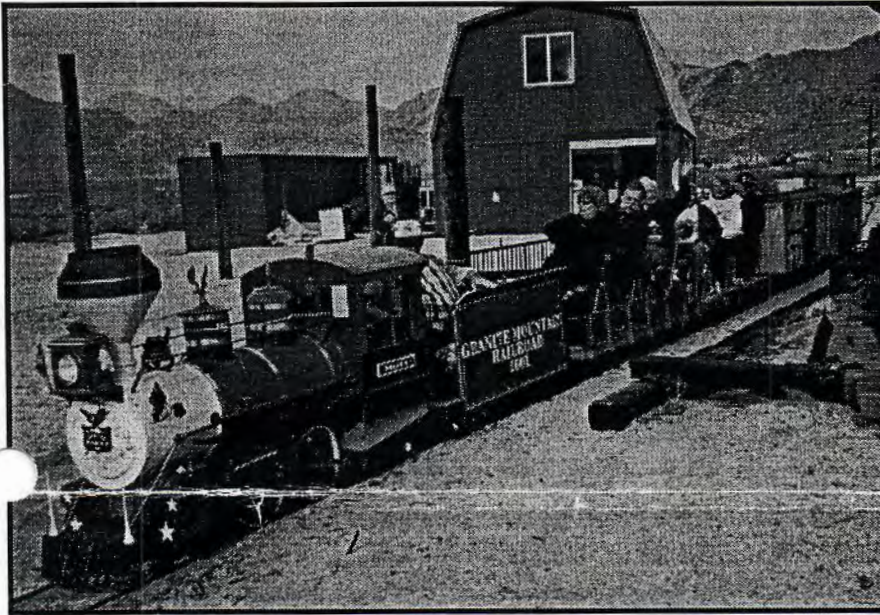


The Distributor

Full Steam Ahead



See reprint of article from newspaper on page 6 and our own article on page 7 for the full story. Photo courtesy of Gwen and John Riggs.

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Reminder:

E-mail newsletter material to:
newsletter@ocmafca.org

From the Other John

As we go into the New Year I want to thank all of you who have given me such good support this last year. I know you will give our new president, Alice Graves the same wonderful help. So many people pitch in that don't always get recognized in a public way. That is really what makes our club great. I thank my wife Dorothy for being such a good support all year as well as being the chair of the Installation Banquet.

Many of you have been around for a long time. We celebrate that Lou Speilberger at 91 still participates and looks 10 to 15 years younger than he is. He gives us so much spirit.

As the man said, when approached by a younger man who said, "When I am your age, I hope I look half as good as you do." To which the older man replied, "You don't look half as good as I do now."

Lou wouldn't respond that way, but he would be correct to do so in many cases.

I look forward to the banquet and the fun we will have there. I look forward (with trepidation) to Dorothy and I being your new editors of the Distributor. I look forward to trying to achieve 5,000 miles this year in my Model A.

Love, Joy and Peace, in the New Year.

John Knox

2001 Calendar of Events

| Month | Date(s) | Time | Event | Misc. Information | Place or Leave from | Host/Chair | Notes |
|-------|---------|------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| Jan | 13 | 8am | Technical Tour | 120mi. freeway | Iv CoCo's V.V. & 405 | McMillan | demstration of motor rebuilding |
| Jan | 27-28 | | Turlock Swap Meet | **see "Restorer" | Turlock, Fair Grm | Modesto A's | \$3.00 - R.V.parking \$20 |
| Feb | 24-25 | 8-5 | San Diego Swap Meet | | QualcommStad. | on your own | Interstat 8 @ Interstate 15 |
| Feb | 25 | | Ronald Regan Library | | | Riggs | Sign up sheets and more details to follow. |
| Mar | 4 | | Pomona Swap Meet | | | Fly'n A's | |
| Mar | | 12-4 | Johnie's Broiler Show | | 7447 Firestone - Downey | | meet 10:30 Cocos V.V. @ 22 |
| Mar | 25 | | Pancake Breakfast | | | Carl Erickson | |
| Apr | 20-22 | | Laughlin | | | Riggs | |
| Apr | 22-Jan | | Fabulous Fords Forever | register early | | FCCCWR | |
| May | | 6:00 | OCMAFC Swap Meet | Sierra | Vintage | McKinneys | |
| May | 26-28 | | NCRG | **see "Restorer" | Concord CA | Diablo A's | |
| May | | | Cent Cal Regional Grp | | Clovis | Riggs | |
| May | | | Regional Fun Day | Gra-Neva | | | gymkana |
| June | 16-22 | | Colorado Regional | **see "Restorer" | | | |

