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**Season's Greetings from OCMAFC**

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Activities updates - Lew Lewis



*From  
the  
Pres!*

by John (open hood) Riggs

These will be the last words from "Open Hood" as your president. It has been a very successful year for our club. We have had a full schedule of tours with good turnouts for most of them.

The Walkie Talkies have been quite successful as a replacement for the CB radios.

Hope you have enjoyed the year and the tours. Not too many roadside seminars and most of the spare parts are still under the front seat.

Our pancake breakfast was well attended and a financial success. We have gained several new members and hope we have made them welcome and they want to be an active part of our club.

It's time for the changing of the guard and we're looking forward to new people and new ideas. I have enjoyed doing my job and hope it helped make for an enjoyable year for all. Looking forward to a slower pace for next year but I'll still be around.

We should all pitch in and give our new board our full support and I'm sure we'll have a great 2002.

**New Members Enjoy Tour**

Four of our newest members joined the tour to Palm Springs and it looks like they were having a great time. Welcome.



Helen and Otto Wulfe chat with Dale at the pool



Bill and Jean relax at the pool with Joan, Gwen, and Don

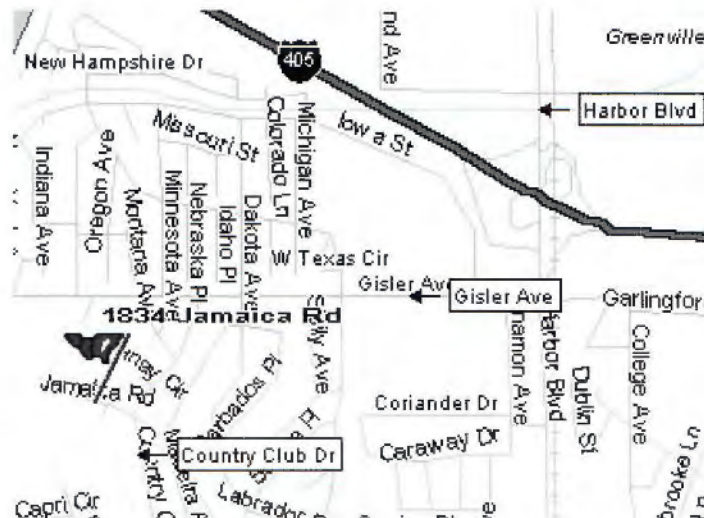
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**Note to all with Email:**

Please update your Email addresses on your membership registration.

Photos in this issue submitted by:  
Bev Marsh, Gwen Riggs, Dick Dewey,  
John and Dorothy Knox



Map to Marion's home for the Dec. 9 Potluck and General Meeting.



# Activity Schedule!

by Gwen Riggs

## December 9 (Sunday)

**Christmas Potluck Party and General Meeting** at **Marion Wavra's**, 1834 Jamaica Road, Costa Mesa. 5:00 p.m. RSVP to **Gwen Riggs** 562-431-8783 if you haven't already signed up. Bring a main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert for 10 people. Coffee and service will be provided. We will have a short business meeting prior to dinner. See page 2 for map.

**Alert!!!** The CHOC center will not be available for our **December General Meeting**. It will be held Dec. 9 at the Christmas potluck. (See potluck and meeting above)

**Also:** No board meeting in December

## December 15 (Saturday)

**Harbor Light Cruise in Huntington Harbor** - 5:50 p.m. 45-50 minute cruise, \$12. Reservations have already been made but if you missed our you can check for cancellations. Parking at Warner and Algonquin, with shuttle to boat. Be sure to dress warm. Goodies will be served at **Don & Sally Miller's** after the cruise. Questions: 652-431-8783

## January 10 (Thursday)

**General Meeting** 7:30 P.M. CHOC

## January 12 (Saturday)

**Installation Dinner** - Phoenix Club, 1340 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim. 6:00 p.m. See page 9 for map and reservation slip. Send reservations and payment to **Colleen Schmidt**, Treasurer, as soon as possible. Info: **Dorothy Knox** 562-697-2545

## January 15 (Tuesday)

**Joint Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. at **Dan and Sylvia Adelmann's**. 20092 Vintage Lane, Huntington Beach

## January 26 (Saturday)

**Nethercutt Museum** in Sylmar. Leave at 8:00 from the Citadel in City of Commerce, by the Windom Hotel. We're going rain or shine! Come in your A or modern. Info: **Don Schmidt** 714-524-2659.

