

# The Distributor



*Kathie Mc Call goes for a spin. It's a nice day and there is no need for a top; or, doors for that matter.*

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## From the Other John

I told you about having my car stolen when I was in college. Being without a car at a school that had no campus (i.e., no evening campus life, i.e. no girls) was not a pleasant thought to entertain.

I phoned to cancel the insurance on a car I had no means by which to replace it. The agent told me he was sorry about my loss and was so genuinely interested in me he said he would sell me an old car that had been just sitting around. I could have it for \$65, but I would have to understand that it was very old. In 1953 a very old car was just that, very old. Back then they were no more valued than the old player pianos my father chopped up for fire wood during the 30's depression. The agent would even trust me to give him \$25

dollars down and \$5 a month until it was paid.

I checked out the car. To me it was just a funky old 1931 Model A Ford Victoria. But, it was big enough to load up some friends. That was the most important thing. It also got pretty good mileage, and except for replacing the fan blade and the drive shaft, it gave me no trouble. The fan blade came off when I was making the car backfire for fun in front of the sorority house that was just a few blocks east of Wiltern and Western. It made the girls look out of the window, but it also dislodged a fan blade. I thought I had ruined the engine. Since only one blade caused it to be out of balance, the engine would only run in a loping manor. It could have

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**Orange County Chapter  
Model A Ford Club of  
America**

Chartered 1961 - Santa Ana, CA

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# Membership 2000 Update



## ADDITIONS

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**Plotkin, Dave & Stefanie**  
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been a lot worse.

Later that same month, I lost the drive shaft in the driveway of the same sorority house. I again was showing off. This time by peeling out of the drive in reverse. It was too much for the universal joint and, I heard a loud clank as the drive shaft hit the concrete. I was not only embarrassed, but I was now also putting myself behind on car payments.

I often think that I should have kept that car, which is considered very valuable today, but here are the economics. To store it in a garage at \$5 a month for an appreciating scale soaring up to today's storage prices, would make the storage more costly than just buying a car today after someone had spent money, sweat and tears to put it in pristine condition.

Life is full of "should haves." Life is full of "would haves." Life is full of "could haves." They are often referred to as the "shoul-da, would-a, could-a's." They are the regrets of life. They can kill you by breaking your neck from looking over your shoulder and / or tripping over, not seeing

the future. We all have regrets, make mistakes, give up things we wish we had kept. But, wonder of wonders, life is also full of new opportunities.

We can see that cars and dreams can be rebuilt, if we take the time to do it right. How many people come up to you and say, "I used to, or my dad used to, have a car like that." Let us enjoy what we have today, not just the cars, but the fun of working on them and the fun relationships that we build with each other as we recreate our dreams and build new ones.

A recent dream come true for Dorothy and me, was the driving of our Model A solo, 350 miles from Brea to Tempe Arizona, where we met up with our friends with their A's. All in all, we toured over 1200 miles, had a flat tire and a little dirty gas before returning home tired and happy. We have always wondered at the Riggs and Parishes for taking off solo. Now we know the feeling. We look forward to another long trip, this time with our friends on the summer tour. Come join us.



# Schedule of Activities

## June 2000

1-4, Thursday-Sunday  
NCRG Roundup 2000

Hosted by the Gra-Neva A's at Grass Valley Fairgrounds. \$155 per couple for all festivities: continuous car show meals, seminar & races. This year will be the first NCRG Gravity Drags. This features Model A's with engines turned off and coasting down a hill!

1-4, Thursday-Sunday  
San Simeon

8, Thursday  
General Meeting  
CHOC, 7:30 PM

9, Friday  
Technical Seminar  
TBD, 7:00 PM

11, Sunday  
Henry Ford Picnic  
Hosted by Diamond Tread at Heritage Park, Santa Fe Springs. Events include car show, childrens games, Picnic (surprise menu), raffle, and fun.

13, Tuesday  
Board Meeting  
Mc Call's, 7:30 PM (pg. 7)

17-25, Saturday-Sunday  
Summer Tour  
Coordinated by Collings.

