

# *The Distributor*

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*Model A Ford Club of America*

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**A "Castle" of a Good Time In Europe  
Caldon, Dwinger, Knox & Johnson cars**

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Activities updates - Lew Lewis



## From the Pres!

by John (open  
hood) Riggs

### The 2002 Board:

The year 2001 is drawing to a close and our club is in need of members to step up and take over some of the board positions that will soon be open. It is up to all of us to keep our club one of the best in the country.

### Dues are due:

The "bill paying" post card for membership renewal has been mailed out. Be sure to send it back along with your check. Make any changes to address and phone number on the front of the card.

### Surveys:

If you have not sent in your survey form, please do it now.

### Year-end activities:

Be sure to read the Distributor and sign up for our year-end activities, as there should be something for everyone. Don't forget our white elephant auction, with Carl Erickson as our auctioneer, at the November General Meeting. The club will be collecting non-perishable food items and unwrapped toys at our Christmas potluck dinner, to be distributed to the needy.

### Thank you:

Our thanks to Dale and Kathy McCall for putting on a great tour to the Cruise for the Cure, and to Gerry McKinney for putting together the Race for the Cure. Both are worthy causes. Our thanks to Bea Kalinowski for a great newsletter. Bea will also be working with John Knox on the November newsletter as he has injured his shoulder again. ☺

**Cover Photo:** A castle in Ladis Austria  
Four cars of the 50 that traveled throughout  
Europe with the Model A Touring Club.

## Car of the Month

by Jerry Kalinowski

We have wanted a Model A for a long time. Back around 1993 we were very close to buying a Fordor, however, both of our companies were restructuring, so we decided not to buy a "toy" at that time.

With both of us working again, our interest in getting a Model A was renewed. Occasionally, we would look at the ads in the paper and if something looked interesting, we would call on it. We finally found our Model A.

It seemed to be in very good shape, was already restored and we were able to get a very good price.

We brought our "new" 29 Model A Business Coupe Special to one of our first OCMAFCA meetings. **Bill Shaner** walked by our car on his way and told Bea & I "That's my car!" It's exciting to know someone who knows some of the history of our car. He was the owner who restored his car, and we're looking forward to seeing pictures of it during the restoration process. Bill told us that it used to be used as an advertising gimmick for Ward's Automotive Body & Fender Shop in Anaheim. After restoring it, Bill sold it to the party we bought it from.



We like to drive around Placentia every weekend when we're not touring with the club. In fact, we were recently in Placentia's Heritage Days Parade and Car Show, and actually won a trophy in the pre-1930 division.

The best part of owning a Model A is being a member of OCMAFCA and making many new friends. We're sure this won't be our last Model A.



# Activity Schedule!

by Gwen Riggs

## November 3 or 4 (Saturday or Sunday)

### Bates Nut Farm.

This tour leaves Temecula at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday and goes to Valley Center where they have a big Crafts Fair. It is put on by Rudy and Lori Perez and is always a great tour. November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will leave the Mall of Orange at 10:00 a.m. November 4<sup>th</sup> we will leave the Mall of Orange at 7:30 a.m. sharp. Those leaving on Saturday will stay overnight in Temecula.

Info: **John & Gwen Riggs** 562-431-8783

## November 8 (Thursday)

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

Election of new officers, Annual White Elephant Auction, **Carl Erickson** auctioneer. Bring all your elephants. There will also be an Era Fashion Show during the break.

## November 10 (Saturday)

**Swap Meet**, Harbor Area MARC\MAFCA  
Vintage Ford 6:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

## November 13 (Tuesday)

**Board Meeting** - 7:30 at Kathie and Dale Mc Call's.  
All welcome to attend. (See map page9)

## November 16 (Friday)

**Dinner party at Mary & Don Thomas'** home in Palm Springs. We will have sign-ups and maps at the November meeting. 7:00 p.m. Dress is casual.

## November 17 (Saturday)

**Palm Springs Follies.** **Greg Carcerano** 714-963-9510

## December 9 (Sunday)

**Christmas potluck party at Marion Wavra's**,  
1834 Jamaica Road, Costa Mesa.

## December 13 (Thursday)

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

## December 15 (Saturday)

**Harbor Light Cruise in Huntington Harbor** - 6:00 p.m. 45-50 minute cruise, \$12. Bring your money to the November General meeting. Parking at Warner & Algonquin, with shuttle to the dock. Dessert at **Don & Sally Miller's** after the cruise.

