



Inside this issue:

_				
Proci	dont	'د M	essage	_
1 1 621	טווטב	3 1 1	IC33a2C	•

Board Member	3
Contact Info/	

Calendar/Swap 4

Tech Seminar 5

CCRG 2025 6

Sunshine & Sorrow 7
SCRG Meeting
Minutes

Rubel Castle Tour 8

Upcoming Events 9

Route 66, Fully 10
Paved

Just for Laughs

Old Town Orcutt 12
Show & Swap Meet

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR THOSE ATTENDING OLD TOWN MUSIC HALL-PAGE 12 Volume 65 Issue 5

May 2025

Editor Eric Engle

TAKE A TOUR OF THE FAMOUS RUBEL CASTLE

Page 8







Central Calif. Regional Group 2025 Jamboree

Page 6









Sure sign of a happy traveler!

Orange County Model A Ford Club

Page 2 May 2025 The Distributor

News From the President

Ahooga and Greetings,

Well, April was certainly a month of mixed emotions. A lot of fun activities, especially for those that attended the CCRG Jamboree in Visalia, and the tour to Rubel Castle in Glendora (right near Route 66 too!). But we also had to say good-bye to long time members Frank Reese and Harriet Pavidis. I know that both the Reese family and the Pavidis family will miss them, as will we, but the pleasant memories will remain as well.

But looking towards May, we don't slow down! Currently my Model A is up on blocks waiting on repaired and trued wheels, followed by balancing at Nate



Jones Tire's on Signal Hill; hopefully I'll be driving a bit straighter down the road and Jim Glendinning doesn't have to see my rear tire bouncing all over Hwy 99! But most importantly, I hope to have my wheels by the beginning of the month so I can take that historic Ridge Route tour May 4th; I know several from our club are looking to attend and I hope my Model A can be one of them.

Looking down the road a piece, our club has a very special combination technical seminar and tour when we travel out to Hemet to visit Al Zannino's shop on May 24th. For those that have been around for a while, they will recognize the name Al Zannino with quality work on Model A's and B's - specifically with their transmissions. While this will be a bit of a drive, I think it will definitely be worth your while! If touring out in your Model A -- bring extra water... And if touring is not your cup of tea, how about a movie night? Don Dormeyer is once again opening his beautiful studio for a potluck and movie on May 10th. Always a great evening of socializing and enjoy a great movie, I encourage everyone to come on out, lift a spoon -- and maybe a handful of popcorn, a can of soda, and a tootsie roll or milk duds -- just like in the old days. And don't forget our 1st Saturday and 4th Thursday breakfasts -- we need the nourishment to keep us going?. More to come in the month of June, but for now I think that's enough! See you all at our next membership meeting on May 8th.

See you at the turnaround point,

Mike

2025 BOARD MEMBERS

President – Mike Edmonson VP/Activities – Steve Pavich/Roger Gulledge

Secretary - Debbie Parrish

Treasurer – Joni Terens

Technical – Ron Andrews/Dave Knapp

Editor - Eric Engle

Immediate Past President – Louise Hall

COMMITTEES

Co-Editor/proofreader Becky MacIntosh
ACCC Representative – David Knapp
Breakfast Committee – Aaron
Magdaleno
Club Greeter – Linda Tom
Election Chairperson – Jennifer Ferrario
Historian & Librarian – Bruce MacIntosh
Merchandise Director – Perry Wilson
Pancake Breakfast Setup & Coordination

 Aaron Magdaleno , Don Ratzlaff and Richard Bolls

Raffle - Ed Cote

Refreshments – Gerry & Sherry Reid Regional Representative, SCRG - Jim Runyon

Era Fashions—Kaci Terens

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 April 10, 2025, 7:30 pm

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

MINUTES: The minutes were provided. Eric Engle made a motion to accept and Pam Heiland 2nd and all approved. FINANCIAL: Joni Terens provided the financial report. Ed Cote made a motion to accept. Sheila Plotkin seconded; all approved. Present membership is 137.