23, Friday  
July Newsletter Deadline

## July 2000

10-15, Monday-Saturday  
MAFCA National #21  
Kansas City, MO

<sup>UPDATE</sup>  
13, Thursday  
General Meeting  
Hart Park, ~~7:30~~ 7:00 PM. (Potluck at ~~6:30~~ 6:00 PM) ~~7:00~~ 6:00

14, Friday  
Technical Seminar  
TBD, 7:00 PM

14-16, Friday-Sunday  
Wings and Wheels  
Coordinated by Riggs.

18, Tuesday  
Board Meeting  
TBD; 7:30 PM

21, Friday  
August Newsletter  
Deadline

22, Saturday  
1930 Birthday Picnic

28-30, Friday-Sunday  
Model T Swapmeet  
Cerritos College

## August 2000

2-6, Tuesday  
NW Regional  
Washington

10, Thursday  
General Meeting  
Hart Park, ~~7:30~~ 7:00 PM. (Potluck at ~~6:30~~ 6:00 PM) ~~7:00~~ 6:00

15, Tuesday  
Board Meeting  
TBD; 7:30 PM

18, Friday  
August Newsletter  
Deadline

20, Sunday  
Poker Run



## For Sale

Jim Bean Model A Ford set

All nine cars, seals unbroken. Includes glass door oak display case. \$1000

Merle McClellan  
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# General Meeting Minutes

Orange County Chapter  
Model A Ford Club of America

May 11, 2000

by Kathie Mc Call, Secretary

The May meeting was held at Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC). CHOC is being considered as a potential permanent site for future club meetings. The meeting began with the flag salute. Drayn and Doris Marshall were visiting for the first time. The Marshalls live in Rolling Hills and Drain is President of the Harbor A's. The April minutes were approved as printed in The Distributor.

## Treasurer

Alice Graves reviewed treasurer's report and the records were left open for members.

John Knox reviewed highlights of the Board Meeting including progress on the telephone tree, which Gwen Riggs is coordinating.

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## Special Events

John applauded Lee Jackson on the success of the Annual Pancake Breakfast held on March 26. Lee made it a point to thank all those who worked so hard to make it a success and confirmed next year's event will be on March 25, rain or shine. Save the date.

## Activities

Ken Dierken reviewed upcoming events, which are listed separately. The Hard Luck Trophy was enthusiastically debated as to just who would be the lucky new winner. Far-fetched stories were heard from Don Schmidt, Vince Mariola, John Riggs and the ever-faithful

perpetual holder of the HLT John Graves. In the end the cheers and jeers favored Vince and he went home with the coveted award for having his overdrive break in Arizona.

John Riggs provided a synopsis of the CCRG meet in Clovis, held the previous weekend. 5 Model A's and 3 moderns attended, along with their drivers and guests. A great deal of discussion ensued regarding the whereabouts of the 'missing' Bakersfield banner and John felt it necessary to query a specific member. Jon Heiland seemed to be a little uncomfortable with all of this.

The Riverside National Meet for year 2002 was discussed. Bev Marsh and John Mc Millan are on the planning committee and volunteers are still encouraged to contact them. The next meeting is 2 pm at MAFCA headquarters on Saturday June 10.

Mel Collings (who was less than 24 hours post operative from eye surgery and not following his physician's instructions) reviewed plans for the 10 day Utah summer tour through parts of Utah. Space is still available, so give him a call if you need more information. Glen Johnson is organizing the Kansas City National Meet tour from Orange County for July.

## Technical

John Mc Millan. A frame straightening seminar and safety switch demonstration have been held, with plans in the works for a steering balls and front axle assembly education/workshop.

## ACCC

John Knox provided information on the 'gross polluter roadside test' in Larry Conkel's absence.

## New Business

Members were encouraged to discuss current issues regarding their cars, such as needing help, consultations, special tools and/or progress or regress in the restoration process or general maintenance. Open discussion during club meetings is encouraged.

Gerry Mc Kinney reported that she and Larry earned \$350.00 for the club from the Antique Auto Club Swap Meet held the previous weekend. This event is always held the first Saturday in May each year, and members are encouraged to put this on their annual calendar.

## Car of the Month

Greg Carcerano brought his beautiful maroon and black 1931, 160-B Town Sedan Touring car for display. This car has been in the recovery phase following a rear end accident while on the club Christmas Light Tour in 1995. The rear-end was completely destroyed and of course the body and paint needed major work. Congratulations to Greg for a work of art with this car.

