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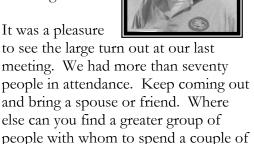
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Notes From Your President Mel Collings. . .

March 2004 President's Letter

Greetings

hours?



As usual, **Tom Endy's** seminar was a great success. Thanks, Tom.

The tour to the San Antonio Winery was dampened by the rain. However, those Club members who braved the storm were well rewarded for attending. Thanks, **Don Miller**, for another fun tour.

What a week Terry and I have just experienced! One of the bypasses in my recent heart surgery failed. The doctors had to do an angioplasty and insert two stents in the artery that had been bypassed. Anyway, Terry was on her way to the hospital on the morning the heart procedure was to be performed on me, when a man in a pickup ran a red light and hit her broadside. She was hit so hard it spun her new 350 Z completely around in the intersection. She was able to climb out the passenger's side. She declined the emergency services because she told the officers she had to get to the hospital before my procedure started. After she saw me, she then went immediately to the emergency room. Shaken and bruised but she is going to survive!

With our Pancake Breakfast coming up, we need a lot of help. Please step up

and volunteer your assistance where needed. Why not call Peggy Nunes and ask her where she needs help or check with her at our next general meeting? With Peggy in charge once again, we know that this year we will provide our Club members, our friends, and our guests with another outstanding Pancake Breakfast.

LET'S KEEP DRIVING THOSE MODEL A's!!!



Sunshine and Sorrow Jeanne Parrish, contact person

Our "president & first lady" are both recuperating at home as of this writing. Mel & Terry, we all wish you speedy recoveries. (Please see Mel's column)

Lots of sunshine appeared in the McCall family, recently. A new grandson made his debut Feb. 21, checking in at 5 lbs. 5 oz. Now, here is a real "Irish, Italian" name.....Giovanni Michael Patrick Grillo!! Proud parents are Mike & Colleen (McCall) Grillo. Maybe even prouder are Grandma & Grandpa, Kathy & Dale. Congratulations to all!

We offer our condolences to Patsy Fowler & family. Member, Alfred Hart Fowler has passed away. They had moved to Sun Lakes last year & Alfred was often seen driving his Model A in the area.

This Month's Cover





Don Miller don@homexx.com (NOTE: * = UPDATED INFORMATION)

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Or mail to: 244 No. Goldenspur Way, Orange, CA 92869-4422

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 11 – 7:30 p.m. General Meeting at CHOC (see page 12)

MAR 6 (SAT) Laguna Beach Veterans Parade.

The Submarine Veterans of WWll and the Laguna Beach organization "La Playa" (which was founded by Alice Graves) is of the need for 5 Model "A's" to help their members participate in the annual Laguna Beach Veterans parade. The parade is in the morning and all styles of Model "A" body styles are welcomed. Please call John Graves, (949) 497-3067 or Lee Jackson, (714) 524-6155 for additional information.

*MAR 14 (SUN) Homestead Museum, City of Industry.

Sponsored by the Whittier A's The Homestead Museum tour will leave Coco's (Valley View and the 22 fwy) at 9:30 on Sunday, March 14. It will be a non-freeway trip to the City Of Industry. The museum is surrounded by 6 acres of park-like landscaping. It features a meticulously restored 1870's country home constructed around an 1840's adobe and a 1920's Spanish mansion. The tour lasts about 1 to 1 ½ hours. Afterwards, we will picnic on the grounds. There are 8 tables, so it might be helpful for some of you to bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. Bring your eating utensils, drinks and a dish to share. Bring either a hearty salad, a main dish or a dessert. If potlucks are not "your thing," we have a list of eating places nearby.

Mar 28 (SUN) OCMAFCA Pancake Breakfast VOLUNTEER. We need all the help we can get!!!!

Mar 31 (WED) The Touring Club leaves for Australia Please see accompanying article on page 4.

Apr 1-4 (THURS, FRI, SAT, SUN) 16th Annual Laughlin Tour sponsored by the Pomona Valley Model A Club. This event will be held at the Riverside Hotel & Casino. See Don Miller for registration forms.

