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## NEW BOARD TAKES OVER

At the Dec. 27th joint board meeting of both old and new board members, the following board positions were officially named: President, Chuck Williams; Activities Chairperson, Bev Marsh; (activities chairperson serves also as vice-president); Secretary, Sharon Johnson; Technical Advisor, Dennis Griffin; Round-Up Chairman, Steve Balmer; Distributor Editor, Dick McNabb. Tom Schenk will attend board meetings as past-president and advisor. The group will be formally introduced at the January general meeting. Congratulations to the new board.

Other important positions for the year will be filled by: Bill Vaughn, welcoming of guests; Judy Griffin, refreshments chairperson, Lorna and Maynard Grunklee, raffle prizes; Dionne McNabb, club accessories; Sheila Plotkin, cards to members who are ill; Matt Plotkin, rep. to So. Calif. Region meetings; and Larry Conkol, rep. to ACCC (Assoc. of Calif. Car Clubs)

Let's all support these hard workers!

## TOM SAYS GOOD LUCK

Good luck Chuck. Since this is my last article, I want to not only wish our new president, Chuck Williams, all the best wishes possible, but I want to thank everyone in the club who contributed in so many ways in 1979 while I was president.

No one person can do everything and so many came to my assistance that I am extremely grateful. Thanks to you all and best of everything to our new pres., Chuck.

Tom Schenk

## WHAT CAN WE SAY BUT, THANKS!

Thanks might be the theme for this January issue, and well it could be because so many people have contributed so much to the club during the past year. There is no one whose job required more responsibility than that of Pat Douglass. Pat was Distributor Editor for over two years and did a fine job. Thanks Pat, from the Board and the entire club.



JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Dec. 27th, 1979

A joint board meeting of both the old and new members was called to order by outgoing board president Tom Schenk. Minutes of the previous board meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved. Bev Marsh was thanked for all of the work she did on the Christmas party. There being no further business of the old board, the meeting was adjourned.

After a brief break, the new 1980 board was called to order by president Chuck Williams and the new board was introduced. Discussion was held about a possible board vacancy and a motion was made by Bev Marsh that upon official notification of a vacancy, we stand ready to appoint someone to fill the open position. The motion was seconded by Sharon Johnson, and passed.

Bev gave an activities report and added that Rick Krist has volunteered to arrange the Christmas party for 1980.

Dick McNabb announced a Jan. 4 deadline for the Distributor and mentioned some ideas for acquainting new members to the club by means of monthly contests in the paper. The board authorized 10 general meeting raffle tickets to be used for awards for the contest.

Technical advisor, Dennis Griffin announced some of the seminars he has planned for the coming months. Dennis has also started a suggestion book that covers all phases of restoration and where to get things done. Club tools were discussed.

There was no Round-Up report since Steve Balmer could not be present. Old business was discussed. New member packets were discussed and Dick McNabb made a motion to continue to give new members information packets to

board meeting, con't.

include tour rules, by-laws and Distributor copies. Bev seconded the motion and it was passed.

Chuck Williams discussed the role of activities chairperson as vice-president. Joe Wavra discussed the silk screening of club T-shirts. Dick McNabb made a motion that we order a number of shirts to sell for \$4.25 each. Bev seconded the motion and it was passed.

Bev made a motion that Sheila Plotkin be given an initial \$5.00 to purchase cards and stamps to send to members who are ill. Sharon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was a discussion of sending raffle prizes to represent Orange County at neighboring club events. A motion was made that we donate a pair of Knott's ticket books to clubs chosen. It was seconded by Dennis Griffin and carried.

Dick McNabb stated that a good goal for the 1980 Board would be to make an effort to involve all new members in all club events.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be at Chuck William's house on Jan. 24.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Johnson, Secretary

NOVEMBER WINNERS

Name badge drawing: \$5.00 Jim Marsh.  
Model A driver's: Bud Lacey  
Mileage patches: Dick McNabb, 2500 miles.

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DRIVE YOUR 'A' TO MEETINGS!



## JANUARY MEETING

DATE: Jan. 10, 1980  
 PLACE: Trident Jr. High  
 TIME: 7:30 P.M.

