital? Where to place the probe...either the side of the Water Neck <u>outlet</u>, or to the rear of the <u>outlet</u>? There are even some "<u>inlet</u>" necks with a hole for the temperature probe to screw into, but we felt that would *ONLY* be checking the cooled water returning from the radiator, thus not really giving the driver a clear picture of his engine temperature.

Probe holder type? Water neck <u>outlet</u> (a person can also drill and tap this, so as to be cost effective)? In hose type? Water neck with thermostat base? Or electrical with contact under head bolt. (this requires 12V source)

I suggested at the time that members should also consider doing a routine maintenance (re-torque head, replace hoses, flush block). Tom Endy has some great articles on block flushing and temperature gauges (also linked on our website).

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I also suggested some of the possible tools needed (gauge and housing, probe source, torque wrench, gasket, sealer, thread tap set, assorted hand tools)

We also discussed what might be the best route to run the probe cable for the cleanest installation. There were all sorts of really good opinions on that subject.

Lastly, I briefly gave a word of caution when it comes to new lug nuts, which are sometimes not deep enough to tighten the wheel to the hub adequately. Be sure to check new lug nuts for proper depth to ensure that they actually tighten the wheel to the hub.

Thanks to Norm and Lori Kredit for hosting our event. Until next time.







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LYON AIR MUSEUM TOUR

Recently our club's Tour Director set up a tour to the Lyon Air Museum in Costa Mesa. Located on the tarmac of the John Wayne Airport, the museum has BIG plate glass windows facing the airstrip, so that all the visitors have a first hand view of all the planes and commercial jets taking off and landing. Quite the view! Beautiful privately owned collection that is always open to the general public. Well worth going to!!

Quite the walk back into history, with all the WW2 bombers, transports, and military vehicles of all sorts. There was even a Mercedes Staff car that looked a whole lot like the one that Adolf Hitler rode into Paris in...Guess what??? It WAS the car that Adolf Hitler rode into Paris in!!!! Talk about a chilling reminder of that period of time!

Thank you Steve Pavich for setting this one up. Greatly appreciated!



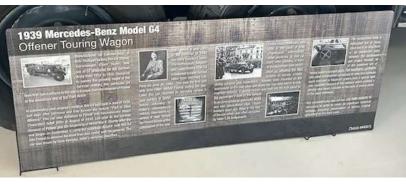








Interesting bit of history: Due to rationing and budgets being tight, because of the WW2 war effort, wedding dresses were sometimes hand made out of the silk material from parachutes.





Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins m_hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: At the general meeting in February Mike Edmonson announced that he and Chrisanne are celebrating their 38 years wedding anniversary.

Sorrow: Our club donated money "In Memory of Dianne Runyon" to the Alzheimer's Association. Our dear friend, Dianne passed away last December after a long illness. Jim Ellis had foot surgery and will be limping around for about a month and will probably be cruising around with one of those wheel contraptions. That's it for the month, stay well, stay happy.

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

Happy Birthday - March

Richard Bolls Toni Cimarusti Darwin Kibby Chrisanne Edmonson Gary Livesey Jeremy Gaynor Richard Parrish Janet Polito Doris Pospichal Mary Pugmire

Well, Lookie-Here....

Our very own Sheila Plotkin has a write-up in the "FRIENDS OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH LIBRARY" publication, recognizing her for her volunteer work at the local library. Great job Sheila!!!



Sheila Plotkin grew up in Buffalo, New York, where she attended elementary and high school. After graduation, she spent a year studying at the University of Buffalo. Sheila then decided to change things up, so she joined her brother in California. He helped her obtain a position at Litton Industries, where she was employed as an executive assistant.

Around this time, Sheila met her husband-to-be, Matthias, and within a year she was expecting her first baby. After the baby was born, Sheila decided to stay home and over the course of the next few years, she and her husband became parents to three more children.

Sheila enjoyed being a mom and wife and life just sailed on.

Sheila and Matthias were married for 32 years. After he passed, Sheila decided to go back to work at Mervyn's, where she worked in the credit office. Sheila spent 28 years at Mervyn's Department Store and while there, she also began volunteering simultaneously at Fountain Valley Hospital, where she volunteered for 31 years. Somewhere along the way, one of her children asked her why she was so involved with volunteering, and she told them it was like dancing, and she just had to keep dancing.