April 2, 3, 4 (FRI, SAT, SUN) CCRG (Central California Regional Group) Jamboree, Bakersfield Model A Ford Club, P. O. Box 1616, Bakersfield, CA. 93302. Registration forms are available on line at www.bakersfield-mafca.com or from Don Miller. Contact Gwen Riggs for hotel reservations

May 1 (SAT) Swap Meet at VINTAGE FORD Details- Larry & Gerry McKinney 714-963-2724

May 2 (SUN) Ford Fun Day at Santa Fe Dam hosted by the Santa Anita A's. WE will need 3 or 4 people to volunteer to help operate the gymkhana. Please give your name to Don Miller. For more information please see Bev Marsh's article appearing again on page 6 of this issue.

May 2-9 (SUN through SUN) Cinco de Mayo in Mexico. You are invited to join the So. Ca. Model T Touring Club for a week in Mexico complete with government guards for our cars. Trip includes: Bus tour of Encinada local wineries, Model T & A tour across the hills to San Felipe for two nights at the Hotel Cortez on the beach. \$485.00 per person (double occupancy) and includes: the bus wine tour, lunch on Tuesday, dinner and box lunch on Wednesday, Mexican liability insurance, two margarita parties, the bus and dinner in Mexicali and 7 nights in hotels including two nights in San Ysidro, CA (Sun, May 2 & Sat, May 9). Trailers may be left at the motel while on the tout. Since there are Model T's this should be a relaxed trip. Information: John Knox at (562) 697-2545

May 31 (MON) Memorial Day at Fairhaven Memorial Park. Model A's should to arrive between 9:00 and 9:30 AM so they can get parked in the display area. The ceremony will start at 10:30 AM. A free lunch will be provided for those in their Model A's.

Activity Schedule

(continued from page 3)

June 3, 4, 5 & 6 (THURS THRU SUN)
NCRG (Northern California Regional
Group) Lodi, CA. See Don Miller for
registration forms and Gwen Riggs for rooms.

June 13 (SUN) Henry Ford Picnic in Santa Fe Springs sponsored by the Diamond Tread Chapter

July 9, 10 & 10 (FRI, SAT & SUN) WINGS & WHEELS

It's time again to start planning for this event. There will be a sign up sheet at the next club meeting and at that time we would like to find out how many are planning to travel on Thursday and how many expect to go on Friday. For additional information please see Don Miller. For hotel rooms please contact Gwen Riggs.

*Jul 11-17 MAFCA National Meet—Portland For Information contact: Sharon Johnson

Sep 17-19 Rim of The World—Big Bear

Australia 2004 Model A Tour by Pieter Dwinger

32-Model A's, have been shipped from Long Beach, Houston and New York, for arrival in Sydney Australia just prior to March 24.

Approximately 64-members of the Model A Tour Club will arrive in Sydney on March 21. We will visit the greater Sydney area until the 24th when we will retrieve our Model A's from the harbor.

Each day, until April 4, we will be touring/traveling/sightseeing towards Adelaide, covering about 150-200 miles per day. In Adelaide the cars and people will be loaded on a train for a 40-hour trip to Perth. Except for 4 brave souls who have opted to drive across Australia. They will be driving 1000+ miles dodging the wildlife, and trucktrains, that have sometimes 4-6 trailers behind them with no speed limit!

We will participate in the 18th. National Model A Ford Clubs of Australia Convention, April 8-13, in Perth. From the 13th to the 19th we will tour with the Model A Restorer's Club of Western Australia, throughout the western region of Australia.

April 19 we load the cars, in Perth, for the trip back to the States. The tour folks will fly to Sydney on the 20th and home to the USA, on the 21st of April. We will be driving about 2200+ miles on this tour. Some though will be staying another week or so to visit New Zealand, and other countries before returning.

G'day mates.