## January 26-27 (Saturday and Sunday)

Turlock Swap Meet sponsored by the Modesto A's

## February 14 (Thursday)

**General Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. at CHOC

## February 23-24 (Saturday and Sunday)

**San Diego's Annual Big 3 Auto Parts Exchange.** Shopper's hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Qualcomm Stadium I-8 at I-15. Info: 619-276-07135

## Sunshine & Sorrow Updates

**Lou Spielberger** fell at dinner in Palm Springs and was scratched up some but is healing well.

**Gwen Riggs** continues to do well following her surgery and also was at Palm Springs.

**John McMillan** is done with chemo for now and has started radiation.

**Dona Dewey** is still on the mend.

Please keep those cards flowing and remember all of them in your thoughts & prayers

## No Flag - No Problem!

For the last two months the American flag has been missing in our meeting room.

However, **Sally Miller** Stepped up to the plate in October and stood at attention as we saluted Old Glory printed on her red sweatshirt. (Sorry Sally, we could not find the picture we took of you at attention.) In November our president used the Hard Luck Trophy for a flag stand.



## Palm Spring Follies

by Jerry & Bea Kalinowski

Friday morning, November 16, shortly after 9:00 a.m., 5 A's and 2 moderns left the Sears Mall of Orange parking lot headed for Palm Springs, where we were joined by many more OCMAFCA members over the course of Friday and Saturday.

The drive to Palm Springs was uneventful, although **John & Gwen Riggs** pulled off the freeway once to add water to their radiator. We arrived in Palm Springs around 11:30 a.m. and promptly went to Elmer's for lunch. John, our waiter, took the 16 of us pretty much in stride. After lunch we went to check in at Motel 6. What a to-do that was. Instead of having a poolside room, **Vince & Joan Mariola** had NO reservation at all. It took some doing, but everyone finally got checked in and headed for their rooms.

We were all looking forward to dinner at **Don & Mary Thomas'** Palm Springs house. By 5:00 p.m. several more people had arrived and everyone convened out by the pool, where Vince finally had his room. Well.....almost! Just about then a young lady came out from the office and told Vince he was in the wrong room – he was supposed to be in 131 (nowhere near the pool), not 113. But he's not known as the Godfather for nothing – he got to keep room 113.

After that entertaining scene, about 30 of us drove over to join the Thomas', who with the help of **John & Dorothy Knox**, had prepared a delicious meal which was enjoyed by all. And what an array of desserts! I think we all gained at least a couple of pounds. Plus, there were enough leftovers that Mary invited us all back again on Saturday night before the Follies.

Saturday was a full day. Twenty-four of us left Motel 6 at 9:45 a.m. to visit the Palm Springs Air Museum. The museum is full of World War II vintage aircraft, as well as several vintage cars. One of the highlights was being able to board and walk through a B-17 bomber.

After lunch at a local park, we met up with several more of the group and headed out to Pond de Rose to view Mr. Pond's collection of cars. Five garages, 120+ cars, and beautiful scenery all around. Ferrari's (one whole garage full), Rolls Royce's, Studebaker's, Bugatti's, Packard's, BMW's, Mazeratti's, Model T's and A's, even a Rickenbacker. The only type of car I don't recall seeing was a Volkswagon, but I do think everybody found a car they would love to have.

Back to the motel, then at 5:00 p.m., quite a few of us, all decked out for the Follies, took Mary Thomas up on her offer of leftovers. The food was just as good the second day. After dinner, the Palm Springs Follies.

It seems most everyone had been to the show before and knew pretty much what to expect, but for us first-timers (and there were a few of us), what a show!! Comedy, music, skits, singing, dancing - all by "youngsters" from 57 to 84 - we should all look so good. And what a voice Anna Maria Alberghetti still has, even at the young age of 65. For those of you who have never gone on this particular tour, we can highly recommend it, and tell you that we too plan to go again.

Sunday morning began the exodus back to Orange County for everyone, although we stopped at Cabazon to check out the stores. What a weekend! This was our first overnight tour and we had such a great time with all the events that were set up for us, but most of all getting to know a few more of our fellow OCMAFCA members in a more laidback social atmosphere.

We would like, as I'm sure everyone would, to thank **Greg Carcerano** for getting us such great seats for the Follies, and for all the time and effort he put into making sure the tour would be a success. And a HUGE thank you to Don & Mary Thomas for sharing their home with us, dinner for two nights, and for making the arrangements for us to visit the Air Museum and Pond de Rose, as well as lunch in the park between the two events.