ACTIVITIES: Rubel Castle will take place on 4/19. Tour to Al Zannino's shop in Hemet, 5/24 Old Time Music Hall has been rescheduled for 6/14, Fairhaven Cemetery on Memorial Day, Mon 5/26, 6/24 Veterans event at Wilshire Community Church, and Annual Ice Cream Social at Cote's on 6/28.

TECHNICAL: Ron Andrews mentioned that a technical seminar will take place at Richard Parrish garage on 4/12. Subject matter will be Safety Checklist for touring.

GUEST SPEAKER: Gary Gaffney, (known as GARY-O) was a guest speaker from Diamond Tread Chapter sharing some ideas for combined club tours. Solvang trip April 22-24. SUNSHINE AND SORROW: Norm Kredit had a small cancer spot removed.

HARD LUCK: Ed Cote had a chaotic morning of the Pancake Breakfast. Blew some fuses on his epic arrival.

RAFFLES: Kathy Glendinning won \$10 for the attendance raffle. George Kulakowski won the roster raffle for \$60 but was not

present to grab the prize. Money will rollover to next month. APRIL BIRTHDAYS: Drain Mashall, Steve Pavich, Patty Cote,

Norm Kredit, Gerry Reid and Becky MacIntosh. VISITORS: Jim Runyon brought Jim Carey who bought his 29 pick-up. Aaron Magdaleno was accompanied by his adult grand-children. Welcome.

REFRESHMENTS: Sherry Reid, Lori Kredit, Patty Cote, Ron Andrews, and Don Ratzlaff

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 with 47 members.

Submitted by Secretary, Debbie Parrish, and pending approval.

Page 4 May 2025 The Distributor

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



May 3rd (Sat), First Sat. Breakfast, 8:00am, Denny's, 2314 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA,

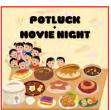


May 22nd (Thurs), 4th Thursday Breakfast, TBA



May 8th (Thur), General Meeting will be at 7:30pm at First Christian Church of Orange,

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



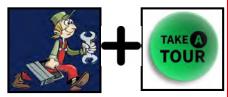
May 10th (Sat), MOVIE NIGHT & POTLUCK, 4pm volunteers set up tables/ chairs.

5pm Potluck din-

ner. Movie will follow directly after dinner.

See Page 9 for more details.

Don Dormeyer's Studio 2983 East Miraloma Ave., Anaheim, CA., Corner of MIraloma & Red Gum St.



May 24th (Sat) will be a combination Tech Seminar AND Tour. The tour will be to Al Zannino's home in Hemet, CA.,

Cont: Ron Andrews or Steve Pavich



May 26th (Mon), Fairhaven Memorial Park, 1702 Fairhaven Ave, Santa Ana..

Always a good group for this annual event! Meet at event between 7:30-8:00am for front row Model A parking.

Memorial program at 10:30am.



YEEHAW !!!!

It's almost that time of year once again....
Time for the ever popular Ed & Patti

Cote's

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mark it on your Calendars.... Sat. JUNE 28TH 12 noon to ??? 2435 Bonnie Brae,

Santa Ana, CA.

Swap Meets/Car Shows

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

May 3-4 (Sat-Sun), 9am-5pm, RPM Barona Drags & Antique Nationals, Two great events at same location, 1750 Wildcat Canyon Rd., Lakeside, Ca. https://www.rpmnationals.com/barona-drags

May 18 (Sun), \$10 Admission, Nicole Meguiar's Concourse Car Show, Benedict Castle, 5445 Chicago Ave, Riverside, CA https://www.benedictcastleconcours.com

May 26 (Mon), Memorial Day, Fairhaven Memorial Park, more info to follow.

