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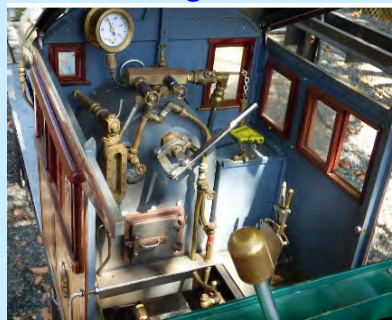


COMING ...SEPT. 14TH
THE MUCH ANTICIPATED
PROGRESSIVE BRUNCH

Don't miss out on this fun touring event.
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A DAY AT THE O.C. MODEL ENGINEERS FACILITIES

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News From the President

By Mike Edmonson

Greetings all!

September is here as we start to tiptoe into Fall....or Autumn depending on where you hail from -- I can't believe Summer is nearly over already! I'm sure we are still in for Summer heat before September 22nd (first day of Fall) comes rolling around, so let's be sure to get those Model A's out on the road and enjoy the beautiful weather. We have had some great opportunities all summer long as well as this coming month, and of course the months that will follow.

For those that were able to attend the "Goat Hill" Orange County Model Train Engineers Club event, you were in for quite a treat. 15 minutes from my home and I never knew this place existed! With the variety of trains and the knowledge on display, this site definitely deserves a return visit! The weather was perfect and we had a large group of club members, as well as extended family and friends. Earlier in the month we had a great Technical Seminar at Masterson's Care Care facility in Anaheim. A good number of us learned firsthand how to care for our beautiful paint jobs (or patina) and an opportunity to purchase a number of their great products at a reduced price. I know I'M looking forward to treating my Model A with some Masterson's TLC after I've completed the repairs and adjustments I'm finally getting around to (having leaky radiator repaired).

Looking forward to this month. September means International Model A Ford Day! And this year we will be recognizing "Henry's Lady" with a local tour to several club members' homes as we reinvigorate our OCMAFC Progressive Brunch. **Karen Gaynor** is putting on the finishing touch of this fun event -- and this will be her last event with us as she is moving back to New York this Fall, so let's make this a brunch to be remembered! Our hosts this year will be **Joni Terens** (appetizers), **Eric Engle and yours truly** (main course), and **Marilyn Hawkins** (desserts). And if you need something else to do, the following day is the Anaheim Packing House Car Display which is getting to be a regular event for us.

And for those interested in a little travel, Model A Day at the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corner, MI will take place September 20-21st. This event hosted by the Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI) is one of the highlights of the year for Model A enthusiasts, so if your schedule allows, this year will be an exceptional year to attend as they will be laying engraved bricks to highlight clubs that have been a part of MAFCA for over 50 years (which means our club will get a brick). Additionally, individuals have the opportunity to purchase a brick, or a plaque with your name and a picture of your Model A. All proceeds of this humongous fundraising effort go towards the expansion of our Model A Ford Museum. So make your plans to attend this great event. Or, if you can't make this date, plan on traveling out to Michigan some other time for a visit the Gilmore Car Museum.

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

ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A CLUB GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2024, 730PM

The meeting was called to order by **Mike Edmonson**. **Mike** led the flag salute. **Marilyn Singer-Hawkins** told a joke.

MINUTES: The past minutes were provided. **Sheila Plotkin**

made a motion to accept and **David Knapp 2nd**. All approved.

FINANCIAL: The financial report was presented by **Darwin Kibby**. **Jennifer Ferrario** made a motion to accept and **Aaron**

Magdaleno 2nd. All approved. Total membership is 136.

ACTIVITIES: **Steve Pavich** shared some of the upcoming activities. 8/24 Goathill Train Museum, 9/14 Progressive Brunch and Model A Day. Thoughts for October are Poker Run or Rubel

Castle.

TECHNICAL: **Ron Andrews** shared that the next seminar will be on 8/11 at Masterson Car Care, detailing and paint care.

EDITOR: no new business

SUNSHINE AND SORROW: **Carol Persons** passed away. Our thoughts are with **Jim**. Both **Mike and Chrisanne Edmonson** both have ongoing healing therapy for torn Rotator Cuffs

(shoulders).

Jim Ellis gave a quick reminder on recognition of **STROKE**.

B.E.F.A.S.T : **B**-Balance. **E**-Eyes and Vision. **F**-Face droop. **A**-Arms (lift). **S**-Speech. **T** -Time is essential.