San Antonio Winery— The No Model A's Model A Tour

By Glenn Johnson

On Sunday morning, February 21, it was raining hard at our house so Sharon and I decided to leave the Model A in the garage and take the Toyota on the tour. We arrived at Coco's, the starting place, to find many familiar faces but no Model A's. The weatherman predicted rain for the day and we Californians certainly wouldn't want to get our Model A's wet. They might turn into Austin Bantams. Our five cars, mostly Toyota and Honda, tour left on schedule but only four cars arrived at the winery. With no Model A's to follow, Merle McClellan missed the off ramp and continued on. By the time he realized his mistake he was almost to Griffith Park. He soon found his way to the winery. We met our guide and all went on a very informative tour of the winery operation. Among other facts, we learned that the main difference between cheap wine and expensive wine is the label and the wine makers marketing strategy. With wine you don't necessarily get what you pay for. We had an excellent lunch in the winery's dining room and then went our separate ways. Some to side trips at Olvera Street and Union Station and some onward to home. Thanks Don Miller for a good trip.

Minutes from the February 12, 2004

OCMAFCA General Meeting

The meeting was called to order @ 7:40 p.m. by President Mel Collings, with 72 people in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lew Lewis.

Greeter Jon Heiland introduced Jerry & Marilyn Freeze from Long Beach, Richard & Kitty Flackenbush, Karen & Jeremy Gaynor and Roberta Blackwood.

Sunshine & Sorrow: Jeanne Parrish announced that Donna Dewey (Dick Dewey's wife) passed away. Mel Gross is undergoing chemotherapy - a card was sent around for everyone to sign. A card from Don Thomas was read thanking the club for the card and flowers when his wife Mary passed away. George Howells of the Diamond Treads passed away.

Mel gave a review of the Board meeting. The minutes were approved as they appeared in the Distributor.

Treasurer's Report: Ginger Endy announced that the treasurer's report was available for review at the front. Ginger also announced that she has a list of people whose dues are not paid, so please check with her at the break if you think you have not paid.

Activities Report: Upcoming activities are listed in the Distributor. Don Miller announced that there were sign-up sheets at the front for upcoming tours. Sharon Johnson announced there would be a potluck at their house on February 21st for those people going to the Nationals in Portland. Technical Report: Jean McMillan reminded everyone about the transmission seminar to be held at Tom Endy's home on 2/14. Tom invited the ladies. Donuts & coffee in the morning and a buffet lunch will be provided. Jeanne also reminded everyone that she is looking for people to do some seminars.

Editor Report: Pete Hyland asked that articles, photos and comments be to him by 3/2 for the March Distributor.

Special Events report: Peggy thanked everyone that has already signed up to help at the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 28th, and asked for more people to sign up at tonight's meeting. ACCC Report: none.

The Hard Luck Trophy: Bob Ferrazzi won for his 3-wheeled car. John Knox made a motion, 2nd by Terry Collings, to UPS the trophy to Bob. Car of the Month: Bill Schreiber's 1928 Roadster Pickup.

Merchandising Report: Colleen Schmidt announced the t-shirts for the Pancake Breakfast would be on sale during the break. The price will be \$10 at the February and March meetings, \$12 at the Pancake Breakfast. One t-shirt was donated to the raffle.

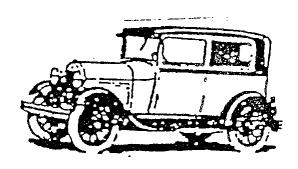
Refreshments: Chris Foster thanked Dorothy Knox and Bev Marsh for furnishing refreshments for the night.

Monthly Program: Sepia toned pictures that Glenn Johnson took and framed were put out for everyone to view during the break.

Raffle: Raffle held by John Graves and Richard Parrish.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m. The next meeting is March 11, 2004.

Submitted by Bea Kalinowski, Secretary



BITS & PIECES

Change of address: **Dick Dewey** Imperial Park 12315 Burgess Avenue, Whittier, CA 90604 Ph. (562) 777-7736

Larry & Jill McDonald

3877 N. Shasta Loop Eugene, OR 97405 Ph. (541) 461-1781

NEW MEMBER

Welcome

Benjamin (Ben) & Jennifer May 123 Calle Amistad #12101 San Clemente, CA 92673 Ph. (949) 369-9875 E-mail: mayboyz@sbcglobal.net 1929 60-B Fordor Leather Back 1930 50-B Sport Coupe

FORD FUN DAY

This year's Fun Day will be held at the Santa Fe Dam Park on Sun., May 2nd. The Santa Anita A's is hosting the event. This year will be unique because the lunch will be catered and will be free! The So. Calif. Region wants to provide the lunch due to the success of the Oct. meet in Temecula. (I, Again, want to thank all the wonderful helpers I had!) Everyone is invited, but there will probably be a \$5 per person deposit. This will be refunded the day of the event. Hopefully, this will ensure us getting an accurate count for the free lunches to be served.

