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OCMAFCA hosted the car above for The Great Race, which ended in Anaheim on Saturday, June 22, 2002. Pictured are Driver Peter Hersey and Navigator Wes Verkaart, both of Duxbury, Massachusetts.

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From your President Diana Wierman



"See What Great Things We Can Do In 2002"

My goodness the year is half over, that means we have half of it to go. And most of that is good weather for driving Model A's. By the way, did you know that driving your Model 'A' is a good way of letting people know that we have an active club and a place people can go to get advice on their car, have some fun and drive them in groups for safety and security? That's right. Just think of how many times you have been out in your car and been asked about it. One of the greatest things about Model A's is the generally available supply of cars and parts. This keeps the cost of the hobby within reach of a considerable number of people. In addition the simplicity of the Model 'A' along with the readily available literature on them makes them fairly easy to maintain if you are so inclined.

This includes you ladies as well. Don't be afraid to talk this up. Did you know that my husband and I would probably not have a Model 'A' today if it had not been for me? Not that he was not interested, Mike, as always, loved Model 'A's but he did not want to get into a hobby that he knew he would spend a lot of time with if I was not interested. I suggested getting our first Model 'A', not because he wanted to, but because I wanted to. So we got the pickup truck. Interestingly enough, as much as Mike liked the truck, it is too small for him to drive because his legs are so long, but we still have it and I still drive it.

Since then we have gotten a couple of more Model 'A's that fit Mike better.

So what can we do for potential new members? Remind them that they do not have to have a car to join. That is really important! Ask them if they would like a complimentary copy of the monthly newsletter. Invite them to one of summer meetings/potlucks and/or to go on one of our outings. And, most importantly, if you need to, ask another member to get in touch with them and make the same kind of invite. Finally, be sure you communicate this to any of the board members so we can follow-up with something like the newsletter or whatever.

Ronald McDonald House

A BIG thank you to all of you who are faithfully bringing in your personal hygiene items for the RMD house. A special thank you to Palomar members Diane and John Frazee who read about our efforts and sent some things via **John & Gwen Riggs**. Keep bringing those soaps, shampoos, shower caps, etc.

**POTLUCK AND MEETING
THIS MONTH AT CHOC
6 PM ON THE ROOFTOP ABOVE
OUR REGULAR MEETING ROOM**



Activity Schedule!

Ken Zittler

July 4 (Thurs.) - Fireworks at CBS Studios . We have been invited to join the Harbor A's for a trip to CBS Studios in Studio City. Still working on some details, but we will arrive at the studio in the afternoon, tour around and have a meal. After dark there will be a fireworks show. Cost will be \$15.00 a head.
Info: Drain or Doris Marshall (310) 378-5061.

July 11 (Thurs) – Board Meeting. 5:30 P.M. at CHOC, outside eating area level three of the parking structure.

July 11 (Thurs) - General Meeting. 6:00 PM Pot Luck, 7:00 PM Meeting. Outside on Parking Level 3 CHOC. A thru L bring desert, M thru Z bring main dish or salad.

July 11 - 14 (Thurs. - Sun.) - Wings and Wheels. Give rides in your antique car to pilots and receive rides in their antique aircraft. Register now as space is filling up in the local motels. Gwen has reserved some rooms if you want to stay with our group. Registration material available at the meeting.
Info: Gwen Riggs 562-431-8783

July 12 (Friday) – Wings and Wheels. Visit Foley Estates Winery & Vineyard in Solvang. Lunch on their deck overlooking the vineyard (\$12.50 per person – or share if you like). Free wine tasting and brief tour. Drive your car to the winery and show it off. Arranged by **Bea Kalinowski.**

July 21 - 27
Sun. thru Sat. 22nd MAFCA National Meet
and Convention - Riverside
Registration material available at the meeting
and in the *Restorer*. See also next page.

July 26-28 (Fri. - Sun.)- Cerritos Swap Meet
sponsored by Long Beach Model T Ford club.

Aug 3 thru 10 - Summer Tour North rim of the Grand Canyon up through Utah, down through Nevada and home.
Info: Mel Collings 714-970-7194

Aug 8 (Thurs.) – Board Meeting. 5:30 P.M. at CHOC, outside eating area on the third level of the parking structure.