Gathering at the pool at Motel 6



The Palm Springs Air Museum



Glenn and Dorothy check out the gun turret of the B-17



Our cars lined up on the Pond de Rose Estate



Bea gets a shot of everyone on her video camera



Lou, Dale, Vince and Mary enjoy the cars at the Pond de Rose



Ted, Helen, Dorothy, Bea, Jerry and Dick enjoying the picnic



Joan, Sharon, Glenn, Gwen, and John are ready for the Follies



Our gracious dinner hosts, Mary and Don Thomas

# Long Beach Veterans Parade!

by John Riggs

Saturday, November 10, 2001:

The event was the participation in the annual veterans day parade in Long Beach. We were to provide rides for the submarine veterans. Lee Jackson was the tour organizer. We met at 0800 at Coco's at Valley View. Prior to departure Lee (underwater) Jackson delivered explicit instructions on how to get there. We were to go up the 605 to the 91, west on the 91 and get off at Atlantic. It seemed simple enough, as long as everyone paid attention.

**Off we go into the wild blue.....:**

We departed promptly at 0830 with Lee leading. Those participating were Dale McCall, Lou Spielberger, Dick Dewey, Greg Carcerano, and Open Hood Riggs bringing up the rear. Melinda Marsh was following behind in her mother's vintage T-Bird. Bev Marsh was driving "Hariatt", the family 1928 Phaeton and was to meet us at Atlantic Blvd. and Harding St. where we were to pick up our submarine veterans who would ride in the parade with us.

**Lee becomes submerged:**

As we were rolling down the 91 and approaching Atlantic it seemed prudent that we move over into the right lane. Lee however, began to submerge and couldn't see the road signs. A panic call on the walkie-talkie was of no use since Lee was already underwater. Melinda and I were the only two cars able to exit at Atlantic, the others went to the bottom with Lee. We waited at the meeting point for quite some time before the rest of the tour surfaced. When asked where they went, they responded that they needed the extra mileage to get their patch. Bev Marsh also got lost, but after a number of cell phone calls she arrived at the meeting point.

**Anchors aweigh:**

After some amount of nostalgic conversation, car polishing, and tire kicking, we loaded up our submariners and rolled on down the parade route with the ahoogus announcing our presence. We all had a good time, the veterans enjoyed it, and it was our privilege and honor to have them with us. Many thanks to Lee for organizing our participation.

**Hariatt has gas pains:**

No sooner was I home ready to sit down and rest and have a cool one when Bev called and said that Hariatt

had run out of gas. A policeman had pushed Hariatt out of the road and Melinda went and got some gas, but the car still would not start. This sounded like a job for Open Hood. With that I slipped into a phone booth and changed into my Open Hood costume, complete with leotards, cape and the letters O.H. on my chest and headed out. When I arrived on the scene we added more gas to Hariatt, this time we made sure to put it in the gas tank. Hariatt started right up, but didn't want to run very well. At first I thought some salt water may have gotten in the cylinders, but then I remembered that Bev had not been following Lee when he submerged. We were able to get Hariatt home on two cylinders. It would appear that Hariatt may have suffered a blown head gasket. This will be a seminar for another day.☺

**Note: Lee Jackson and his father are both U.S. Navy submarine veterans.**



World War II Submarine Veterans admiring our cars.



Greg Carcerano, John Riggs, and Lee Jackson and his dad looking for their cars.

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Have you paid your  
2002 dues and any  
Roster corrections?  
If not, do it today



## 2002 National Convention News

by **Bev Marsh**

Southern Calif. Regional Rep **Lee Jackson** has kindly agreed to take over as head of the gymkhana events for the 2002 National M.A.F.C.A. Convention being held in Riverside. The date is July 21 through July 27, 2002. **John McMillan** needed a "sub" because he needs his strength now in order to regain his good health. Lee will be needing lots of help, so, please step forward and volunteer. **John and Gwen Riggs** are in charge of door prizes. **Glenn Johnson** and **Piet Dwinger** are conducting seminars and are also judges. As you can see, Orange County is doing a lot to help to make this convention a success. Please offer your help to any of these people. Since the convention is so close, take advantage and plan to attend.

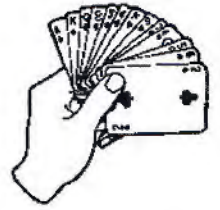
## Frazier Park Potluck

**John and Gwen Riggs, Bev Marsh and Katherine Holbrook** attended the October 7 trip to Frazier Park potluck sponsored by the Bakersfield A's. Bev reports that it was a great trip. The Potluck and raffle, weather and the scenery were all great. John and Gwen received a trophy for driving their A the farthest. Good driving Riggs.



