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Notes From Your President Mel Collings...

June 2004 President's Letter

Greetings



Well, another activity filled month is coming to an end. Between our May and June General Meetings the Club has had numerous activities, including a tour to Tom's Farm in Corona, a trip to Santa Barbara, the first regular fourth Thursday of the month breakfast--this time at Polly's Restaurant, a technical seminar at Glenn Johnson's to prepare our cars for summer touring, our participation in the Memorial Day Ceremonies at Fairhaven Memorial Park, and a trip to Lodi to the NCRG.

In the past few months we have added several new members to our Club--a few of them transferred from other clubs, some were new to Model A hobby, and two were young people who are first time Model A owners. We welcome you to our Club. We encourage you and our other members to join us at our club meetings and technical seminars, and on our day and extended tours.

It appears that many Club members will be attending the National MAFCA Meet in Portland in July. If you have not signed up, it is still not too late. See info elsewhere in The Distributor.

At 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 27 we successfully started what we are hoping will be a regular activity on the fourth Thursday of every monthbreakfast for interested Club members. Most members of our Club like to eat and like to visit so what could be more fun than a monthly breakfast with other Club members. If your schedule will allow it, plan to meet with us on June 24 at Knott's Berry Farm for breakfast–see announcement elsewhere (Page 7) in The Distributor.

What fun it is to be associated with such a great group of people!

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



Sunshine and Sorrow Jeanne Parrish, contact person

Hoping all is well with **Joanie Pickrell**. She is recovering from knee surgery & seems to be doing great! What a woman!!!

Still missing our **Joan Mariola** at all our events. Hoping to see you soon, Joan.

Gwen Riggs, our "Grand Dame" is on the mend, but very slowly. She is home now, feeling better, & is getting ready for Lodi. She will begin a round of radiation when she returns home. She tells me John is getting to be a good chef, and most of all, her very special "caregiver." She thanks everyone for all the cards & phone calls.

Keep all those cards and good wishes flowing & most of all, remember all these members in your prayers.

This Months Cover:

Artwork by **AMH Graphics Editors note: The left front of the pictured car is unknown to the editor but the cover says it all!!** Both summer and the touring season are upon us. There are lots of places to go in your Model A-just look at our activities listed on page 3enough for every taste.





Don Miller donfmiller@adelphia.net (NOTE: * = UPDATED INFORMATION)

✓ Deadline for next *Distributor* is June 29, 2004 Type or write all articles and ads and Email to: newsletter@ocmafca.org Or mail to: 244 No. Goldenspur Way, Orange, CA 92869-4422

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 10 – 7:30 p.m. General Meeting at CHOC (see page 12)

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 6 (SUN) Antique Nationals in Palmdale, Ca.

*June 13 (SUN)

Henry Ford Picnic in Santa Fe Springs sponsored by the Diamond Tread Chapter. A Bar-B-Que lunch will be available for \$5.00. There will also be Car judging. We will leave Coco's on Valley View at 9:00AM

June 26 (SAT) Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, Vista, CA. We will meet at 9:00AM at the IN-N-Out Burger at the SW corner of El Toro Road and Carlota. Take the El Toro exit from the 5 Freeway. All of the tractors and engines will be running. There will be live music, stage acts, a craft fair and a tractor parade. There are 5 food booths. This museum is very close to the Guajome Adobe where we went after the Flower Fields tour. It would be a good idea to bring chairs.

June 27 (SUN) Red, White & Blue Car Show

This event will be held at the Worship Center in Santa Ana, 1440 E. Santa Clara Ave. This is a small show running from 3:00 to 7:00PM. We will try to meet somewhere at 2:00Pm so we can all go together and park in the same area. Please see Don Miller at the next meeting for complete details

*July 8, 9, 10 & 11 (THURS, FRI, SAT & SUN) WINGS & WHEELS

This event has been rescheduled for October. Please see updated information below.