HARD LUCK TROPHY: No Hard Luck this month

We would like to welcome **Louis and Dorthy Petrosine** with

their 1930 coupe. **WELCOME**

RAFFLES: **Jean McMillan** won ten dollars for the attendance raffle. **Gerry Reid** won a hat. **David and Margaret Hoonsbeen** won fifty dollars but were not present to claim the membership raffle. The amount will roll over to sixty dollars next month.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: I stood alone for the August birthdays.

REFRESHMENTS: were provided by **Patti Cote, Mark Polentz, Jennifer Ferrario, Nathan and Jeanette Sherry, Sherry Reid and Linda Tom** for drinks.

The meeting adjourned at 830pm with 49 members.

Submitted by Secretary **Debbie Parrish**

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Sept. 7th (Sat), First Saturday Breakfast BS Session—8:00am, Denny's, 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana



Sunday, Sept 15 (Sun), Anaheim Packing District, 12:00pm-3:00pm, Display of cars - food court on site. Will meet up a couple miles away and drive-in - details coming. If you are interested in this event, please contact Perry Wilson, perry-gina@msn.com , 714-356-7105



Sept. 12th (Thur), General Meeting will be at 7:30pm at First Christian Church of Orange, 1130 E Walnut, Orange (between Tustin & Cambridge).



No tour this month due to Progressive Bruch.



Sept. 14th (Sat), Progressive Brunch, RSVP Required! This event will fill up. \$10 per person (refunded when you attend all 3 locations) Contact Karen Gaynor- karen_g_92646@yahoo.com, or 714-889-8744



Sept. 21st (Sat.), Tech. Seminar, TBA. Cont. Ron Andress for further info.



Sept. 26th (Thur), 4th Thursday Breakfast. TBA, Cont: Aaron Magdaleno for further info.

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Sep 14 (Sat) 22nd Annual Santa Maria's All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet, 201 S Broadway, Orcutt, CA 93455 7am-3pm, FREE <https://www.santamariamodelaclub.com> .

Sep 15 (Sun)-Every 3rd Sunday the Month — Buena Park Classic Swap Meet—6am-10am—Buena Park Elks Lodge—7212 Melrose St, Buena Park—\$1 admission

Oct. 5th (Sat), 27th Annual O.C. Model T Ford Club Parts Exchange, Pre-War (WW2), 7am-1pm, Rain or Shine, 2311 E. Chapman Ave., Fullerton, CA., cont: Jack Smith (714) 528-6653

Oct 13 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona 5am-2pm

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

IT'S FINALLY HERE. THE MUCH ANTICIPATED PROGRESSIVE BRUNCH

Saturday, Sept. 14th. Members will caravan to 3 different locations, each with a different group of foods. First location will include Hors d'oeuvres, second stop will be Main Course Luncheon, Last stop will be Desserts.

RSVP IS REQUIRED, along with a \$10 refundable fee at the end of all 3 stops.

Contact Karen Gaynor:
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Be SURE not to miss out on one of the year's BEST club events!!

Highlights of the Aug. Tech Seminar

By Ron Andrews
Technical Director

LOOK'N GOOD! By Ron Andrews



This must have sparked interest, because this seminar had an outstanding attendance for a warm Saturday morning. I was especially glad to see some of our lady members also attended. **Tissy Hatcher** and her daughter, **Jody Smith** (who is currently taking automotive classes), and also **Joni Terens**, who is the primary operator of "**The Purple Penguin**", one of our club's more iconic vehicles.

I had met with **Greg Masterson** several weeks earlier and set this presentation up, thinking this would be of interest to the club members. **Greg** presented about a one hour long video presentation on what it takes to maintain the interior and exterior of our cars and how it also relates to our modern vehicles.

Masterson's Car Care produces a full line of products for every aspect of car care. **Greg** recommended five of their products that he thought would be specifically right for our cars: **Waterless Wash and Wax, Legend Carnauba Wax, Super Cleaner (can be used on most anything), and then Metal Cleaner and Metal Polish.**

Super Cleaner (can be used on most anything), and then Metal Cleaner and Metal Polish.

Greg demonstrated later how to actually use a clay bar (two versions) to remove common deposits on all top surfaces. He demonstrated on **Greg Witz** window glass. Just amazing!