WELCOME TO LUCERNE VALLEY



*to the
Orange County Model A Club
of America
and to
John and Gwen Riggs*

2001 Committee Chairpersons

ACCC Representative Larry Conkol
 Club Greeter Joh Heiland
 Buttons, Patches & Logos .. Dan & Sylvia Adlem
 Historian Deena Peterson
 Monthly Raffle Dick Smith
 Refreshments Peter Mastro
 Regional Representative Bev Marsh
 Sunshine Jeannie Parrish
 Swap meet Larry Mc Kinney
 Website Rick Peterson



*Thank you for the many
times you have aided our
Christmas efforts on behalf
of our children.*

*The Lucerne Valley children
receiving your gifts will never
know the distance you drove,
the sacrifices you made, or the
kindness you have shown.
That child will only know that
Santa found his house this
year. For that we say thank you
and wish a very Merry Christmas
to you and yours.*

The Roadrunners

CHRISTMAS 2000



*The Roadrunners.
The Womens Division of the
Lucerne Valley Chamber of Commerce*

For Sale

'30 Coupe

Rumble seat, overdrive, turn signals, "C" cyl head, late steering, radio, off frame restored. Paint - Copra & Chickel Drab. Tucoma wheels.

This car is perfect; needs no work.

Owned by Roger Wilcox.

Contact: Herb Cuckler (626) 793-1636

\$12,500 OBO

'30-31 Tudor Front Seats

Frames, springs and hardware. \$150

Dan Adelman (714) 963-6318

'31 Deluxe Coupe

Older restoration. Chickie drab and copra with straw wheels. Rumble seat. Runs good, looks great! Asking \$10,500 or OBO.

Glenn Bowers (562) 431-7123

'29 Phaeton

Bought in Uruguay. Was a right hand drive. New paint. Needs upholstery and top. Engine overhauled. \$8000 OBO. Edgar (714) 991-6192 Anaheim

'28 Sport Coupe

Great running condition. Last restoration approximately 10 years ago. Asking \$9000.

Kim Hillbrand E-mail: kkhill@gte.net

(714) 965-9876 Home (714) 431-3211 Work

'31 Deluxe Wide Bed

Fabric roof. Model B engine. Inserted mains and rods. 39 transmission. Columbia 2 speed rear end. Hydraulic brakes. Cowl lights. Turn signals. Dual sidemounts. New piston, rods and inserts in 1999. Electric fuel pump. Ford Model 94 two barrel carb. Mallory dual point ignition. New tonneau cover on bed. \$15,000

Marion Wavra (714) 549-2881

'30 Coupe

With rumble seat and alternator. Good condition.

Luis (714) 526-4223

PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION

Tidbits of Information

January Board meeting will be Jan 16 and will be a joint meeting for old and new. The meeting will be at Kathie McCall's, with the approval of our new President.

Happy New Year everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to an exciting endeavor that I am heading up, as my senior year project at Chapman University in Orange, Ca. The program is a fund-raiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Jude is the leading research and treatment facility for pediatric cancer, leukemia, and AIDS. If a child's family cannot pay for the protocol then St. Jude pays for the treatment. This is why I chose to head up an event called "Up 'Til Dawn" at Chapman University. This will be a 12-hour extravaganza to celebrate the students many months of fund-raising and campaigning. We are in the process of seeking monetary and in-kind donations for our event, all of which goes to benefit the children of St. Jude. If you have any questions or would like to donate towards our efforts to save the children, please give me a call at 714-639-9197 or e-mail me at DutchGirl77@socal.rr.com

Jennifer Dwinger

2228 E. Coolidge Ave.

Orange, Ca. 92867

"A big thanks to Rick and Deena for doing the January Distributor as I wind up my duties as President and prepare for our Banquet."