** July 19 (Sat), <u>LONG BEACH MODEL T CLUB 71ST ANNUAL PARTS EXCHANGE</u>, Opens at 7AM, Rain or Shine, \$5 admission, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., L.B., <u>Cont: Jeff Hood 562-597-5936</u>

Nov. 1st. (Sat), Orange Blossom Model A Club Vintage Show, 1900-1958 VINTAGE stock & slightly modeified, NO Hot Rods, Free to Spectators, \$35 to enter vehicle.

Cont: https://carshowpro.com/event/2238

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

About fifteen members gathered for a seminar that covered two important topics: the pre-tour checklist and the MARC safety inspection. Everyone enjoyed themselves, helped along by three dozen donuts and around forty cups of coffee.

We began with the pre-tour checklist, a subject I had covered in a previous seminar, but this time we revisited key points such as checking the brakes and engine for leaks, inspecting wiring for loose connections, and making sure we carry essential emergency items when going on a tour.

The second part of the seminar focused on the MARC safety inspection checklist. Although we didn't have a car on hand to inspect physically, we went through each item in detail. We discussed the hand brake lever and how it should hold the car securely, making sure the teeth aren't worn. Window glass came up next—safety glass is especially important in the front and rear windshields, which must be clear and free from yellowing, clouding, or separation.

We talked about mirrors and their proper locations, as well as suspension, axles, and steering components. The conversation then shifted to seat belts when one member mentioned they were considering installing them, which sparked a helpful exchange of information. Tires were also a point of interest, including discussions on sizing, brands, and costs. To wrap things up, I wanted to run a compression check on my engine. We removed the spark plugs, inspected, cleaned, and gapped them, and with Nathan Sherry helping by holding the gauge, I cranked the engine. I was bracing for bad news, but the results—70, 65.65, and 65—were actually better than I expected.

Thanks to Richard Parrish for hosting (his idea of a seminar is coffee, donuts and a Model A)

Until Next Time, RA

Ron's Tech Tip of the Month ALWAYS CHECK YOUR NUTS !!!

When changing your oil and greasing your fittings, it's a good idea to take the time to check all the bolts...body, suspension, oil pan, exhaust clamps and most everything Underneath, for proper tightness! Your car will thank you!!

Page 6 May 2025 The Distributor

CCRG 2025

This year's CCRG event, held in Visalia, was a smashing success, in this Editor's humble opinion. It was great fun! This being only the second time that I have attended, it was just too much fun NOT to go again and again! And should other's be interested in next year's event, it will be held in Bakersfield....a bit closer to home. A good number of OCMAFC members attended this year's event. At least 7 club cars were there, most of them driving the 200+ miles to Visalia. For the trek home, a number of us opted to take Highway 65 from the Visalia area all the way down almost to Bakersfield. Thank you Gerry and Sherry Reid for that suggestion! Highway 65 took us through some beautiful orchards and farm lands.

This year's CCRG event had a good number of seminars and outings for folks to choose from. I personally chose to attend a seminar on the Burtz engine, as I am always interested in learning something new about these fine engines and other Burtz products. Terry Burtz closed out the seminar, talking about the oil pumps that are currently going into the testing phase. And hopefully it won't be too much longer before the brand new, much stronger, clutch housing are in production.

It was difficult to choose just one tour to go on (Friday had 5 to choose from, and Saturday had 2), but from all reports, no matter what tour was chosen, they were all great! The tour that a few of our members were part of took us to some amazing private collections of vintage cars, signs, gas pumps, etc. Another tour took us though a restoration area for very early 1900 race cars. WOW!! The care that these enthusiasts take in restoring these amazing race cars is staggering, because they want the finished product to be historically accurate. Long before ANY actual restoration work begins, a great deal of research is the first order to be tackled. Every scrap of information and photos that can be found has to be there, so as to be sure that these vehicles are as accurate to their origins as possible.

By the way...I learned something that I had wondered about for many years... Why didn't any of these early race cars have seat belts??? Or for that matter, why didn't they have roll bars??? Well, weight was the factor for roll bars. I guess ounces mattered back then. And the reason for no seat belts? Well...because there weren't any roll bars, or other safety measures for the drivers, other than a leather cap, the thought was at that time that the drivers could jump out of the vehicle as it was rolling over. Now, remember, these cars were capable of going almost 100 MPH. I'm not so sure that "jumping" out was the best solution...but what do I know???