CHUCK'S CHATTER  
 by Chuck Williams  
 836-7057

Many thanks to all for electing me president for 1980. I consider it a real honor and privilege to be serving you and I will work very hard at maintaining your trust and confidence.

An organization is really only as good as the people who are in it. That's what makes this one so great. We have so many fine and talented people.

My personal objective this year is to improve our club and hobby by more membership participation and involvement. I'd like to encourage all members to get more active, new and old alike. I will be asking many of our long-time members to step forward and share their knowledge and experience gained through years of Model 'A'ing by helping Dennis with seminars articles for the Distributor and their continued support of our major events.

To the newer members, I encourage you to start going on tours and other activities, whether your car is running or not. You don't have to have a Model 'A' to enjoy our many tours and events. Also, we have a lot of other activities such as seminars, social get-togethers and picnics associated with Model 'A'ing that will give you an opportunity to meet and experience fellowship with a lot of fine people who share a common interest.

I feel honored to be working with this year's board of directors their enthusiasm, interest and experience will make 1980 a great year for Orange County MAFCA.

## FOLLOW THAT FORD .....

By Bev Marsh, Activities  
 839-5203

I've been working on a calendar of activities for the coming year and I'll try my best to pick activities that everyone will enjoy

Some tentative outings being planned are a wine tour, poker run, apple tour, hayride, progressive dinner and beach party. Any suggestions will be gratefully accepted.

The first event for the year will be a rollerskating party on Sun. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Roller Rink, 175 N. Wayfield, in Orange. (take the Chapman off-ramp from the Newport freeway). Time will be 3:30 until 6:00 P.M. at which time we will go on to Shakey's at the corner of Katella and Tustin Ave. The cost for skating, including skate rental, will be about \$1.50 per person.

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Below is a general schedule of events for the year. February's schedule will be more complete. The asterisk (\*) signifies mileage events toward your jacket mileage patches.

- \* Mar. 23 O.C. Pancake Bkfst.  
Hart Park, Orange.
- \* Apr. 11-13 Model A Restorers,  
Ariz. Lake Havasu.
- \* Apr. 27 Model A Fun Day, Reg  
Gymkhana, Whittier  
Narrows
- \* June 15-19 MAFCA Nat. Meet, Ren.  
(Squaw Valley swap  
following weekend)
- \* June 21 O.C. tour to San  
**Sylmar** (Ralph Nether-  
cutt's collection of  
cars & music machines)
- \* Sept. 13,14 So. Calif. Car Show,  
Diamond Tread, Clare-  
mont.
- \* Oct. 4,5 Rim of World Tour,  
Whittier Chapter,  
Arrowhead.
- \* Oct. 18 O.C. Round-Up, Knott  
Berry Farm



TECH. REPORT  
Dennis Griffin  
894-7661

The first seminar of the new year will be Friday, Jan. 11 at 7:30 at Glenn Johnson's house, 426 Morse, Placentia, 528-0891. The subject will be "assembly of the model 'A' engine. We will assemble an engine and discuss modifications made throughout the model 'A' era. Also we will discuss the different finish characteristics of nuts and bolts and exterior engine parts. The women will be meeting inside with Sharon Johnson.

I am looking forward to a very active year, and I welcome any and all suggestions you may have.

ACCC REPORT  
by Larry Conkol

A model 'A' with smog emission control devices, sealed beam headlights and seat belts, whose owner pays a high annual personal property tax on it!! Why not? Most people wouldn't object to that, after all, since prop. 13, new sources of tax revenue must be found, and most people don't have a model 'A'. Perhaps the idea could be attached to a popular new house bill as a means of funding it.

The above has been proposed during the last few years in Calif. Fortunately, we are still able to operate our model 'A' s on the road in their original condition. Why? Because a politician mentioned it to a friend who had a model 'A' and he got 4 or 5 more friends to write letters objecting to the proposals? No! Because we have a lobbyist in Sacramento who knows of these bills as soon as they are proposed and makes sure that one of the many changes made to the bill allows us to continue to operate our model 'A' s as we have since their manufacture.

ACCC, Cont.

The lobbyist works for an association which, within a few hours, can have hundreds of cables (each representing 100 or so voters) sent to the right politician at the right time. It obviously works well.

Support your Association of California Car Clubs. Your cost is \$1.00 per year, collected with your local club dues.