Bev admiring the trophy winning car. Actually the Riggs got the trophy but hey, the car did all the work!

## Great Pumpkin Poker Run Gets a Big Hand!



Winners of the Poker Run arrived too late for the Nov. Distributor, so here they are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: **Bev Marsh** (Full House - 3 Aces, 2 Queens)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: **Fran Earhart** (Full House-3 Nines, 2 Sevens)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: **Jeanne Parrish** (Straight-Jack high)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place: **Glenn Johnson** (3 Kings with a Jack high)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place: **Colleen Schmidt** (3 Kings with only 8 high)
- Worst hand: **Bea Kalinowski** (Hey, at least she got her money back!!)

Congratulations everyone and a big thanks to **Ken and Janet Zittner** for hosting.

## REMINDER!!

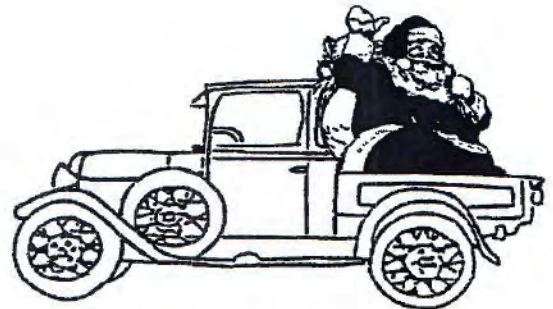
by **Bea Kalinowski**

Don't forget to bring an **unwrapped gift** for a child 12 or under and/or a **non-perishable food item** to the **OCMAFCA Christmas party** at **Marion Wavra's** to be donated to the Eli Homes, a center for abused children here in Orange County.

Or, if you prefer, you may make a cash donation to the Eli Homes or Lucerne Valley Women's Club Annual Toy Drive.

Even if you don't plan to attend the party, please participate by bringing food and/or a gift and/or monetary donation to the December general meeting.

Please be generous in helping these children to have a happy Christmas.







**General Meeting Minutes, November 8, 2001  
Orange County Chapter:  
Model A Ford Club of America**

The November General Meeting was held at Children's Hospital of Orange County with 52 people in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President John Riggs, who then led the flag salute. There were no new visitors.

Minutes were approved as printed in The Distributor with the correction of Lee Jackson's name (from Ken), sorry Lee.

Colleen Schmidt, Treasurer opened the cash flow report for members to review .

Gwen Riggs, Activities Director provided an overview of upcoming events. Mary and Don Thomas were present to provide details for the BBQ at their home in Palm Springs on 11/16 and a "once in a lifetime opportunity" to tour the Ponderosa Estate and view a private vintage collection of cars and other memorabilia on 11/17. There will also be a tour of the Palm Springs Air Museum. The hilarious Palm Springs Follies will follow in the evening. The planned holiday potluck is still on for December 9 at Marion Wavra's spacious home in Costa Mesa. Members are encouraged to call Piet Dwinger for the opportunity to participate in Villa Park's annual Inland Boat Parade on 12/2 and a pre-event potluck at his home.

**TECHNICAL:** No report.

**Editor:** John Knox thanked Bea Kalinowski for her help with the newsletter while he was incapacitated. Spouse Dorothy is always right in there to help also. Ballots were made available to nominate "Member of the Year", which will be announced at the annual Installation Dinner in January.

**Nominating Committee:** John Riggs appealed to the members to step forward and volunteer to fill vacancies still remaining, President, Activities Director and Technical Advisor. Apparently Vince Mariola was successful in convincing Diana Wierman that she was the woman for the job, as she did, in fact, stand up and announce she was willing to be nominated.

**Announcement:** Bea Kalinowski announced that the Eli Homes will be the designated charity for the club in December. Members are invited to bring unwrapped toys and clothing for children 12 years and under, as well as non-perishable food items to the holiday party on 12/9 or to the next club meeting on 12/6.

**Era Fashion Show:** Marchele Zolman, proprietor of Antica Moda, moderated the fashion show with members Bev Marsh, Pam Berto, Helen Loeffler modeling daytime wear and Janet Zittler in evening wear of the late 1920's. Marchel has patterns available for sale typical of the late 20's, early 30's and can be reached @ 714-543-1183 fax #. Her address is: 1833 E. 17th St. Suite 316 Santa Ana, 92705.