Aug 8 (Thurs.) - General Meeting

Aug 18 (Sun) - S.S. Lane Victory Day Cruise – don't miss this opportunity to sail aboard the only Victory ship that remains operational. We will sail to Catalina and back, complete with aerial attack. Boarding time is 8:00 A.M. and should return by 4:30 P.M. You might consider driving a modern car since the cars will be in San Pedro all day. I don't know if the parking is secured. Tickets must be purchased by July 15th. Cost is \$80.00 per adult, and kids under 16 are \$60.00. Continental breakfast and a catered lunch are included.

Info: Gwen Riggs 562-431-8783

Sept 12 (Thurs.) - General Meeting

Sept 19 - 22 (Thurs. thru Sun.) - Rim of the World - Big Bear Lake - Whittier Chapter

Sept 28 (Sat.) - Cruisin' For a Cure. Orange County Fairgrounds - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Sept 29 (Sun.) - Paradise Valley A's Swap Meet

Oct 6 (Sun.) - Frazier Park Bakersfield A's

Oct 6 (Sun.) – All Ford Picnic. Anaheim
Info: Ph. 714-538-3957

Nov 3 (Sun.) - Bates Nut Farm Tour

Nov 9 (Sat.) - Harbor MARC Swap Meet

Dec 5-8 - (Thurs thru Sun)- MAFCA National Banquet . Phoenix, AZ

Dec 29 (Sun)-MAFC Installation Banquet 6-10
This will be a combination Installation and New Years party at the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Fountain Valley.
Info: Jerry McKinney 714-963-2724

Invite friends to join you at: MAFCA NATIONAL MEET and CONVENTION

July 21-27, 2002 RIVERSIDE, CA.

Hosted by

Southern California Region of MAFCA

Don't forget to get your
tickets - to win this car.

\$5 each or 5 for \$20.



Registration forms are in the *Restorer*, on-line at www.mafca.comm, or at our monthly general meetings.

You can get more information at the convention section of the Southern California Region website:

<http://bud.idyllmtn.com/SoCal2002.html>

Henry Ford Picnic

By Ken Zittre

On Sunday, June 16th Orange County MAFCA headed for the annual Henry Ford Birthday Picnic. We left Coco's at 8:30 AM and had an easy 20 minute drive to Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs. There were three Model A's on the freeway, and one A and one modern on the street. Three of our members drove their A's to the park from their homes which are close by. So in all we had 7 club members drive their A's to the picnic and one modern. After socializing and judging the cars, lunch was served. Hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, chips and lemonade. What more could you ask for?? The weather was perfect, too.

After lunch, the raffle was held and boy did our club clean up. Bill and Marilyn Schreiber won three times, including a 94 pc. tool set, Sees candy, and a picture frame. Fran Earhart won some earrings. Drain Marshall won a real nice purse (it went perfectly with his outfit). Greg Earhart won a birdhouse. Janet Zittre won a cheese grater, Dick Smith a soldering gun, and Diana Wierman won a watch and bracelet that she can wear with her era clothing outfit. Doc Ingwersen won a wrench (too large to pull teeth though).

After the raffle came the big awards, the People's Choice Awards. And OCMAFC did well here too. Betty Rich won the trophy for the Model A needing the most TLC (tender loving care) and congratulations to Diana Wierman on winning First Place, Best in Show as judged by all the people who attended the picnic. Outstanding!!

Sunshine and Sorrow

By Jeanne Parrish



Keep those notes, cards, calls, and visits going to Joan Mariola. She is going to have some tests and, hopefully, maybe start to feel a little bit better and be "Back on the Road" with us very soon. We sure hope so, Joan. We miss you and think of you often.

It was good to see Dale McCall at the "Great Race". That means he is feeling a whole lot better than about a week ago. He had a battle with a nasty kidney stone that did not want to move!!!

We are thinking of Don & Colleen Schmidt and daughter Chris. Chris' fiancée is seriously ill in the hospital & will undergo surgery at this printing. Hoping and praying for a speedy recovery for him.

Roster Change(s)

Dale & Kathy McCall's new e-mail address is:

Dkmccall1@earthlink.net

Walt & Pat Deutsch's correct address is (phone & e-mail are correct): 4750 Singing Hills Drive, Banning, CA 92220

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June Car of the Month

Year 1931

Body Style: Slant Window Standard Fordor Sedan,
Model 160 A

Built in July of 1931

First Registered in Visalia California January 13, 1932

Original Color: Elkpointe & Kewanee Green

Current Owners: **Gerry & Sherry Reid**

According to oral history, Tulare County purchased the car new for my grandfather's use in his work as a County Roads Supervisor. When the State of California took over the responsibility for the County roads, my grandfather purchased the car from Tulare County.