CONGRATULATIONS

For what? How should I know? No one sent in anything yet for which congratulations are in order. What we need here is news of any current member who has had an important event, such as 92nd wedding anniversary, son or daughter admitted to medical school, new house, new yacht, got your model 'A' running after 5 years, etc. If it's something of general interest, it will certainly allow all of the membership to get to know you better.

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Sheila Plotkin will be in charge of sending cards to members who are not feeling well during the year. Please keep her aware of any members who are in need of cheering up. Her number is 962-2117.

GENEROUS GIFT TO CLUB

It pays to attend out of town activities. Last year at the Whittier Chapter's Rim of the World Tour, Marion Wavra won a spring spreader. Since she has decided her springs are already sprung, she has generously donated the spreader to the club's tool collection. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Marion.



RESOLUTIONS....  
or REVELATIONS?

With the new club year just starting, some our members have confided to me some of their secret New Year's Resolutions. Please don't let these get out of the club.

LARRY CONKOL - install a bottle warmer in his sport coupe.  
 JIM MANOS - keep his pick-up cleaner.  
 JAN FISCHER - improve her violin playing.  
 DENNIS GRIFFIN - get his Victoria body color right.  
 GLENN JOHNSON - learn something about 1931's.  
 BUD LACEY - put the right wheels on his Victoria.  
 MIKE LIVINGSTON - try to travel more.  
 VINCE MARIOLA - learn to keep score at Bocci Balls.  
 TOM MATTHEY - try to be friendlier.  
 DAVE NELSON - have his model 'A's bronzed.  
 JIM MARSH - learn to tap dance.  
 SHEILA PLOTKIN - meet face to face with Billy Barty.  
 DICK MCNABB - try to act more maturely.  
 MATT PLOTKIN - be guest chef in a Chinese all night restaurant.  
 TOM SCHENK - learn to appreciate junior high music.  
 ROGER SOWERSBY - find out how to make gold out of rust.  
 DICK BERBIAR - get his Hollywood Graham accepted in the Classic Car Club.  
 LARRY BOEF - build a black, 1931 roadster show car.  
 DENNIS JOHNSON - work on his speaking voice.  
 KATHY & LLOYD MARCACCI - attend more local activities.  
 SHARON JOHNSON - get a lousy 500 mile patch.  
 CHERYL CONKOL - improve her complexion.  
 JIM FISCHER - buy better cigars.  
 JOE WAVRA - get more tour mileage.  
 CHUCK WILLIAMS - learn parliamentary procedure.

## Resolutions, cont.

DIONNE McNABB - learn to smile more.  
 MAYNARD GRUNKLEE - buy more oil company stock.  
 RAK - woodgrain his bowling ball.  
 BILL VAUGHN - put a pinto engine in his Vicky.  
 LINDA WILLIAMS - take in part-time sewing.  
 MYRNA MORGAN - to be more assertive.  
 DARLENE MATTHEY - to star in the Amelia Earhart Story.  
 ANDY & LOU SAEZ - come to the 1980 Round-Up.

## DID YOU KNOW THIS?

The Model A Ford Club of America was founded in the city of Glendale, Calif. in September of 1957. This official date was preceded however by a date of Oct. 1955 when a small group formed in Los Angeles to organize a club called the Model A Restorers Club of Southern Calif.

In May of 1956, the "Restorer" appeared and it's dissemination caused much national interest in the club. The club, by necessity, was reorganized and renamed in 1957 with provisions for the affiliation of other Model A Clubs and chapters.

The Jan-Feb national directory now lists 208 chapters. The Model A Ford Club of America is a non-profit corporation of Calif. and a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford automobile as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. It is said to be the largest car club in the world devoted to one make of automobile.

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If it weren't for venetian blinds, it would be "curtains" for all of us!



WHO STARTED ALL THIS, ANYWAY?

"FORMERLY OWNED"  
CARS & PARTS

The Orange County Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America was founded in Orange, Calif. in Aug. of 1961. Two charter members and their wives are still active in our club. They are, Bill and Penny Vaughn and Joe and Betty Eatherton. Early meetings were held at a variety of places including the Izaak Walton Clubhouse in Santa Ana. In 1972 the growing club moved to South Jr. Hi and finally to Trident Jr. Hi in Anaheim.