After the video we retreated to their sales room where he graciously gave the club a discount on their products. A few of us then headed to Farmer Boys for some lunch.

A great thanks to **Greg Masterson** for this time and informative session.

Until the next one.....



Club Members To The Rescue... By Steve Pavich

Recently, my son **Matt** purchased a 1929 Model A Truck from a former OCMAFC member. The truck had been parked in a garage for several years, and as expected, it had a dead battery, flat tires and a rusty gas tank. Otherwise the vehicle seemed to be in good condition. The truck was transported by trailer to it's new home in Fountain Valley, where the process began of removing substantial amounts of rust and debris from the gas tank.

Club members, including **Rick Hall, Dennis Kliesen, Richard Parrish, Don Ratzlaff, Bruce MacIntosh and Eric Engle**, provided suggestions on how to clean the tank. After a dozen attempts using household cleaning products, including liquid degreaser, boiling hot soapy water and diluted muriatic pool acid, the tank was better, but still not rust-free. The gas tank will be removed, professionally cleaned and coated to provide many years of rust-free service. A new tank filter (pencil filter) will be also installed .

Club members **Eric Engle, Bruce MacIntosh and William Smith** once again came to the rescue when problems occurred while attempting to start the engine. Before cranking the engine, the spark plugs were removed and a half shot glass of Marvel Mystery Oil was poured into each cylinder and left to soak for several days. This procedure helps free the piston rings after the engine has not been run for years. The carburetor was cleaned and the points, condenser and coil were checked and found to be in good condition.

"Gentleman, Start your engine"... but that didn't happen. **William Smith**, with his extensive wealth of knowledge of Model A's, suggested removing the chrome gauge cover from the dashboard and tightening the nuts on the back of the ammeter and ignition switch. That solved the problem ! The engine came to life after sitting idle for years. *William Smith explained that electrical resistance caused by loose connections sometimes becomes a problem, when the starter draws a large amount of power away from the coil and distributor, thus preventing the engine from starting. This is especially true when the electrical system is six volts.*

The '29 Model A truck will soon be on the road again thanks to several club members who were given a penny for their thoughts and gave back their two cents worth. Now the question is, what happened to the other penny ?



Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins
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Sunshine: Did you hear that **Debbie Parrish's** son, **Dakota** got engaged last month to his girlfriend, **Mackenzie**? The family is excited and looking forward to a fall 2025 wedding. Had a small paradise palm delivered to **Jim Persons** (**Carol** passed away August 2). Just called **Jim** and he is in Maryland for his daughter's wedding on September 1.

Sorrow: Talked to **Dennis Kliesen**; his recovery from a stroke is a day-to-day progress. He is working out every day on the exercise machine to keep those legs and arms mobile. Has trouble with his equilibrium. **Dennis** needs our help because he cannot drive.

Because of friendship, our lives are filled with laughter, beauty, and joy

RON'S MINI-TECH TIP

A recent alternator failure of a member's car was checked twice and found to be charging. Humm? He was told that the aftermarket Ammeter gauges have a tendency to fail (Aftermarkets are known for that).
Remember, it could be the gauge!



Winning captions for last Month's,

"Caption this photo"

Thank you to those that responded to our "Caption this Photo" article in the last Distributor. Here are the winning captions...enjoy!

"Hey Kid." "Hi, Gramps" Eric Engle

"Never a good idea to park next to, or in front of, a stainless steel trash can" Perry Wilson

2nd Place... "Beauty and the Beast"

Joni Terens and we all know which car is the "Beauty".

WINNER- "What's shak'n, Gramps?" Everything, son!" Eric Engle



BRINGING OUT THE KIDS...

..IN ALL OF US. By Eric Engle



On a beautiful So. California Saturday morning, our club's Tour Director, **Steve Pavich**, arranged for our club members to be given a special tour of the work facilities at the "Goathill Junction Railroad" in Costa Mesa, along with a train ride for all members.

This is a 40 acre area dedicated for miniature railroad hobbyist to work on their own trains, and then be able to run them down the track. This is not an amusement park and relies solely on donations.

Over the years, the hobbyist have installed approximately 4-5 miles of train tracks. What a wonder-

ful area for the enthusiast to enjoy their hobby!