John Knox

Our annual pancake breakfast is coming upon us. It is scheduled for Sunday, March 25th. Club members have really provided great support and made this event a tremendous success. Donations to the raffle have been outstanding in the past. Let's make this year's event the best ever. Please make donations of any type to Dan Adelman. Thank you for your great support.

Dan Adelman

Phone number in Hemmings for ordering 2001 calendar was wrong. Correct number for placing order with MAFCA is 1-866-379-3619

Rooms are still available at the Motel 6 in Porterville for the CCRG.

General Meeting Minutes

Orange County Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America
December 7, 2000
by Kathie Mc Call, Secretary

The December meeting was called to order at Children's Hospital (CHOC) by President John Knox, beginning with the flag salute. A moment of silence was held in memory of Pearl Harbor Day and to those who gave their lives for our country. The minutes were accepted as printed in The Distributor. Financial record was left open and available for members to review.

Visitors were introduced by Jon Heiland: Ron and Betty Rich who own a 1930 Sedan and Woody Hein (roadster pick up), as well as Larry Mc Kinney's Dad. Dan once again drove down from San Luis Obispo, bringing with him some "Ford" Beanie Babies for distribution to our needy families and the Lucerne Valley Toy Drive.

Old Business: Dorothy Knox reminded members that the Installation Banquet will be at 6:00 pm on January 6th at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim. Discussion was held regarding the hire of a disc jockey for the Banquet. Majority of those present were in favor, as evidenced by a show of hands. Dan Adelman will handle the details.

Election of Officers and Committee Appointments: Still needed are the Pancake Breakfast Coordinator and Editor for the newsletter. John and Dorothy Knox have volunteered to 'learn the ropes' under the tutelage of Rick Peterson for the January edition. Dan and Sylvia Adelman volunteered to be coordinators of the Raffle for the Pancake Breakfast.

Activities: Ken Dierken reviewed upcoming events, which are listed separately. Lady Driver patches were awarded to Colleen Schmidt and Diana. Sylvia Adelman reported on the gift giving tour for 12/16 to needy families. Toys, gifts and money were collected from club members.

Hard Luck Trophy: Nominees narrowed down to

Piet Dwinger with the reported 'radiator' problem at the Villa Park Boat Tour event. Apparently, from several various and sundry accounts there was 'reindeer' interference causing a plug, which led to a borrowed radiator and resulting in a 3 block maximum endurance before requiring a refill of water. Piet tried hard to defend his innocence, but once again the majority prevailed, as noted by boos, hisses and loud grunts.

Richard Parrish and the now infamous 'white walls' incident keep coming up, but was pretty much ho-hum again.

Technical Advisor: John Mc Millan is organizing a Saturday (Jan. 13) trip to La Crescenta for the engine rebuilding seminar. Spouses are invited. This will be an official tour event.

Editor Report: Rick Peterson asked that all articles for the newsletter be submitted to the newsletter@ocmafca.org e-mail address. Rick will be stepping down as newsletter editor for next calendar year, but will continue to maintain the web site. Pictures are always encouraged.

Club Logo: Dan Adelman reminded members to bring in jackets, vests, shirts, etc for embroidering with the club logo. These are sent out in lots of 6 periodically.

Car of the Month: Clay Willis displayed his 31 Deluxe Coupe during the break.

New Business: There was no new business. Sam Calabrese was the winner of the name tag jackpot (\$5.00). The raffle followed, aptly handled by Pat Deutsch in the absence of Walter (very busy selling Christmas trees with Mel Collings). A big thank you to Walter and Pat who are stepping down from responsibility after 3 years.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

A bit of information on CB's, Hand-Held Walkie-Talkies, & Converting a Model A to 12 volts

by Pieter Dwinger

CB's Keeping in touch with others while on Model A tours is not only an enjoyable activity, it is an important safety issue. Such as informing fellow tour folks of traffic, route changes, breakdowns, and the all important lunch and rest/gas stops. Since there are many new members in the club, and some do not have CB's I would like to suggest that anyone that has CB questions contact me about antennas, types of CB's, power supplies, speakers, installations, wiring, etc.

Walkie-Talkies Hand-held Walkie-Talkies (WT) are getting very popular with club members, not only for use while driving but to help keep in touch when out of the cars also. There appears to be some confusion and misinformation out regarding WT's. The following should help clear up those items. Most of the WT's out on the market operate on 14 channels and 38 sub-channels on each of the 14 channels. WT's operate on different frequencies than do CB's. You cannot use WT's to communicate with those on CB's.