Grandpa's records indicate he purchased the car new January 13, 1932, in Visalia California.

The car was driven by my Grandfather until October 9, 1950. At that time he let my mother use the car as a second family car. I remember being taken to swimming lessons at the Visalia City pool with my sister and a neighbor girl in the car. I also remember the starter jamming in the car several times when we were shopping and my three sisters and I rocking the car to break it loose.

The car sat idle in my parents' garage from 1956 to 1959. My Grandfather gave me the car when I obtained a drivers license.

In 1960 I rebuilt the engine, and in 1961 I re-upholstered and painted the car. The car still has the paint and upholstery done then. Although the car was done in 60's style paint and upholstery, I felt very strongly about keeping the car mechanically stock. I still do for that matter, no overdrive or high compression heads for me!!

I have driven the car about 50,000 miles of the 153,000 it has traveled. Every weekend for two years, I drove the car between San Luis Obispo, where I attended Cal Poly, and Visalia, where my girlfriend (now wife) lived. We had a lot of Sunday afternoon driving dates to the Sequoias and around the Three Rivers area.

Between 1965 and 1977 the car sat idle in my parents garage due to the fact I threw a main bearing driving it and didn't want to spend the money fixing it. In 1977, I installed a junk engine assembled using parts from three other engines and drove it for a while around Orange County. The engine leaked so much oil and the pistons made so much noise that I stopped driving it in 1988 and it sat in my garage until

I rebuilt the original engine in June of 1991. I then started the process of restoration. In 1993, my employer, Rockwell International, sent me to Australia to live for three years. The car sat idle for that period of time with no ill effects. Since that time I have done casual driving until this year when I had the rest of the running gear restored.

At the end of June I am completing the restoration by removing the body to paint it back to its original green colors and installing La Baron Bonny upholstery. When I am finished the car will be totally stock.

Other facts about the car:

My grandfather always called the car Lizzie.

My mother learned to drive in the car. She remembers driving grandpa out to check on the road construction warning pots to insure they were full of kerosene and burning.

I have memories of riding on my grandmother's lap at a very young age watching trees and other scenery pass in the headlights.

I have never been stranded using this car. Any failures I have been able to fix on the road. Not true of my modern cars!

My furthest trip was from Visalia to San Francisco to Santa Cruz, down Highway 1 to Newport Beach and back to Visalia, during Easter Vacation 1962...about 1000 miles.

The longest trip in the car was taken by my grandparents; from Visalia CA to Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada and back, about 3000 miles. Grandpa always said the car was very reliable and could be driven anywhere.

It transported my oldest daughter to her first formal dance, December 1980, held at the Disney Hotel.

My wife and I have lots of fond memories in this 1931 Ford.

Gerry & Sherry
on their way to
church in 1964.



Hawaii in 2003!

by Tom Endy

At the June 13th General Meeting I advised those members present of the plans being formulated for a tour to the Big Island of Hawaii in June/July 2003. The following is an update for those who were not present.

The tour is two weeks long. People will depart for Hawaii on June 22 or 23. The cars will have to be shipped at least 10 days prior (or more). People return date is July 8. The hosts for this event, called Cruise Paradise II, are the West Oahu Cruisers, Oahu Independent Cruisers, and the Hawaii Classic Cruisers. There is no registration fee for those of us shipping cars to the event from the Mainland. We are considered guests of the Hawaii folks.

The cost of shipping the cars over and back is being negotiated with the Matson Navigation Co. The cost for the 2001 cruise was \$2200.00 round trip for a 40' container. The people who participated in the 2001 event all had 50's and 60's cars and could only get two cars into a 40' container. This resulted in a cost of \$1100.00 per person to ship their cars round trip. We Model A'ers can get three Model A Fords in a 40' container. The west coast organizer, Fred Capellas, is negotiating with Matson for a 2003 price, and I have asked him to specifically negotiate our price of three cars per container. Our cars will be loaded into the container and sealed at Long Beach. The containers will be off-loaded at Honolulu and transported by barge to Hilo, on the Big Island. We will be present when the containers are opened. The same will occur for the return trip.