Approximately 47 of our members came out to enjoy being kids once again. Such great fun!!! And what a blast for most all of our "kids" to take a ride on these beautiful miniature trains. The details of some of the trains is truly astounding!

Young, and old, all the hobbyist's obviously took great pride in their trains. And our club members truly appreciated their endeavors. Everyone had a great time!

A BIG "thank you" to the all of the members of the Orange County Model Engineers group for taking the time to show us their trains.

And another thanks to our Tour Directors, **Steve Pavich and Roger Gulledge**, for arranging this day's event. It was a very good day for all!



Remote control to bring trains out of storage bin and over to work station.



A younger mini-train enthusiast with his BEAUTIFUL steam train. And yes, it actually runs on steam!



Row of work stations for the hobbyist.



47 members and 15 club cars. A VERY good turnout!



Kids being kids!

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next Distributor is
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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES :
"THE NEW MODEL A DAYS" at the
Gilmore Car Museum, September
20-21, 2024

**MAFCA NATIONAL AWARDS
BANQUET**, Dec 11-14—Salt Lake City,
UT
Sept. 14th (Sat) **INTERNATIONAL
MODEL A DAY...** And **PROGRES-
SIVE BRUNCH.**

RSVP-Karen Gaynor:

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TO CLAY, OR NOT TO CLAY.... THAT IS THE QUESTION!

By Eric Engle

Recently our club visited Masterson's Car Care In Anaheim, Ca., for a demonstration on how to take the best care of one's vehicles, inside and out. This Editor bought, along with several other products, a BIG bar of clay, for removing airborne contaminants that always settle, and stick, to all the top surfaces of a vehicle. After thoroughly washing and drying my coupe, I decided to try out my clay bar. With a bit of Detailing spray, I proceeded to do all the top surfaces and thought it rather interesting how much grime the clay bar actually pulled off. Though my car is well taken care of, and was washed just prior to using the clay bar on it, you can see the difference between the "before" and "after" use of the clay bar . It's rather amazing just how much hidden grime can be on the top surfaces of the cleanest of vehicles! And it's even more amazing how smooth the paint feels after washing, claying, and then waxing.

Give it a try. I think you'll be pleasantly rewarded.

OCMAFC Military Veterans

Chrisanne Edmonson – US Air Force 1980-2004

BIG DRAGS & OFF TO SEE THE WORLD



It was a 3:00am morning, on 7th of May 1980, when I left for Air Force Basic Training, at Lackland AFB, Texas. When I enlisted in the Air Force, I chose my career field in AF Accounting & Finance/Travel. After graduating from basic training, I was bussed to Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas for tech school. The experience of marching in flight to class at 6am, carrying our flashlights – it looked like “fireflies”. Other Squadrons were also marching from their dorms to class, with flashlights: a sea of “fireflies”. Our platoon marched under the wing of a B-52 (aka BUFF) . Wingspan of that plane is 185 feet. In the last week of Tech School, assignments were handed out for duty stations after graduation: mine was in Texas; again, Bergstrom AFB in Austin, Texas.

The Air Force and Air Force Reserve became a large part of my life for 24 years; drilling and training once a month and annual tours all over the world.

I liked Bergstrom AFB! My dorm to the Accounting and Finance office was catty corner across the street, and the Exchange, Commissary, and movie theatre were directly across the street. When I reported, I was told I was chosen to process incoming personnel at CBPO (**Consolidated Base Personnel Office**). I would go to CBPO with a member from military “**Pay Division**” three mornings a week. My briefing was to members on how to complete their travel voucher for PCS (**Permanent Change of Station**) moves.

Later, I would submit paperwork for “Palace Chase” (**an administrative process transferring “Active” duty personnel to “Reserve” duty**) and was approved. I later went to McChord AFB into to a new career field as a “Transportation Specialist”. My new unit was the 52nd Aerial Port Squadron. To describe an ‘Aerial Port’, it is the activity shown on TV when the news covers military deployments. Air Force planes usually shown (C-141 and C-5), with back doors open, usually being loaded with heavy equipment: K-Loaders (thousand lb loaders, with pallets), rolling stock, forklifts, and all-terrain forklifts. Aerial Ports also process PAX (passengers), Special Handling of hazardous cargo, or special cargo (canines, band equipment, etc.). The Cargo section builds pallets, “**Ramp Services**” sets up pallet loads and Rolling Stock, oversized cargo, etc., to be loaded or offloaded aircraft.