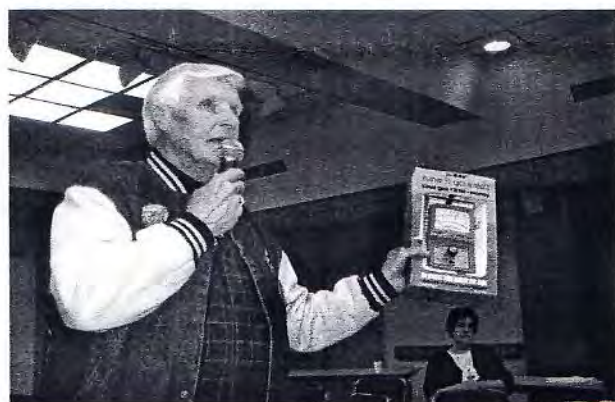
**White Elephant Auction:** Carl Erickson then conducted the always fun white elephant, aka junk, auction. The hot item this

year was the "Get Your Hot Dog" talking condiment tray, proudly taken home by Terry Collings for a mere \$10.00. There were other great items including an overhead projector, vintage books and car trivia and Christmas items. Vince took home some lovely items for Joan. Many of the goods looked like they had been on the table last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. Kathie Mc Call, Sec



Fashion show at the November meeting featured models Janet, Bev, Helen, and Pam.



Carl spirits us to buy at Auction. "Going, Going, Gone" to some lucky member.



New Membership Chair, Bea Kalinowski



## CAR BARN SPECIALS

*(Member ads will run two months unless renewed.  
Nonmember ads will run one month unless renewed)*

### For Sale

**21 inch rims** Five (5). Excellent condition, no apparent cracks, spokes are straight, and all lug holes are round. Price: \$375.00

Phone: **Jim Nichols**, 714-546-2969

Email: [JNICK1366@aol.com](mailto:JNICK1366@aol.com)

#### Miscellaneous A Parts & Manuals:

Webber Carb., Intake Manifold, Air Cleaner \$150:

13 Motor Manuals 1930-1981 \$140: Model A Engine with Pan-Head-Flywheel, \$100.

Phone: **Lou Spielberger** 714-751-5102

#### Miscellaneous A and T Parts & Magazines:

Nearly complete motor with original Ford pistons, no taper (intake and exhaust not attached); two additional semi-complete engines; complete front end triangle with hubs; complete rear end with hubs; bell, trans & levers for '29; Model T front end; '35? Modified rear end; three boxes of "A" parts, including generators, engine parts, etc., one complete SW horn & two other SW horns missing can & screens; 3 or 4 '30 wheels; and a few rusty fenders. Must take all for \$450.

Phone: **Jim** (909) 621-5568 After 5:30 p.m.  
Claremont.

Restorer magazines – Vol.7 thru Vol. 41 approx.  
240 issues; library of Ford and other car books;  
Size 43 knickers; shop coat; straw hat; Size 8 shoes.  
Sell all for \$150. OBO.

Ph: **Larry Boef** 714-774-2477

**1992 Ford Taurus LX.** Fully loaded 3.8 V6. Excellent condition throughout. Serviced every 3000 miles. Near new tires, brakes. Seafoam green, with beige interior. Spotless. No accidents. Low blue book is \$4,350.00. Will sell for \$4,000.00.

Phone: **Pieter or Judi Dwinger** (714) 639-4767

### Wanted

#81 – Carburetor

Phone: **Lou Spielberger** 714-751-5102

### THIS AND THAT

**You are invited.....(from Dan Adelman)**

To attend Santa's Car Show in San Dimas, sponsored by California Preferred Properties Via Verde.

"Join along with the San Dimas Fire Department's Toy Drive and the San Dimas Sheriff Booster's Club."

Free pictures with the kids. Balloons/ Music/ Candy/ Refreshments/ Fire Engine/ 50/50 Drawing/ Santa's Wagon Ride.

**Where: Via Verde Plaza**

**1150 Via Verde Dr., San Dimas**

**When: Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

Please donate a toy.

A \$10 registration fee for all autos participating in the car show. Fee will include lunch, drinks, and pictures. Please have your car in the display area on Parking lot by 10 a.m.

Any questions? Contact **Alan Nash** at

[Entrada5@aol.com](mailto:Entrada5@aol.com)

### NEEDED CLEAN SYRUP BOTTLES

With squirt top for the pancake breakfast. Turn them in to **Bev Marsh**. (She only got 2 last year. Surely there are more people than that who eat pancakes and french toast with syrup!!!!!!!!!!!!)

### BE SURE AND VOTE



*Merry Christmas*

## General Meeting

Will Be At December Pot Luck

See page 3



Deadline for next

***Distributor is December 20 !!!!!***

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