Following a short break, involving tire kicking, chewing the fat (and cookies), the exciting raffle event was held and quite a few people went home happy (or sad as the case may be). Next month's meeting will also be at CHOC in the Medical Education Center, 2nd floor of Clinic Building. Park on Level 2 of Clinic Parking lot. See you then!



# Board Meeting Minutes

Orange County Chapter  
Model A Ford Club of America  
May 15, 2000  
by Kathie Mc Call, Secretary



**H**eld at Mc Call's home. Present were: John/Dorothy Knox, John/Alice Graves, Dan Adelman, Ken Dierken, John/Jean Mc Millan, Dale/Kathie Mc Call, Carl Erickson, and Lee Jackson.

The minutes were approved as printed in the Distributor.

Alice Graves reviewed the financial report. The budget was discussed and suggestions for charitable contributions were made. Action: A motion was made and approved to contribute 2 \$25.00 cash door prizes for the Irwindale event sponsored by the Santa Anita A's. Lee will purchase \$25.00 gold coin packets to present at the event. Discussion was held regarding sponsorship of a youth group for the X-cup division of the Great American Race. This will be presented to the general membership.

## Old Business

Discussion was held regarding CHOC as a meeting place. It was decided to meet again in June at CHOC, with the summer months of July, August and September at Hart Park in Orange for a potluck and meeting.

## Telephone Tree

John reported that Gwen Riggs is hard at work organizing the phone tree which will greatly enhance communication among club members.

## Banners/Flags

Dan Adelman presented ideas and prices on banners and flags to be used on the cars. No action at this time.

## Technical

John Mc Millan is planning a seminar on steering balls. Action: A motion was made to purchase drills, not to exceed \$50.00, for the technical seminar on steering balls. All approved.

## Activities

Ken Dierken provided an update on the various tours and events. Complete list is included separately.

## New Business

June Car of the Month will be Marion Wavra's pickup truck. This vehicle has been a club project, under the direction of John Mc Millan, and is now ready to drive. Look out for Marion!

The next Board Meeting will be June 13 at Mc Call's. Any member is invited to attend.

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## Announcement: The No Excuses Tour

**Date:** Saturday October 21 (Time to plan & you won't miss church)

**Time:** 9:00 AM Orange Mall Sears parking lot

**Route:** No freeway & scenic (You don't need an overdrive)

**Lunch:** We will cook it on the way. (Updates on manifold cooking in future issue)

**"This lady drives a Model A" patches** for lady drivers.

Model A driving lessons available on request prior to tour.

Make this your first tour out of town. Invite someone else who hasn't toured. Make that two friends. We won't leave you. We'll make sure both you and your car get home. We'll be home by dark and if you don't have an you will be allowed 1/2 page in this publication to complain. IF your A isn't running come anyway even if you have to drive your modern, a rental or even a Chevy.

Bring the kids, grandkids, grandma, grandpa, aunt Emma and your neighbor Elmo. We always have fun on this one and I'll try to throw in a few quirks to make it interesting.

Call me at (714) 638-2355 for additional information, tour request or advance complaints.

*The Distributor*





# A Well Deserved Award

by Richard Parrish

At our last meeting the coveted hard luck trophy was debated.

Don Schmit's car had cylinder sleeve slip down for second time on the short tour to La Habra and had to have his car delivered home about 5 miles away.

Vince Mariola's Volvo overdrive broke in far off Wickenburg Arizona and this strusty Model A arrived home on a flat bed truck. Vince, in his quiet and unassuming way said he wasn't worthy to receive the trophy first because Henry didn't put an overdrive in a Model A. John Graves pointed out that he had received

the trophy 3 times for the very same problem. Vince then said it wasn't an OCMAFCA tour. Well our club recently ruled we get mileage for any organized Model A touring.

In a fair and impartial vote without consideration of race, creed, ethnic background, age or sexual orientation it was determined that Vince Mariola was the winner. When receiving the award he had nothing but kind words for those of us who made this possible and I do believe I saw a tear in the corner of his eye.