## January 8 (Tuesday)

**Joint Board Meeting** - location to be announced.

## January 10 (Thursday)

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

## January 12 (Saturday)

**Installation Dinner** - Phoenix Club. Info: (see below)  
**Dorothy Knox** 562-697-2545

## January 26 (Saturday)

**Nethercutt Museum** in Sylmar. Sign up sheet at November meeting. Info: **Don Schmidt** 714-524-2659.  
(See page 6)

## January 26 & 27 (Saturday & Sunday)

**Turlock Swap Meet**, sponsored by Modesto A's.

## Mark your Calendar!!!

### January 12 -

### Annual Installation and Awards Banquet.

It will be held again at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim. This is the time to celebrate our year and look forward to next year. Sign up sheets will be at the November and December meetings.

### Fashion Show at November Meeting

There will be a short Fashion Show at the November 8th meeting. Club members will be modeling garments from patterns produced by a new pattern company, Antic Moda. Come see the 20's styles available. See back of this page for patterns.

### Sunshine & Sorrow

by Jeanne Parrish

**Lou Spielberger** received a cat scratch, had to be hospitalized and now seems to be getting along OK with some medication.

**Gwen Riggs**, our First Lady, has been in the hospital and now at home recovering from surgery.

**John McMillan** continues to have some treatment, along with **Dan Adelman**. **Dona Dewey** is still on the mend. Please keep those cards flowing and remember all of them in your thoughts & prayers

**Flash!!** Gwen called to say she was given a clean bill of health after her surgery. She says thanks to all for the many cards, calls, prayers and food. She's feeling good and will see us at the meeting.

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1920s-002  
Sizes S-XXL  
\$16.00

1920s-001  
Sizes S-XXL  
\$15.00

1920s-004  
Sizes S-XXL  
\$16.00

1920s-003  
Sizes S-XXL  
\$15.00



1920s-006  
Sizes S-XXL  
\$10.00

**SIZE CHART**  
**S-XXL**

<b>S</b>	BUST 33-34"	HIPS 36½-36¾"
<b>M</b>	BUST 35-36"	HIPS 37¼-38½"
<b>L</b>	BUST 37-38"	HIPS 39¼-41½"
<b>XL</b>	BUST 40-41"	HIPS 42¼-44½"
<b>XXL</b>	BUST 43-44"	HIPS 45¼-46½"

**SIZE CHART**  
**6-16**

<b>6</b>	BUST 35"	WAIST 26"
<b>8</b>	BUST 36"	WAIST 27"
<b>10</b>	BUST 37"	WAIST 28"
<b>12</b>	BUST 38"	WAIST 29"
<b>14</b>	BUST 39"	WAIST 30"
<b>16</b>	BUST 40"	WAIST 31"

Each pattern comes in all sizes for its range.

**Antica Moda**  
Patterns of the Past for the Present  
1920's

1920s-007  
Sizes 6-16  
\$20.00

1920s-005  
Sizes S-XXL  
\$25.00

## Royale Convalescent Home

Text and photos by Bea Kalinowski

On Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, Lou Spielberg led a tour of 6 Model A's from the Target in Costa Mesa to the Royale Convalescent Home in Santa Ana.



Dale Mc Call, Jerry & Bea Kalinowski, Don & Colleen Schmidt, Pete & Harriet Pavidis, and Kenny Dierken & his mom Val joined in.

Lou spent some time there recuperating after he injured his hip in a fall, and volunteered to bring some Model A's by for everyone to see

Approximately 20 people come out and look at the cars and have their pictures taken with them. Lots of oohs and aahs all around.



Short trip, but it felt good making people happy just by letting them look at and sit in our cars.

**Be sure and  
volunteer to be a  
board member  
for 2002**

## Long Beach Veterans Day Parade

November 10 Cars needed

The submarine veterans of WWII are asking for 5 cars, open or closed, to assist them in this 1 1/2 mile parade on Long Beach Blvd from 9 am to noon. Please RSVP to **Lee Jackson** (714)521-8460.

We will meet at Coco's on Valley View and the 22 Freeway at 8:00 and will leave at 8:30 sharp

The parade is on Long Beach Blvd. just south of the 22 Freeway. This will be the third time we have participated with these Veterans. Thank you

## OCMAFCA Christmas

*by Bea Kalinowski*

Everyone coming on December 9 to OCMAFCA's Christmas party at **Marion Wavra's** is asked to bring a non-perishable canned item and an unwrapped gift for a child 12 or under.

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

The food and gifts will be donated to the Eli Home, a center for abused children here in Orange County.