Fred Capellas is a retired College Professor who lives in Sacramento. Fred was born and raised on the Big Island and was the west coast organizer for the 2001 event. He can be contacted at 916-447-7997 or e-mail: fcsc@hotmial.com. Fred will handle the shipping arrangement of our cars from the port of Long Beach, and will advise us of the "local" hotel rates that the Hawaii folks have negotiated. He will also provide us with an itinerary of the event. It will be up to us to organize our own air travel and book our own individual hotel reservations.

Fred has told me that the total tour cost for the 2001 event per couple shipping one car over and back was around \$3,000. This low fee was due to the fact the Hawaii folks provided all the food at each of the scheduled events, and the "local" hotel rates they negotiated were in the \$65.00 - \$85.00 per night range. Fred advised me that in 2001 a number of west coast classic car people attended the event without shipping a classic car over. They rented a car while there. Fred feels that this is taking advantage of the Hawaii folks free hospitality. In 2003, those who attend without shipping a car over will be required to pay a modest event fee.

Former Orange County Model A Ford Club members Wayne & Joclyn Krug, who now live on the Big Island in the community of Lapahoe, were involved in the 2001 event and are planning to be involved in the 2003 event. They are both looking forward to seeing their many Orange County friends.

Fred has asked me to determine the number of cars (and people) who are planning to participate in this event. By the latter part of this summer we should have a tentative show of hands. There has also been interest from some of our neighboring Model A Ford Clubs. Several who have seen inputs in our past newsletters have called me and expressed interest in going. For on-going information and questions you may contact me (Tom Endy) at 714-897-5861 or e-mail: tendy53@earthlink.net.



June 2002

The Reid's car as it looks today....

OCMAFCA GENERAL MEETING

June 13, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Diana Wierman at 7:00 pm following the traditional summer potluck supper on the rooftop patio at Children's Hospital. The flag salute was led by Richard Parrish. 52 members attended the pot luck and 64 members were in attendance for the general meeting.

Jon Heiland introduced visitors: Bill Schrieber (also attended the pancake breakfast), Bill Posey and Don Stevens (from Arizona). Newlyweds Carl and Sue Erickson were also recognized at their first club meeting as a married couple.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed by Colleen Schmidt and the financial record was left available for members.

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes as printed in The Distributor other than a minor point by Gwen Riggs highlighting the sentence listing raffle prizes and gift bags for the National Conference. This should have read as "door prizes".

Technical Advisor Paul Steed reminded everyone of the "judging standards" seminar for Saturday 6/15 beginning promptly at 9:00 am at Piet Dwinger's home.

Activities Co-Director Janet Zittler reviewed upcoming activities. A detailed calendar is listed separately. A 25,000 mileage pin was awarded to Merle McClellan. Mel Collings reviewed the summer tour to Utah for August 3rd to 10th.

Tom Endy discussed preliminaries for the Hawaii trip planned for June 22 to July 8, 2003. The cars will be transported by Matson Steamship 10 days prior to their owners at an estimated cost of \$1100.00 round trip. Total cost of the trip is estimated at \$3000.00.

National Conference OCMAFC representative Bev Marsh discussed the club involvement of hosting the gymkhana event on Tuesday 7/23. More volunteers are needed to help with the various games. Registration for the conference is not necessary. Bev noted that Glen Johnson and Piet Dwinger will be conducting seminars. Gwen and John Riggs have been very busy collecting and assembling the various gifts to be presented to each person who registers. More help is still needed.

Car of the Month was described by Jerry Reid. He has owned his 1931 slant window sedan (160A) since he was 16 years old. The car previously belonged to his grandfather and remains a one family owned car. Jerry recalled his dating days with his now wife. The tuck and roll upholstery and paint color is about to be redone. A beautiful car.

Jim Dunn described his photography enhancing techniques as he displayed many framed pictures of his unique art work. These are available for sale.

Editor Report: Bea Kalinowski will be filling in for John Knox while he is on an extended vacation. Please submit articles early.

HARD LUCK TROPHY: Our president Diana Wierman went home once again with the HLT as she described the saga of how her brakes went out on her way (in full era costume) to the Marriott Retirement Home in Yorba Linda to join up with other members for the 75th Anniversary celebration. Diana proved to be quite the quick change artist as she somehow changed into appropriate clothing for crawling under the car, without the benefit of privacy. Many hours later she appeared in her costume and in full control, ready to dance and join the festivities along with the Mc Call's, Pete Hyland, the Schmidt's and the Collings'. Unfortunately her vegetable truck had to be humbly hauled home.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm as the sun was setting.

Submitted by **Kathie Mc Call**.