## Year at a Glance: 2000

Date	Event	Place	Club
Jan 15	SCE Tour	Menifee	Cruisin A's
Jan 16	Pomona swap meet	Pomona	X
Jan 29-30	Modesto swap meet	Turlock Fair Grounds	Modesto A's
Feb 19	Min Golf tour	Huntington Beach	OCMAFCA (Dierken)
Feb 26-27	San Diego swap meet	San Diego, Qualcomm. Stad.	X
Mar 5	Pomona swap meet	Pomona	X
Mar 11	Johnie's Broiler	7447 Firestone, Downey	Fly'n A's
Mar 18	OCMTC swap meet	Vintage Ford, Stanton	OC Model T Club
Mar 26	Pancake Breakfast	Hart Park, Orange	OCMAFCA (L. Jackson)
Apr 7-9	Laughlin	Laughlin	Pomona Valley
Apr 22	Country Road Picnic		OCMAFCA (Dierken)
May 5-7	Cent Cal Regional Grp	Clovis	Sierra A's (Riggs)
May 6	OCMAFCA swap meet	Vintage Ford, Stanton	OCMAFCA (L. McKinney)
May 17-21	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	OCMAFCA (Spielberger)
May 21	Regional Fun Day	Santa Fe Springs	Santa Anita A's
June 1-4	N. Calif. Regionals	Grass Valley	Gra-Neva
June 1-4	San Simeon Tour		OCMAFCA
June 11	Henry Ford Picnic		Diamond Tread
June 17-25	Summer tour	National Parks	OCMAFCA (M & J Collins)
June 24	Paradise swap meet		
July 10-15	MAFCA National #21	Kansas City, Mo	
July 14-16	Wings and Wheels	Solvang	(Riggs)
July 22	1930 B.D. picnic		OCMAFCA
July 28-30	Model T swap meet	Cerritos College, Cerritos	
Aug 2-6	N.W. Regional	Washington	
Aug 20	Poker Run		OCMAFCA
Sept 7-10	Rim of the World	Big Bear	
Sept 16	Progressive Dinner	Collings, Knox, Ferrazzi	OCMAFCA
Sept 24	Paradise swap meet	San Bernardino	Ray Tate (909-885-1135)
Oct 1	Poker Run		OCMAFCA
Oct 8	Queen Mary	Queen Mary, Long Beach	
Oct 21	Oak Glen Apple	Oak Glen	(Parish)
Nov 5	Bates Nut Farm		
Nov	Palm Springs Follies	Palm Springs	OCMAFCA (Carcerano)
Dec 2	Nativity Display	Tustin	OCMAFCA (McKinney)
Dec 14	Kids Christmas party	CHOC, Orange	
Jan 6, 2001	Installation banquet	Phoenix Club	OCMAFCA