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

## Nethercutt Collection & Museum

*By Don Schmidt*

A tour to the Nethercutt Collection is scheduled for Saturday, **Jan. 26, 2002**. This will be a freeway tour, but those who don't feel comfortable driving their A's on the freeway are encouraged to come in their moderns.

The Nethercutt Collection is displayed at San Sylmar, located in the foothills of the San Garbiel Mountains in Sylmar. This is a beautifully appointed exhibit facility housing one of the world's greatest automotive collections, together with the world's finest assemblage of mechanical musical instruments.

After touring the Collection we'll be having lunch at one of the nearby eating facilities. Following lunch, those who wish may take a self-guided tour of the Nethercutt Museum, located across the street from San Sylmar. The recently opened museum contains over one hundred specialty automobiles that have been carefully restored to their original elegance.

Be sure to mark your calendar. There will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting.



## *Properly Oiled!*

by Ben Hadd

### *Ammeter "Jiggle"!*

A few weeks ago I was rolling down the road in the ol' Model A when out of the blue the engine quit. As I coasted to the side of the road I tried to contemplate what had gone wrong. The car is well maintained and therefore there was no reason for this outrage. The problem had to be a lack of spark or a lack of fuel. Nine times out of ten it's usually a lack of spark. Before I climbed out from behind the wheel, I decided to perform a diagnostic test. With the ignition still switched on, I cranked the engine over a few times, not expecting it to start, but intently watching the ammeter. The ammeter needle did a small rain dance, that is it "jiggled" from left to right a couple of notches in each direction as the engine turned over. This visual indication provided a wealth of information. I now knew that the battery was alive and well and still attached to the car and that the primary side of the ignition circuit was functional. Functional means that the pop-out cable was not shorted out or open-circuited. The points were opening and closing and were connected to the circuit, the condenser was not shorted out, the primary side of the coil had continuity and was still connected to the battery at one end and to the points at the other end, and Henry's wayward wire that connects the upper distributor plate to the lower distributor plate had not broken or shorted out. Without even getting out of the car, I had ascertained that 75% of the ignition circuit was working properly. But since the car wouldn't start, it was time to get out and look under the hood. The problem had to be in the secondary side of the ignition circuit, or it had to be a lack of fuel. When I looked under the hood I found that the big fat wire that plugs into the bottom of the coil had fallen out. I plugged it back in and the engine fired right up. The big fat wire is in the secondary side of the ignition circuit along with the secondary winding of the coil, the distributor cap, the rotor, the copper spark plug wires and the spark plugs themselves. Volumes have been written about the Model A Ford electrical system, and the "Jiggling" ammeter has been mentioned numerous times. But for those folks who aren't electrical types, much of the explanation is meaningless. What the "jiggling"

ammeter is all about, is that with a properly functioning ignition switched on and the engine turning over (but not running), the points will open and close as the engine rotates. Each time the points close electric current flows through the ammeter causing the needle to move two notches to the left. Each time the points open the needle returns toward the center, but since the needle movement is undamped, it swings past center to about two notches to the right. As engine cranking continues, the ammeter needle "jiggles" and it is telling you that all is well in the primary circuit. But wait! There is a catch! Not all Model A Fords are wired this way. The early production cars up till November 1929 were wired such that the ammeter was not connected to the ignition primary circuit. There was no "jiggling"! The later cars were wired with the ammeter in the circuit (Ford Service Bulletin, page 390), and this now provided the desired diagnostic "jiggling". All is not lost though, you can easily convert your non-"jiggling" Model A Ford to a "jiggling" Model A Ford. All you have to do is move one wire. But before you do, first determine which way your car is wired. To do this pull the big fat wire out of the bottom of the coil. Switch the ignition on and crank the engine over. Watch the ammeter needle. If it doesn't "jiggle" your car is wired to the early configuration. If you want to convert it to the later wiring configuration, remove the two broken-looking wing nuts on the front cover of the little box that all the wires go into that is mounted on the fire wall. Remove the cover and locate the small black wire that runs from the coil to the little box. On the non-"jiggling" cars it will be connected to the threaded post that is toward the right side of the car (right as in the passenger's side). Remove this wire and put it on the other threaded post. This one will be on the left side of the car (as in the driver's side). Before you do any of this stuff, you might want to disconnect the battery, or better yet pull the fuse out if you have one installed (look for it on the top of the starter). This will prevent an undesired rain of sparks. It's as simple as that, you now have a "Jiggling" Model A Ford. If you want to learn more about this phenomenon, there is an excellent two part article that appeared in the Restorer in the 1987 November-December and 1988 January-February publications. Both articles were written by Paul Moller of Evergreen Park, Illinois. The two articles were also reprinted in "How To Restore Your Model A", Volume 5 (1994). ☺