We also **NEED SOMEONE TO HANDLE THE GYMKHANA EVENT FOR OUR CLUB!**

This is a good opportunity for some of you to help, especially those of you who were unable to attend the "Rally in the Valley." Think about it!

Bev Marsh (714) 373-9769





Transmission Seminar Feb. 14 Is A Hit By John Knox

Almost 50 people from OCMAFC and Harbor MARC attend the seminar at Tom Endy's house. The display depicting the evolution of the Model A transmission parts was very helpful. The building of a transmission housing for Tom's gift to the Pancake Breakfast was informative and is appreciated.

There were several live demonstrations of analyzing and rebuilding overdrives, especially the tearing down of Ron Regan's (of the Harbor MARC club) Borg Warner overdrive.

We also gathered to see how Tom and Richard Parish are in the process of doing personal modifications of their new Mullin's trailer replicas, which they plan to take to Oregon.

Also much appreciated were the wonderful, plentiful morning doughnuts and coffee, along with a splendid table of sandwich makings and scrumptious desserts provided by and donated by Lynn Neal.

Thank you Tom and Lynn

CAR OF THE MONTH



Bill and Marilyn Schreiber's 1928 76a Roadster pickup was 7 years in the restoration process.



By LOIS RATHER

The Ford and the Teens . . . The teenager in Model A days was a sort of inbetweener. In the female, adolescence was highly prized and emulated; but the ideal man was the suave, sophisticated older man. College brought a certain status and group image in which the Model A and its rumble seat played an important part, but the high school youth was just an overgrown kid at the mercy of his parents' whims and pocketbook. Rarely was he able to call a car his own, and if and when he did, it was usually a jalopy, a broken-down Model T.

During the Model A years, as we have noted, interest in car design became fairly general and accounted for a good deal of avid discussion and anticipation of the changing models. As the motor industry moved into a period of tough competition on external as well as internal features, cars were "turned in" and fell into the secondhand market instead of wearing out in service. At one point Henry Ford and others bought up and destroyed old models in an attempt to keep the market open for the new cars, but the devaluation of the "used" car brought out the potential mechanistic passions of youngsters and the Hot Rod era developed. In the mid-Forties, despite the scrapping of many old cars for metal used in World War II, enough had been salvaged and lovingly remodelled to introduce a new concept in our culture.

In 1945 the most active innovators were centered in Los Angeles where they staged illegal "drag" races on public races on public highways. The shortage of cars and parts led to experimentation with interchanged features, which was the direct cause of customizing.

The Model A was highly prized as a Hot Rod or Custom chassis. This sad if flattering fact has resulted in the destruction of many a Model A which might otherwise be winning prizes at Restoration Meets today. In the mid-Fifties there was a swing toward Chevrolet, and later Plymouth won favor. On any supermarket or drugstore magazine rack may be found numerous gaudy magazines devoted to analysis and pictorial deification of the custom jobs to which these Detroit models have lent themselves. Some of the results are highly laudable, from the point of design. Indeed, it is said that many Detroit professionals have, with or without permission, borrowed original features from customized cars.

The process of customizing usually starts with "chop-" - that is, lowering the top of the car; and "channel-or lowering the body down closer to the road between the wheels. A rakish tip or slant is achieved by making the front lower than the back - although at first, says Tom Wolfe, the opposite angle was favored. Wolfe has compiled an interesting and enlightening history of the custom hobby in his The Kandy-Kolored Tangerine-Flake Streamline Baby (1965) which is certainly not entirely derogatory. He also devotes one chapter to that other more recent phenomenon known to all Model A-ers — alas! — the demolition derby, which he says originated in Long Island in 1958.

Keep that garage padlocked, fellows!

The Knox Installation

By Glenn Johnson



John Knox, Glenn Johnson & Dick Riha Hard at work!