This Month's Cover

This is the car the club sponsored in the Great Race that ended in Anaheim on Saturday, June 22, 2002. Many of us were there to show off our own cars and to greet the drivers. "Our" car came in 9th out of 29 in their class.

1929 FORD MODEL "A" SPEEDSTER

This example is a 1929 Ford Model "A" which was rebuilt over a two-year period of time with a boat tail rear end to make the car lighter in weight. The engine has been modified with a Winfield cam with bronze timing gear, Big Foot Egge lifters, high compression head, Mallory Dual Point distributor, 1-barrel Winfield aluminum intake, four-to-one exhaust header, and a high speed rear end. This speedster is capable of cruising 80 mph with its 21" Firestone tires.

The owner/driver, Peter Hersey of Duxbury, Massachusetts, is the managing member of Hersey & Associates, LLC, a certified public accounting and financial consulting firm specializing in all facets of accounting, tax and business management for physicians and medical related companies.

The owner/navigator, Wes Verkaart of Duxbury, Massachusetts is a medical products designer and the co-founder of Harvest Technologies Corp., a biomedical company specializing in harvesting biologics derived from patients' blood during surgery.



EVERYDAY FASHIONS OF THE TWENTIES

As Pictured in Sears and Other Catalogs

Edited by
Stella Blum





CAR BARN SPECIALS

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

For Sale

1929 Roadster PU Hydraulic breaks, B engine,
1991 restoration. \$15,000

Ph. Larry Bonnell 714-523-2413

NOS fenders & braces for 31 wide box pick up.
Ph. Bill Lyon 949-760-0118

1911 Brass T Touring. Completely restored
engine w\alum pistons sleeved, new rods, mains
with adjusters, rod dips, crank ground, new 4th
main with roller bearing, main oiler, new bearings
in trans, Kevlar bands, Bosch dist., elect clock,
speedo, turn signals, much more tools and brass.
All for \$14,500

Ph. Dick Dewey 562-691-3788

Wanted

URGENT NEED!
DISTRIBUTOR CAPS FOR A
RAFFLE PRIZE PROJECT FOR
THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Ph. Gwen Riggs 562-431-8783

Model A. Needs to look good and drive good.
Not one to be entered in judging but just to get on
down the road and stay up with everyone else.

Info: Ruby – Email RubyKerr@aol.com
(Texas)

Cars Needed for Weddings!!!

Model A for a wedding July 13 at 10 p.m.
Pick couple up from reception at a yacht in
Lido Village, Newport Beach and drive 10
minutes to a nearby hotel. Thank you!
Jennifer Herron, Micro General. Ph: 949-
622-3932 Fax: 949-221-2674 Email-
JHerron@microgeneral.com

Cars are requested for a wedding to be
held at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 17th
and Prospect in Tustin for **August 17th**.
Transport the wedding party to a private
home in the hills of East Orange/Santa
Ana. There is a steep driveway and a windy
road to get there. Kevin De Groot and his
bride. Please respond by e-mail to:
joy1art2@hotmail.com or call the home of
the grooms parents: **Art and Joy De Groot**
(714) 731-0694.

Steve Maloof needs an open car for his
daughters wedding July 20th. Time is
4:30PM. Drive bride and groom to
reception from church, fifteen minutes, no
freeway. The wedding is in Yorba Linda.
Call Steve at 714 970 0672.

Marja Selman 714-374-5686 needs a car
for her children's wedding on Sat. July 6th
at 8:30 PM. However they are only going a
few blocks. From The French Inn on
Batavia to CHOC's.



Note: Summer Meeting Time and Place

General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

July 11 @ 6:00 Potluck

7:00 Meeting

CHOC Hospital 3rd floor patio

455 South Main St. Orange CA

(Board meeting at 5:30)

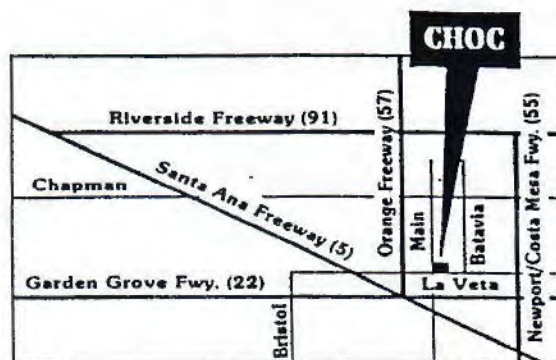
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