Bases where I was stationed: Lackland AFB, TX; Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, TX; McChord AFB, Tacoma, WA; Norton AFB, San Bernardino, CA; March ARB (**Air Reserve Base**), Moreno Valley, CA; Langley AFB, Hampton, VA; Charleston AFB, SC; Pope AFB, NC. Annual tours: Yokota AB, Japan; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Osan AB, Korea; Ramstein, Germany; Hickam AFB, Hawaii; NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA; Dover AFB, Delaware (the largest air freight terminal in the AF). I have worked in most every section. I worked our ATOC (Air Terminal Operations Center), and was a Load Planner (for aircraft loads for C-141’s, C-130’s, & C-5’s). At Dover AFB there were C-5’s. I worked in Fleet Services for the first time in 2001. There was a tarmac of C-5’s which I inventoried on the last day of my annual tour; I loved that! I drove the truck clear to the end and worked my way back to the fleet building.

Other squadron positions I worked at: Safety “**NCO**” (**Non-Commission Officer**), Aerial Port Office Manager (McChord AFB), NCOIC (**Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge**) of Awards & Decorations; and NCOIC of SE/QC (**Self-Evaluation/Quality Control**). I completed Power Point presentations for Commander’s Out-Brief every UTA (**Unit Training Assembly**) at March “**ARB**” (**Air Reserve Base**). I also wrote a special program for my squadron at March “**ARB**” to “In-Process” personnel quickly into squadron. That greatly reduced training time. My decorations: Commendation Medal with Device, Achievement Medal, Letters of Appreciation. A very special recognition was from the Staff Assistance Team that inspected Accounting & Finance at Bergstrom and viewed our “**CBPO**” in-processing. They said it was the best program they had ever seen in the Air Force. I retired as an E-6, Technical Sergeant.

Yes, I did all this, and PCS’d (**Permanent Change of Station**) about every 3 years.

Route 66 – Who is Cyrus Avery? by Diane Gaughen

~ Continuation of our series about the beginnings of Route 66 ~

If there is any one person who can be credited with getting Route 66 on the map, that person is **Cyrus Avery**. But who was he and how did he come to have such a great influence on creating the **Mother Road**?

Avery was a native of Pennsylvania, moved to Indian Territory (what would become Oklahoma) at 14, attended college, taught school, became an insurance representative and started an oil company.

When Oklahoma became the 46th state, he moved to Tulsa where pigs ran loose in the streets. He started a farm loan agency and became well-versed in oil, farmland and real estate. He was elected county commissioner and supported the building and maintenance of roads, even becoming a director of the Tulsa Automobile Club.

He worked with the Ozark Trails Association which worked to maintain and mark a highway from Springfield, Missouri through Tulsa to Amarillo, Texas. He was eventually elected president of the Associated Highways Associations of America in 1921. And then in 1924, he became a leader of the American Association of State Highway Officials, which petitioned the US government to begin “the selection and designation of a comprehensive system of through interstate routes”

And now you know why Route 66 was routed through Tulsa, Oklahoma!
Home of Cyrus Avery.

Just for Laughs

*Not in jail, not in a mental hospital, not in a grave ...
I'd say I'm having a pretty good day.*



What happens when Old Car Guys get sent to a nursing home ...



Squirrels will often gather and stare at spectacular nuts.....kind of like they are doing right now....



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Next General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting Sept., 12, 2024

Time: 7:30pm

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



QUICK AND EASY HEADLIGHT ADJUSTMENT METHOD

by Floyd Dupras Sr.

What's needed:

- one straight 2" X 4" X 4 ft.
- Carpenter's level
- Level spot to park the Model A

This method is strictly mechanical;
no aiming the lights at a wall.

1. Loosen the nuts holding the headlights to the light bar.
2. Lay the 2 x 4 across the faces of both headlights. Adjust them so that they both lie flat against the 2 x 4, ensuring that they will both be pointed straight ahead and parallel to each other. This is assuming that your fenders align properly and nothing is bent out of shape.
3. Lay the level vertically against each headlight face and adjust them both so that they are cocked forward 1/2 bubble on the level. Tighten the nuts.
4. Check the 2 x 4 and level to make sure nothing has moved. If it has moved, loosen the nuts and repeat the procedure until it all checks out with the nuts tight.

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