# Santa Fe Dam Tour

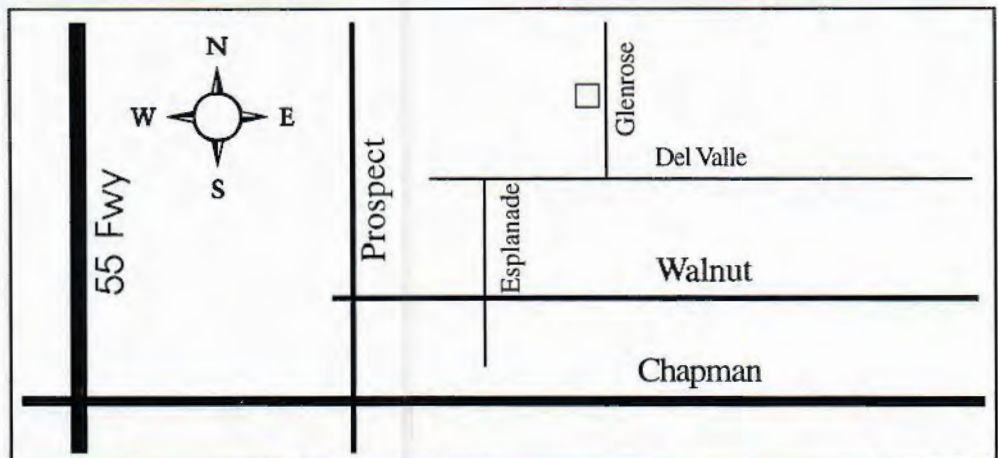
by Kenny Dierken

We left for a great afternoon of fun and games with our Model A's. Some headed up the Freeway and some took the surface streets, the freeway drivers which included six drivers and they were Riggs, Collings (passengers Deutsch), McMillan, Miller, Graves, Wierman (passenger Mariola), headed up the 605 Freeway and exited Live Oak Ave. and Arrow Highway, and the surface drivers lead by our President Knox, Adelman, Jackson, Dierken. The surface street drivers left Winchell Donut Shop, at 8:10 AM and arrived at an impressive time of 45 Minutes, then 10-15 minutes later the freeway drivers arrived later Smith showed up to add a grand total of eleven Model A's from our Club. It was showing great Model A spirit coming from our Club. The President of the Santa Anita Model A Club had mentioned that there were some 80 Model A's and a total of eighteen Clubs represented it was very impressive to see that amount of Clubs showing spirit other than our Pancake Breakfast. I would like to thank some of our Club members that helped with the Gymkana, first of all John & Jean McMillan, for doing an outstanding job on setting up the events, and for Dan Adelman & Jean McMillan, Dorothy Knox for doing one of the events, you know what I mean (bumper with the pole). They all had to endure very hot afternoon, but they all survived and looked like

they all enjoyed (I think). I (Kenny) was the official photographer I took several photos of cars as they went through the paces. John Riggs had tied for one of the events and had to do the most unusual way of tie breaking what do they call it toss the acorn lug nuts and see who gets the closest to the circle in which there was 10 points if you landed in there. Then we sat down for lunch and as usual with great company on hand. Then the fun really began the door prizes, I feel the only way you can win a door prize is to be married we had a total of eight couples or sixteen individuals win door prizes, I think my name was the only one left in the box. I had a few comedians tell me don't go out and buy a Lottery ticket whatever you do tonight guess what my answer was. Winner of one of the raffling was Dan Adelman (6V Alt). Hard work goes to John McMillan for working so hard on Marion Wavra Pickup truck. He decided on driving her truck at the last minute figuring this would be a good test he drove the freeway with it and I believe he didn't receive the bad luck trophy job well done John. Then it was time to pack up and head for home it was a fun time and hoped everyone had as much fun as I did also hoped everyone returned safe and sound. Happy Trails hope to see you at the Henry Ford Picnic next month.

## June's Board Meeting

Dale and Kathie  
Mc Call's home  
588 Glenrose Drive,  
Orange  
(714) 633-0946



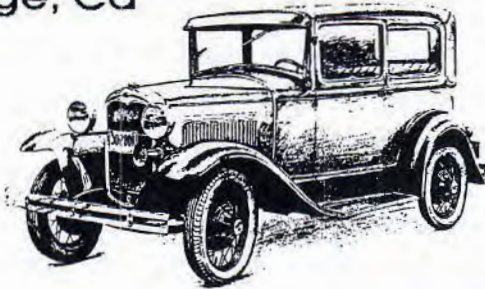


# General Meeting Location

[Second Thursday of every month]

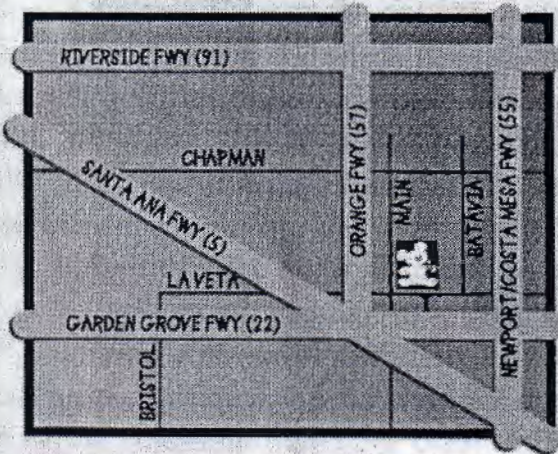
June 8, 2000 @ 7:30 PM

CHOC Hospital  
West Administration Bldg: 2  
455 South Main St  
Orange, Ca



The car of the month will be  
Marion Wavra's pickup truck.

## Where is CHOC ?



First Class Mail

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