(Editor: Ben Hadd is one of many creative pen names of Tom Endy)

## We Drove Over the Alps in Our Model A Fords

By Dorothy Knox

September found four couples from the OCMAFC touring four countries of Europe. Glenn and Sharon Johnson, Piet and Judie Dwinger, Dan and Linda Caldon and John and I, along with 46 other Model A's drove some 1,250 miles through Southern Germany, Western Austria, Northern Italy, and Switzerland. John and I spent an extra week in Interlaken Switzerland after our cars had been shipped home and it was amazing how different Europe looked without our Model A. The people were so thrilled to see our cars and there was an excitement and enthusiasm generated by them. Having 50 cars descend on a small town certainly got noticed. In one small Austrian town, Carla, our guide, arranged a car show for the town. People came from miles around to see us. One of our group had a popcorn popper and gave popcorn to everyone. John gave rides to the children and a good time was had by all.

When we picked up our cars in Basel, a few of us drove into France to the French National Auto Museum and toured their gorgeous display of European cars including a large group of Bugattis. I had no idea what a Bugatti was, but the men did and they are beautiful.

About two blocks into our first official tour, our car sounded bad and we discovered a broken crank pulley. Thanks to the talent of Piet and several other club members, it was replaced the next morning and we were on our way.

We left home on September 8 and were in Germany as the tragic events unfolded on September 11. It was a different feeling being far away from country and family during those days. John led us in a prayer service on Friday evening and we spent many hours, as you all did, watching CNN. We felt great support from the people of Europe who spoke with us, flew our flag and rested their flags at half-mast. We did not feel alone.

Our highest pass in the Alps was 6,500 feet as we passed from Austria into Switzerland. We experienced snow, rain, and fog but enough sunshine for us to have the top down on our Phaeton for 7 or 8 days.

The scenery was spectacular, the cows were friendly, the larger towns confusing, the people

wonderful, the beds comfortable for the most part. The trip was well planned. We spent two nights at nearly all the stops with local tours in between, which made for a relaxing time.

Would we recommend this sort of trip? **Absolutely!** What a great way to tour Europe.



Piet to the rescue with John Saulsbury and Ron Mosher



John and 6 happy kids in Fiss, Austria



Most consistent scenery was the back of another Model A  
...unless you're lost!

**General Meeting Minutes, October 11, 2001**  
**Orange County Chapter:**  
**Model A Ford Club of America**

The October General Meeting was held at Children's Hospital of Orange County with 68 people in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President **John Riggs**. Since CHOC's US flag seemed to be missing, club member **Sally Miller** was placed center stage, since she happened to be wearing a patriotic shirt with a flag on the front. **Jon Heiland** introduced visitors Otto and Helen Wulff (who own a '29 blue sport coupe), Bill Mazurie (with a '30 Cabriolet and a '31 pickup), and Mike Mc Gee (who is looking for a Model A). The minutes from the September meeting were approved as printed in The Distributor. **Colleen Schmidt**, Treasurer, opened the cash flow report for members to review if interested. **Gwen Riggs**, Activities Director, provided an overview of upcoming events. A complete and detailed list is included in the Distributor. **Mary & Don Thomas** invited all members who will be attending the Palm Springs Follies to their home in the desert for a BBQ. **Greg Carcerano** provided details and then drew **Vince Mariola's** name for a free ticket to the Follies from all the people who had purchased tickets (some say, "he always wins"). Nevertheless, it seemed to be fair and square. **Ken Jackson** announced he is looking for at least 5 cars to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade in Long Beach on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. Ken will be participating as a veteran and encourages other veterans to join him. **Ken Zittre** announced the Annual Poker Run event for 10/28. This is a fun event, ending up with lunch following a back roads tour.

Announcements: **Dick Dewey** thanked club members for their attention and concern over Donna's recent accidents resulting in fractures to both arms and an extended stay in a recovery facility. **John Graves** also expressed his thanks for the many cards and expressions of sympathy in memory of Alice. President John Riggs announced the intention of seeking a Membership Chairperson for next year's board. This will involve a by-laws change, which will be forthcoming.

TECHNICAL: No report.