All in all, this year's event was a great bit of fun! And remember, if attending the next one is of interest to anyone, it will be in Bakersfield. And if memory serves, the next one after that is scheduled to be in Santa Maria once again. See ya there...







All veterans were encouraged to sign this Fordor that is dedicated to vets. Pres. Mike Edmonson & Don Ratzlaff gladly complied!











Sunshine & Sorrow



By Marilyn Hawkins m_hawkins33@cox.net

Sunshine: I hope you had a wonderful Easter, including Easter egg hunt with plastic eggs due to the shortage and high cost of eggs. The Hawkins family has one great grandson, so we hid 52 eggs filled with nickels, dimes, quarters, candy and two \$1.00 bills.

Sorrow: The weekend of April 25-26 had two Celebrations of Life: Frank Reese, who joined our club in 2008, will be remembered for his tireless effort in making our annual Pancake Breakfast a success. Frank always had your back and what a good listener, problem solver and dear friend. He loved cars and was also a member of the Mustang and Corvette clubs. Harriet Pavidis endured many years of MS, but that did not hold her back, for she loved to bake and give parties. She was a RN for 37 years at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. Dennis Kliesen was an outpatient to have a Catheter Ablation inserted. This nonsurgical procedure destroys the cells that are causing arrhythmia (heart rhythm that causes your heart to beat too fast or in an irregular pattern).

May you always have love to share, health to spare and friends that care.

Happy Birthday – May

Ron Andrews Meredith Castillo Jean Gargiulo Karen Gaynor Judy McQuaid Everett Parker Jody Smith Jerry Sterling

Minutes - Southern California Regional Group (SCRG) Meeting

March 23, 2025 at OCMAFC Pancake Breakfast

10:02am: Clubs in attendance included Orange County, Pomona, Santa Anita, Orange Blossom, Palomar, San Diego, Jewel City, Diamond Tread, Harbor Area, San Fernando Valley, and Whittier. Using an updated list of active MAFCA clubs in Southern California, this represented a quorum.

Bob Moore, SCRG 2024 President (Now Retired), reviewed 3 events planned for 2025:

Ridge Route Preservation Assoc 20-mile tours down from Gorman and back on original road – two dates, May 3 and May 4 to accommodate everyone. Contact is **Bob Moore**.

Joining up with the Route 66 tour group in Williams, AZ and traveling to Santa Monica Pier including a train trip to the rim of the Grand Canyon. Multiple join and exit opportunities including welcome party on Oct 13 at Santa Monica Pier. Oct 5-Oct 13. Contact is David Frazee.

Support Orange Blossom A's Vintage Car Show – Nov 1, 2025 at Riverside Elk's Lodge. Lots of prizes/ awards/T-shirts. Volunteer opportunities. Contact is Doug Diller. Election of officers for 2025 results: <u>Jennifer Ferrario</u>, OC – <u>President</u>; Paul Winchester, San Diego – VP; <u>Don Ratzlaff</u>, OC – <u>Secretary</u>; Bob Reeves, Jewel City – remaining as Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38am.

More information on these 2025 activities will be distributed as dates approach. For a more expanded version of the "Minutes-SCRG", click on the link below:

https://www.scrgmafca.com/Documents/20250323Minutes.pdf

May 2025 Page 8 The Distributor

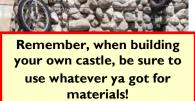
Rubel Castle Tour by Steve Pavich

The rendezvous point for the Rubel Castle tour was the Coffee Buzz Coffee Shop in Fullerton where the tour started at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, April 19th. Four Model A's and four civilian cars showed up with fifteen club members in attendance. One of the Model A's had to drop out of the tour, even before the tour officially started due to what most likely is a blown head gasket. The owner of the ailing car who will remain anonymous, asked his son to drive the car home, Rodger & Debbie Gulledge lead the tour while Don Ratzloff and Steve Pavich played "tail gunner" bring up the rear of the seven car caravan and with the help of ham radios successfully arrived at the castle an hour later.