One day she was driving by the Huntington Beach Central Library and decided to stop in. She was soon an avid library volunteer. She was assigned to the Gift Shop and spent many happy years there. Then, Sheila decided to work in the Used Books section, where she has been very satisfied for the last 15 years. When asked what she liked most about volunteering at the library, Sheila said that she loved meeting and talking with all the children and their parents. They often greet her with hugs and smiles, and she knows she has made some positive impact in their lives.

Huntington Beach Library is lucky to have such a remarkable lady in its volunteer corps. Sheila has volunteered at Fountain Valley Hospital and Huntington Central Library combined for over 60 years. She has done all this while also hosting foreign exchange students for over 50 years. Bravo Sheila for a life well lived!

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LONG BEACH FIRE BOAT TOUR

by Eric Engle

As what can only be described as a picture perfect Southern California day, about 20 club members, driving 8 club cars and 4 "Moderns", ventured up the coast a short distance to Long Beach Fire Station 15, where one of their beautiful fire boats is housed. Only a short distance from where the Queen Mary is berthed, the station is located in an exceptionally busy port, reportedly with about \$1 billion of cargo passing through it each and every day. Wow!!!

Captain Schaffer, a 40+ year veteran, and his crew, were obviously very proud of their station AND their boat, and rightfully so! Everything was literally squeaky clean, with everything in perfect "shipshape" order.

After giving our group a very thorough lesson and history of their boat and station, they shocked all of us with the announcement that they were going to take us on a boat tour of the harbor. "Really? Oooooh boy!!!! The inner child in all of us certainly came out, your humble editor especially! What a great ride! ...and on such a lovely day... It was certainly picturesque, to say the least.

With so much to see in such a busy port, one of the standout sightings during our leisurely tour was the "Sea Launch" division in the middle of the harbor. That's part of the Elon Musk's SpaceX space exploration operation. There was even what looked to be a couple of rocket "First Stages" right there waiting to be made ready for their next venture into space. Again...WOW!! I had no idea where they were located, but it turns out they're right in our own backyard. Amazing!

After what can only be described as an "epic" tour, our members toured down the coast a very short distance to the Crab Pot restaurant for a scrumptious lunch. Situated right next to the water, the view was stunning! Sun shining, blue skies, calm waters, scenic boats parading though the harbor, and great food. Perfect!

What a great way... to end the perfect day... touring in our Model A's!

A <u>BIG</u> "thank you" to our Tour Directors, Steve Pavich and Rodger Gulledge... Job well

done, men!!







One stage of a SpaceX rocket lying in wait for it's next trip into space.





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

or

http://www.ocmafc.com/PDF/ SKM_C450i24120207030.pdf

May 23-25, 2025 Northern California Regional Group Roundup on Memorial Day Weekend.

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Northern California Regional Group Roundup
June 16-25, 2025 National Tour, Virginia
Battlefields, Host Dallas Model A Ford
Club.

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

While these two overlapping "National Tours" (above and below) look to be the same, they are TWO DIFFERENT tours, lead by the same Model A club, the Dallas Model A Ford Club.

June 15-22, MAFCA National Tour, Bull Run to Appobattox & everything inbetween, Host Dallas Model A Ford Club. https://sites.google.com/view/mafca-2025-national-tour



A Hidden Electrical Fault

By Tom Endy

Reproduction Model A Ford firewall terminal blocks have been made in Hong Kong for at least the last 30 years that I am aware of and each has a potential hidden electrical fault that can be very difficult to locate and it could be disastrous, and actually cause a fire. The word Hong Kong is stamped on them, so there is no question where they come from.

In the photo, the back side of the terminal block seen on the right attaches directly to the fire wall with four screws. The originals were constructed such that the two terminal studs were molded into the structure during the manufacturing process and there is no way they could short out to the fire wall. The reproductions were manufactured by drilling two holes through the molding and inserting two screws into them from the back that form the two studs that are retained by a nut on each at the front. The two screws can easily back out and touch the fire wall. Both studs (screws) always have battery power on them, so there would be a direct electrical short circuit that is totally obscured.

It is prudent to do some modification to the Hong Kong terminal blocks before installing them. First, apply a little lock tight to the threads of the two screws where they screw into the nut at front and securely tighten. Next fill the hole behind each screw head with JB Weld. This will prevent the screw from backing out and shorting to the fire wall. JB Weld is non-conductive. The terminal block seen at right in the photo has had this done to it.