Occasionally we must meet at Hart Park in Orange when the school uses the rec. room for other purposes.

THE CLUB HAS PROSPERED

According to the 1979 roster of members, we had 92 paid memberships plus even more members who joined since the original printing. These people, combined with their children, who often attend meetings and activities, total over 200 members and family. That is a good sized club. Of course all members are not necessarily active all of the time. We are happy to see people turn out for tours, meetings, seminars and especially the car shows that support our club so well. Hope to see you all at many activities during 1980. Remember -YOU ARE WELCOME ON TOURS IN YOUR MODERN CAR, or you may share a ride with someone.

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NOTE TO PAST-PRESIDENTS

Oh well, peacock one day, feather duster the next!

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DRIVE YOU 'A' TO MEETINGS !!!

FOR SALE:

1930 tudor, orig. car, \$3,000  
Roger Sowersby 871-5849

Model A eng. & asst parts  
Dick Berbiar 637-5497

6 - 19" wheels, 4 good tires  
Matt Plotkin 962-2117

Over 200 copies Restorer,  
Model A News, Ford Life &  
other Ford material, \$400. all  
Joe Clary 998-0785

WANTED:

Dome light, 1930 town sedan  
Joe Lane 536-4961

4 door sedan, running.  
Dick Berbiar 637-5497

Outside visor, 1930  
Lou Spielberger 675-0974

1929 frame, buy or borrow for  
short time. 1929 tudor rear  
fenders. Dick McNabb 642-2137

TRADE:

5 - 19" wheels for 5 - 21"  
wheels, Dan Simmons 960-7456

Nice 1929 LF welled fender for  
LF plain fender  
Len Haynes, 644-1554

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CLASSIFIED FORM

(bring ad to meeting or mail)

For Sale \_\_\_\_\_ Wanted \_\_\_\_\_ Trade \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



THESE ARE OUR PEOPLE

di'a·log -- to converse; a conversation between 2 or more persons.

New membership is an important part of any club. People come to a club for a variety of reasons. I am always reminded of the night that a visitor was asked what brought him to the meeting and he said that as he was driving down the street, he saw a trail of oil, and followed it to our meeting place!

Whatever your reasons for joining the Orange County Model A Club, take advantage of the fellowship and experiences offered at meetings, seminars, tours, interaction with other chapters, etc. Wear your new name badges to each activity so that many of us "shy" older members can step up and call you by name.

The Distributor will be trying a "get acquainted game" this month, designed to encourage dialog between old and new members. Please match the names with the statements, then return the form to the Distributor Editor prior to the Feb. 4th deadline for the next issue. (first 3 winning entries will be awarded prizes) Good luck ....

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| 1  | _____ Dorothy De Gray | A | _____ 28 sailing trophies         |
| 2  | _____ Bill Vaughn     | B | _____ born in Panama              |
| 3  | _____ Lynne Beaumont  | C | _____ working engineer            |
| 4  | _____ Tom Matthey     | D | _____ owns over 30 cars           |
| 5  | _____ Earl Baker      | E | _____ caught 10 yellowtail, 1 day |
| 6  | _____ Larry Conkol    | F | _____ blue '57 T-Bird             |
| 7  | _____ Oney De Gray    | G | _____ taught auto mechanics       |
| 8  | _____ Darlene Matthey | H | _____ born in Minnesota           |
| 9  | _____ Clark Beaumont  | I | _____ former CHP                  |
| 10 | _____ Mary Stockard   | J | _____ '68 Lincoln Continental     |
| 11 | _____ Lonnie Olson    | K | _____ collects antique purses     |
| 12 | _____ Lou Spielberger | L | _____ visited Europe 76 times     |
| 13 | _____ Lore Simons     | M | _____ pilot, WWII                 |
| 14 | _____ Roger Sowersby  | N | _____ flight engineer             |
| 15 | _____ Ruth Deckert    | O | _____ 2 years, medical school     |

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 IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE 1979 ROSTER, or if there is an error in your present listing, fill out the form below and return it to the Editor.

Last name:		First	Spouse			
No.	Street	City	State	Zip	Phone	
Model A's		year	body style			



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MAYBE YOU'LL FIND THE RIGHT WIPER SOON, JIM.