The two hour docent-led tour highlighted the builder's idiosyncrasies and fascination with his quest to build the castle. As a child, Michael Rubel loved building forts and with the help of his childhood friends was able to put those skills into effect when he decided to build the castle. The Glendora City Fathers were not impressed with the castle project but thanks to friendly neighbors, Michael was able to avoid the "red tape" of permits and inspections. For those who may be interested in learning about the castle there is a YouTube video available on the internet. Following the tour, we met at The Legends Classic Diner on Route 66 for lunch. Our attempt to leave the restaurant's parking lot on our way home was delayed a half-hour due to one of the Model A's failures to start. Finally, with the help of several members' technical advice, the car started and the group headed home.



















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



Southern California Regional Group

The SCRG is organized under the Model A Ford Club of Amerca (MAFCA) to provide support and improve communication among the Southern California Chapters.

Send Mail to: contact@scrgmafca.com

SCRG Officers:

Robert Moore, President. Chapter affiliation, Santa Anita As.

Doug Diller, Vice-President. Chapter affiliation, Orange Blossom

(Riverside).

David Frazee, Secretary. Chapter affiliation, Palomar As.

secretary@scrgmafca.com

Robert Reeves, Treasurer, Webmaster. Chapter affiliation, Jewel City As (Glendale).

www.scrgmafca.com

UPCOMING EVENIS

SAVE THE DATES:

May 2-3, Bakersfield Swap Meet, 201

Aviation St, Shafter, Ca, 323-497-0601 May 23-25, 2025 Northern California Regional Group Roundup on Memorial Day Weekend.

https://sacramentocapitolas.org/2025-ncrg 2025 Northern California Regional Group Roundup Sept. 13th, International Model A Day, Patches and info cont. Bruce Adams, PO Box 45, Nothport, NY 11768,

631-262-9811

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

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

national-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 Ballas 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-2025national-tour

POTLUCK DINNER AND A MOVIE

May 10th (Sat) 5 p.m. to ???

It's time once again to bring out your best dinner dishes for a Potluck meal with all your Model A friends.

Don Dormeyer's Studio, 2983 East Miraloma Ave., Anaheim, CA., Corner of MIraloma & Red Gum St.

Signups for food/setup/cleanup help at the May meeting and via email

Movie of the night is:

"The Wrecking Crew"



Page 10 May 2025 The Distributor

Andy Griffith owned this 1930 Cabriolet. It was a gift by Bill Harrah of Reno, Nevada in 1970. Andy Griffith, aka Ben Matlock, was a member of MAFCA for several years. If his copy of "The Restorer" was a few days late, the office staff in La Habra would receive a call from him wanting to know where it was.

His personal involvement with Model A's began when on the set. He noticed a Model A Coupe parked outside. When asking whose car it was, he was told that Jim Nabors (then doing Gomer Pyle show) had bought it as a gift for Carol Burnett. He asked why it had not been given to him since he gave Jim Nabors the job. Andy's manager overhead and bought him a Tudor for Christmas. He always kept the 1930 Cabriolet, but also eventually owned a 1931 A-400 Convertible Sedan, and a 1928 Phaeton. His non-Model A's included a 1934 Pickup, a 1938 Buick Convertible Special Coupe and a 1946 Ford Woodie.

In 1989 Andy stated: "I'm going to keep on working as long as I'm able and I plan to keep tinkering with Model A's." His last filming job was in 2009 as a leading role in "Play the Game".