Walkie-Talkies are called FRS or Family Radio Service transceivers. FRS radios put out about 1/2 watt and have a range of approximately 1 line-of-sight mile (obstructions reduce the usable distance, such as buildings, hills, and even certain atmospheric conditions). Recently a new WT unit has come out in the retail market, which has 2 watts of power and a range of up to 5 miles. Channels 1-7 plus sub-channels are on the standard FRS frequencies.

Channels 8-15 are in the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) frequency range. These frequencies are much less crowded, offer higher range, are generally used by businesses, and are not being "hogged" by children and others who disrupt normal 2-way WT conversations. GMRS Walkie-talkies do require an FCC license.

I am in the process of filing documents with the FCC to license (attempting to that is) the Orange County Model A Club to use GMRS radios. This licensing will allow all those who are interested in utilizing the much more versatile and powerful FRS/GRMS type WT radios to use them under the umbrella license of the club.

NOTE: FRS Channels 1-7 don't require licensing, only the use of the GMRS channels 8-15 are under FCC licensing.

I am also looking into getting better pricing by buying some quantity of these units.

There are of course some pros and cons to using CB's verses Walkie-talkies. On tours I recommend that a CB be installed in all Model A's, as the primary radio communication device. The installation of an outside-of-the-car antenna, and auxiliary speaker helps make hearing CB communications easier in noisy Model A's. CB's when properly installed with a tuned antenna generally provide greater communication range and better clarity than the FRS units. It appears that having both CB's and a WT greatly helps in keeping in touch.

The GMRS radios should give

communication range close to that of a CB, except that some transmission and reception quality and range is sacrificed when used inside the cars, due to the antenna being an integral (internal, not an outside mounted antenna) part of the hand-held units, and the amount of steel in most of the closed Model A's helps decrease the range of these units.

The FRS/GMRS radios small internal speaker does not give the volume or clarity, as do larger external/auxiliary speakers. A larger speaker, as used on the CB's, moves a greater amount of air therefore it is easier to hear what is being communicated.

Electrical Most touring cars are being converted to a 12-volt electrical system. The advantages are many, such as: Brighter head and tail lights, hotter ignition for better engine efficiency, no overcharged/cooked batteries, no low or negative battery charging during night driving, plenty of power for radios, TV's, video games, air conditioning, mini-refrigerators, and lastly, charging system reliability.

If you would like to have information on how to properly rewire your Model A for 12 volts, which is spelled out with diagrams in my "How to Rewire the Model A for 12 volts", call or e-mail me.

If you have any questions, or would like to put your name on the list for the new FRS/GRMS Walkie-talkie units, or for discount CB antennas and quick-disconnects (for antennas) give me a call at (714) 639-4767 or e-mail at: ModelADoc@socal.rr.com.

Model A Club spreads Christmas cheer

By Pat Judkins

Leader Correspondent

The sound of "ouiga" horns accompanied the recent arrival in Lucerne Valley of several members of the Orange County Model A Ford Club of America.

The group was here the week-end of Dec. 9-10 with their vintage 1928-1931 automobiles, filled with toys to benefit Lucerne Valley youngsters this Christmas.

This club has traveled to

Lucerne Valley twice during the past few years, and has sent several donations of money to the Roadrunners' annual Toy Runs.

The toys, transported here by OCMAFCA representatives; filled a vintage wagon to the brim. Toy Run co-chairs Diane Holland and Jo Richards met them at the Ace Motel, and gratefully accepted the gift on behalf of local youngsters.

The Model A visitors spent the weekend here, also enjoying

the Lucerne Valley hospitality of VFW Post #5551, the China House, and Chuck and Marge Valenzuela's Granite Mountain Railroad. They left Lucerne Valley wearing pins that said "I Rode the Granite Mountain Railroad."

The storm-threatening wind and cold didn't deter the Model As from their approximately 160 mile caravan from Orange County to Lucerne Valley, nor did it dampen their generous holiday spirit.