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OCMAFC Military Veterans

Garth Flint – US Navy 1963-1976

While a senior at St. Mary's College, Moraga, my classmates were urging me to enlist with the National Guard or Coast Guard because we all were facing the draft. I decided to take the test for the Navy which I passed but elected not to join. The summer after graduation while working in Santa Barbara, I received the dreaded draft notice. I called the Navy recruiter and he said he was waiting for my call. In November of 1963, I ended up at Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island enduring both culture and weather shock. Choices after OCS graduation were logistics (supply), ships at sea, or Naval Air. I decided that I wanted to fly but failed the eye test for pilots. I went to Pensacola anyway to pursue navigation school. Upon graduation, my orders were to a F-4 jet fighter Phantom Squadron at NAS Miramar in San Diego. As serious as it was, the fighter squadron was like being in a fraternity (the Top Gun movies portray it very well—I was Goose). For example, on weekends, we could fly a jet fighter to any part of the country we wanted to, and we did!

The fun ceased, however, when we made our first Vietnam cruise on the USS Constellation. Early on, we had a half a dozen bombing missions in South Vietnam flown from the Gulf of Tonkin where there was no resistance. The rest of the time was spent flying over North Vietnam where there were serious challenges from anti-aircraft sites and surface to air missiles (SAMs). Some missions were less intense than others. For the intense missions, our role was flak suppression which meant bombing the anti-aircraft sites to prevent them from shooting down our attack airplanes. Basically, we were dueling with the flak sites and once we had delivered our bombs, our role converted to protection of the main group from enemy aircraft. The night missions were a challenge but returning to the aircraft carrier in the dark and in weather was relatively routine.

My total missions were 231 and on number 171, on my second cruise on the USS Coral Sea, I was shot down. After ejecting from the burning aircraft, we landed amongst the islands in North Vietnam, east of Haiphong. Our wingman made the call that we could be rescued, although it would be dicey. Because of his decision, as well as the extraordinary heroism and bravery of two Navy helicopter pilots, we were rescued.

Upon release from active duty in 1968 as a Commander, I joined a F-4 Reserve Squadron which was based at Los Alamitos (ultimately moved to Miramar). I stayed in the Reserves for eight years but ultimately left to devote more time to my family. I am currently very active in the second investment consulting firm I founded servicing institutional clients. Blessed by God, I met my wife at NAS North Island. We have been happily married for 58 years with 6 children and 12 grandchildren and live in Newport Beach.



One Hundred Years Ago... by Dianne Gaughan History of Route 66 Continued

Progress was being made! By 1924, all 48 states had their own highway departments and cooperation was developing among the states so they could share information and know-how. Cy Avery was in the forefront, arranging the surfacing of early roads, bringing in new equipment, writing tax laws to support road construction and interfacing with officials in other states.

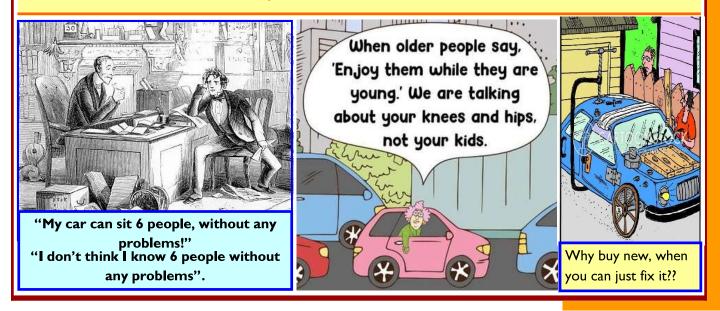
He was also instrumental in forming the Route 66 Association, with delegates from Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas and New Mexico. He was the one who suggested Route 66 be called The Main Street of America, which was used for publicity purposes.

Construction became standardized to two lanes, each nine feet wide. The concrete slabs were 6 to 9 inches thick, separated by a center line to control cracking. Abutting slabs were tied together with steel bars.

The highway was routed around hills because it was cheaper to build them that way. There was no heavy earth-moving equipment to cut through a hill and money was always in short supply.

After 1930, the creation and paving of Route 66 was to become a major factor in the Depression, not only carrying the Okies out of the Dust Bowl to California, but providing jobs in highway construction for those who stayed and customers for those who owned businesses.

Just for Laughs







Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month] Next Meeting March 13, 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Location:

First Christian Church of Orange

1130 E Walnut Orange, CA

(Between Tustin & Cambridge)





SPECIAL NOTICE

O.C. Farm Supplies was wondering if we might have any cars from the club to park at the side of their building (with a street view) during their festival where various booths will be setup. Festival is 10-2, but leave when we want.



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