EDITOR: **Bea Kalinowski** was applauded for the great job with the newsletter while **John Knox** was playing around in Europe. Members are reminded to turn in the Survey Forms (to Dan or Bea).

**HARD LUCK TROPHY:** The HLT was pretty much of a hands down presentation to **Vince Mariola**, who seemed quite anxious to get the coveted prize as he told a sad story about his engine making a "knock, knock" as he prepared to participate in the Zittre's family wedding. He states he ended up with a crack in the block, and something about the valves. Also, the Victoria had a new noise, which seemed to get worse with revving it up, which he seems to have done a number of times before discovering a "couple of teeth" missing. This recorder was getting more and more confused, especially when it was noticed that Vince still had all his teeth as he smiled, and am still not sure if he was talking about more than one car. Anyway he went home with the HLT. **John Pickrell** was also nominated for his flat tire on his way to the Cruisin' for the Cure Event, but no one seemed to want to bother with that story (**Dick Smith** will be disappointed).

The Car of the Month was the Kalinowski's rumble seat coupe, which was **Bill Shaner's** first Model A (by history). The **Adelmann's** stood by their table ready to dispose of (for ca\$h) the many shirts, hats, gloves etc.

Following the break for goodies and tire kicking, Greg Carcerano presented a not so silent film produced in 1927 all about the production of the Model A Ford. It was pretty interesting and now most of the ladies feel they could take apart that engine and put it back together again, as well as drive that car up and down gullies, jump off small mounds and run up some pretty steep hills. Next time it's suggested that we turn off the accompanying music. Thanks to Greg for sharing this rare film with the club.

**John & Jo Pickrell** then conducted the now famous raffle (while partner Dick and Carmen Smith were playing in Hawaii).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Kathie Mc Call, Secretary

## **DON'T FORGET!!!**

November General Meeting  
White Elephant Auction  
Bring Your Donated Articles  
Take Home Treasures  
Pay Your 2002 Dues





## CAR BARN SPECIALS

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

### For Sale

1928 Phaeton Balanced B engine (Taylor), V8 clutch, Endy-rebuilt trans, Mitchell 26% overdrive, cast iron drums, f-100 steering gear. 6v alternator. \$12,500 w/o overdrive. Driven every day, paint and top show wear and tear.  
Ph: Marc Hervey 626-441-9001 (South Pasadena) or e-mail hooklaw@worldnet.att.net.

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

### Wanted

Shocks for '29 Model A  
Ph: Jerry Kalinowski 714-996-7008

## THIS AND THAT

### Directory Changes

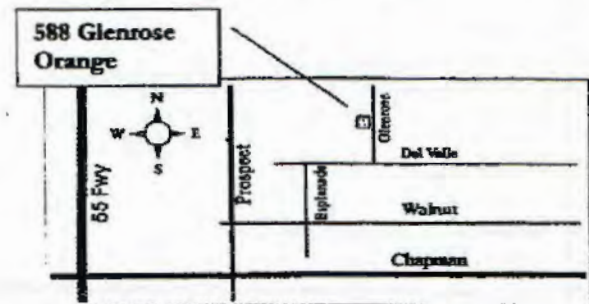
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### November Board Meeting Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> All welcome.



Map to home of Kathie and Dale Mc Call

### 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

----- tear off here and bring to meeting -----

## Ballot Member of the Year

In recognition of their participation, enthusiasm, contributions and unselfish support of our chapter during the past year or any time in the past, I/we do nominate:

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

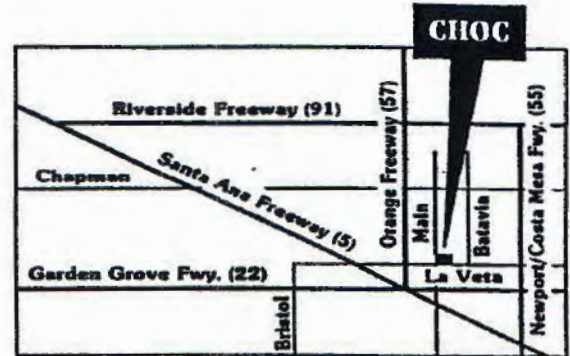
Please complete your ballot and bring to the November meeting. The winner will be announced at the Installation Banquet.



Give thanks for our  
blessings and our freedom

✓ Deadline for next  
*Distributor* is Nov. 23

**General Meeting**  
[Second Thursday of every month]  
**Nov. 8, 2001 @ 730 PM**  
**CHOC Hospital**  
455 South Main St. Orange CA



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on the south. Park on the second level .

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