By Pat Judkins

Leader Correspondent

The Christmas season and the Roadrunners work in assisting local families in need of a little help this year are in full swing. The toys have still been coming in from every direction; from Inner Circle Racing, from as far away as the Orange County Model A Ford Club of America who drove their circa 1930 Model A's chock full of toys to Lucerne Valley,

Christmas is a wonderful time, and Toy Run Co-Chairs, Diane Holland and Jo Richards, have been telling everyone about the "great and generous folks" who are members of the Orange County Model A Ford Club of America who drove up here last week-end to donate a vintage wagon full of toys to our youngsters. This group had a great time here; especially at Valenzuela's "Granite Mountain Railroad" — riding the trains and touring the museums.



Judy & Pieter Dwinger, Dorothy & John Knox, John & Alice Graves, (Roadrunners: Diane Holland and Jo Richards), Glenn Johnson and Gwen & John Riggs.

The Christmas Toy Tour

by Glenn & Sharon Johnson

On Friday December 8, four Model A's and one modern left the Orange Mall headed for Lucerne Valley. Johnson, Riggs, Graves and Knox drove Model A's and the Dwingers followed in their modern car.

Our Deluxe Delivery was loaded with toys donated by our club members for some of the children in the Lucerne Valley from families that might not be able to afford Christmas toys. In Apple Valley we stopped for about two hours to visit the Roy Rogers Museum and then continued on to the Ace Motel in Lucerne Valley. Civilization is definitely moving ward Lucerne Valley. But for now it is still a very country kind of place where they serve \$6 steak dinners at the VFW Hall and the Ace Motel is the best lodging in

town. The Ace was built in the 40's and is owned and operated today by Don and Pat Judkins, long time friends and former neighbors of John and Gwen Riggs. The charm of the place and the hospitality of its owners can't be matched by the franchise motels we usually stay at.

On Saturday morning two ladies from the Road Runners met us at the motel where we had stacked all the toys in an antique utility trailer in the front yard of the motel. They were surprised at the amount of toys we brought and assured us that the local children would be grateful. Later that morning we drove a few miles up the road and visited Chuck and Marj Valenzuela and their unbelievable toy train collection. Chuck has about a mile of tracks on his property and we all went for

a ride on his largest toy train. About 11:30 am we left the valley on two lane highway 247 headed east over the mountain toward Calico. We had lunch at Peggy Sue's Diner and proceeded on Ghost Town Road to Calico where we spent a few hours shopping and sightseeing. We arrived back in Lucerne Valley after dark and we all enjoyed a hearty dinner at a local Chinese Restaurant. Back at the Ace we collected pebbles from the driveway to be used as chips in the big poker game that lasted far into the night (about 9pm)! Sunday morning we got an early start for home and stopped for breakfast at the Summit Restaurant at the top of the Cajon Pass before heading back to reality. Thanks to everyone who donated toys. I hope we can do this again next year.

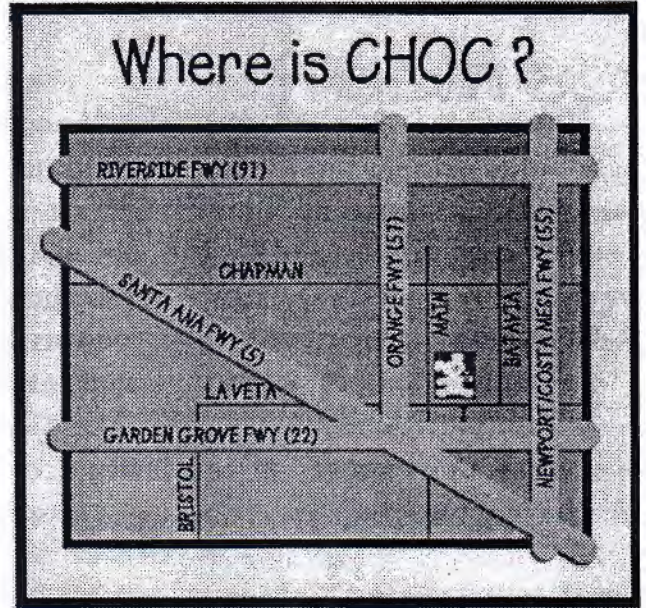


The gang at Peggy Sue's Diner.

General Meeting Location

[Second Thursday of every month]

January 11, 2000 @ 7:30 PM



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Orange, Ca

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Santa Ana, CA 92711