Andy Griffith (1926-2012)

Excerpt from "The Restorer", Volume 34, Issue 2, July/August 1989

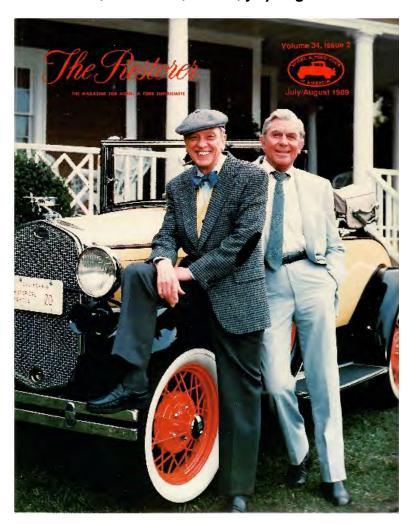


Photo: Cover of "The Restorer", Volume 34, Issue 2, July/August 1989

Fully Paved!... by Diane Gaughen

The Continuing series about Route 66

After Oklahoma, the other Southwestern states to be paved were Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. How were they coming along?

Texas had a lot of catching up to do, since there was no concrete on Route 66 in 1929. But in 1930, things started to progress. The state started buying up rights-of-way and grading the roadbed so construction could begin. Around 1934, Jesse Smith, a farmer from McLean, was "loading gravel by hand with a pair of mules and a little old two-wheel cart." But it did the iob!

New Mexico made a lot of progress after Governor Clyde Tingley was elected on a good-roads platform in 1935. At that time, 66 was a combination of dirt, gravel and some pavement. But by 1937, the paving was done! Floyd Shaw was one of the surveyors for the paving crews. "A lot of the dirt was moved by trucks, but the finish work was done with mules and horses."

Arizona had its own particular issues: the road builders would build concrete dips through the creeks and washes instead of building bridges because of the expense. But when tourists would see water in the dips, they would try to drive around them and get stuck in quicksand! But by 1937, the concrete was completed.

California, on the other hand, was way ahead. By 1934, it was fully paved! This was a good thing, because by 1925, Los Angeles had one automobile for every three people! And the population doubled between 1920 and 1930. When 66 was fully paved in 1938, a person could start a drive on the edge of Lake Michigan and 5 days later, be looking at the Pacific Ocean.

Just for Laughs

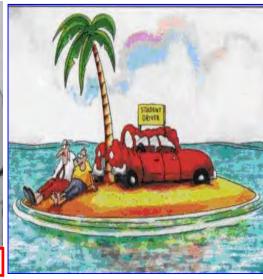
Exercising can add YEARS to your life. For example, I jogged 4 miles today and now I feel like I'm 73



"Sure I let him drive once in a while, but he's never, EVER off this leash for even a second!!!".



The bribe of Frankenstein





Return Address: OCMAFC P.O. Box 10595 Santa Ana, CA 92711

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 May 8, 2025

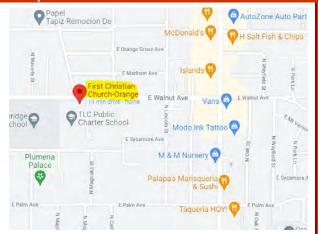
Time: 7:30pm

Location:

First Christian Church of Orange

1130 E Walnut Orange, CA

(Between Tustin & Cambridge)



SPECIAL NOTICE FOR THOSE GOING TO OLD TOWN MUSIC HALL

Saturday, June 14 - Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo - 48th Annual Ragtime Festival, 1:00 lunch at the Richmond Bar & Grill followed by 2:30pm performance.

The Old Town Music Hall will have a special parking area for our vehicles. Once we're parked, we'll walk across the street for lunch prior to the performance.

We have a large group attending this event in both Model A's and modern cars. Already have tickets for first block of RSVP's. Second block will be purchased just after the BS Breakfast. If you want to join, contact Steve Pavich *before or at* the BS Breakfast on May 3.

Do not wait for the May meeting to sign up for this event.

Group tickets will already be purchased - you will be on your own for tickets.



For Further Information click below:

https://www.santamariamodelaclub.com/_files/ugd/7ad733_6650638b45374da8945fb1cbab9cecf1.pdf