About a week ago, John Knox finally received his long awaited engine from Taylor Engine Company. It's a Model B Engine with oil pressure and several other internal modifications that should make it a powerful and very durable engine for touring. On Monday, February 23 I spent a few hours helping John install the rear motor mounts in the chassis. We made sure he had all the bolts and other things needed to bolt the bell housing and transmission to the engine. When we thought we were almost done for the day we noticed a small crack in one of the new clutch fingers. We unbolted the clutch from the flywheel, took it back to Taylor and had it welded. The next day I met Dick Riha at John's house and the three of us spent the morning mounting the clutch, bell housing and transmission to the engine and then lifted the whole assembly into the chassis. Once all the bolts were tight we all retired to the kitchen for some of Dorothy's wonderful sandwiches. With some work and a little luck, John should have it running pretty soon.

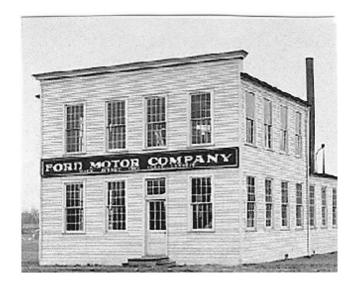


Still working hard!!!!

Pancake Breakfast Raffle

We need donations for the Breakfast-the more the merrier. If you have a donation to make please bring it to the club meeting on March 11th. Should you have questions please call **Pete or Trish Cruz** at (714) 282-8476. Also, please see the article on page 9 of the February 2004 "Distributor"-non car related item are desired as well.

A TOUCH OF HISTORY



Recognize this building?

It was found on the **FORD MOTOR COMPANY** website and is identified as "The original converted wagon factory site."



"Stepping Out" in 1929



CAR BARN SPECIALS

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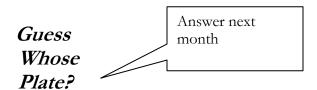
1930 Coupe, "Creamy Yellow" with brown trim. New tires, new 12-volt battery, halogen lights, seat belts, new coil. \$9,000.00

Ph. Bobbie Blackwood (949) 859-1803

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MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS

NEEDED –Only goodies to eat are needed, either healthy ones or the fun ones. Drinks are provided.

Please contact Chris Foster at 562-987-2225 and volunteer

Chris is in need of volunteers for April and May to provide the "goodies." Please call her and arrange to help.



The Poker Run Story

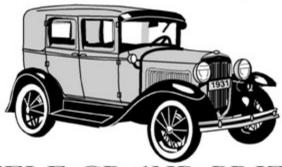
By Glenn Johnson

The Poker run is now only a distant memory, but in order to keep our club records complete I was asked to write a short story about it so.....here goes!

Once upon a time there was a handsome and welldressed young (?) cowboy who loved his Model A's almost as much as he loved his horse. One fine sunny day he invited all of his friends to go on a poker run out in the Wild West. Many happy people arrived at the starting place in twenty-six Model A's along with a few modern cars. Donuts were eaten, juices were drunk and instructions were handed out. Then everyone got into their cars and one by one struck out on their own to see some of what remains of Orange County's Old West. Along their way, they stopped at checkpoints and picked up envelopes with playing cards inside. Their journey ended at the Rose Canyon Cantina where they all ate Mexican food, drank beer, wine and margaritas and opened the envelopes to determine the four best poker hands. The winners became rich and happy. After lunch everyone except BOB FERAZZI had an uneventful trip back to their ranches and they lived happily ever after.

Pancake Breakfast

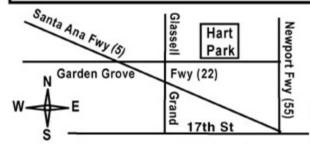
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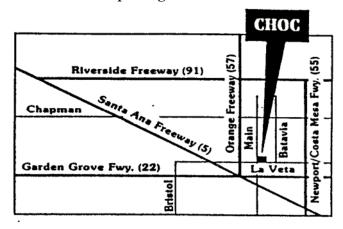
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March 11, 7:30 P.M.

(Board meeting at **6:00 PM** In adjoining meeting room)

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From Main Street, turn east onto Providence Ave. and immediately, on your right, enter the structure and park on the second level. Meeting room accessed from parking structure.



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