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

July 30 & 31 (FRI & SAT) Cerritos College Swap Meet for vintage and classic parts.

*Aug 14 (SAT) Harbor Marc swap meet at Vintage Ford. Please note the date correction!!!

*Sep 17-19 Rim of The World—Big Bear

We will be leaving from the Sears parking lot at The Village at Orange at 9:00AM on Thursday. We will be staying at the **Black Forest Lodge** and everyone must make his or her own reservations. Phone number is 1-800-BLK-4EST

September 25 (SAT) Cruising for the Cure Show Orange County Fair Grounds

October 3 (SUN) Frazier Park Picnic

November 6 (SAT) Flying Wing Tour Chino Airport

November 13 (SAT) Palm Springs Follies



On the Road to Ojai

Ice Cream Break

SANTA BARBARA '04

Submitted by Sharon Johnson

On Thursday morning, May 22nd, six Model A's and several moderns departed Coco's for a revival of the last century's traditional long weekend tour to Santa Barbara. Breaking with tradition, we traveled a new route by way of the charming town of Fillmore. Fillmore is a small farming and railroad town built in the early 1900's. Today it has many restaurants, antique and junk stores, a winery, railroad museum and several historic buildings. We had a leisurely lunch, shopped in the stores and resumed our tour on Highway 126 to the 101 and on to Santa Barbara. Late Thursday afternoon we all gathered at the pool area for snacks, appetizers and drinks and met up with the group that had left before us.

Friday morning we left the hotel about 10 am and drove a few miles back on Highway 101 to Highway 150, a twisty two-lane country road, and soon arrived in Ojai. We found an area on the main street to park all the Model A's together and spent about an hour shopping and eating ice cream (right Sally). Back on the road we headed for Santa Paula and the Santa Paula airport for lunch. Piet Dwinger's sister Harriet joined us for lunch. After lunch we shopped in Santa Paula's antique and junk stores and then returned to our motel for another cocktail party complete with fresh strawberry margaritas made by Piet Dwinger and me.

Saturday morning a few of us had breakfast at the Beach Front Grill and then went in many different directions to explore Santa Barbara's attractions. Some went to State Street, the pier, the mission, the local car show, etc. In the afternoon we all met back at the motel pool for cocktails, snacks and then to Moby Dick's on the pier for dinner.

Sunday morning we had breakfast, filled up our gas tanks and headed for home. It was another fun weekend with good friends and our Model A's.

(Please see an additional photograph on page 11)

A different kind of break!

Traveling Club Members Submitted by Don Miller

I thought all club members would be interested in learning who has traveled a great deal in their Model A's either as a driver or as a passenger

Over 50,000 miles: Vince and Joan Mariola Larry and Gerry McKinney John and Gwen Riggs

Over 40.000 miles:

Marion Wavra Glenn and Sharon Johnson Richard and Jeanne Parrish Dick and June Riha

Over 30,000 miles:

Jim and Joanne Nichols

Over 20,000 miles:

Pieter and Judi Dwinger Tom Endy Bob and Patty Ferazzi Merle McClellan

Over 10,000 miles:

Mel and Terry Collings Dennis and Judy Griffin John Graves Bev Marsh Don and Sally Miller Bill and Eleanor Shaner

Minutes from the April 8, 2004

OCMAFCA General Meeting Submitted by Kathie Mc Call

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance, led by Sheila Plotkin (standing on the chair so all could see her).

Club Greeter Jon Heiland welcomed John Garrett (1930 roadster), Jon Hughes (1930 closed pick-up) and Thomas Miller (1928 Ford hot rod).

Sunshine and Sorrow: Jeannie Parrish reported that Gwen Riggs is recuperating and planning on joining in the activities very soon. Others who are ill include Lee Jackson's father and Carl & Sue Erickson. Piet Dwinger's mother recently died at the age of 94 while the Dwingers were touring Australia.

Board Meeting: Mel Collins provided an update on the board meeting, held just prior to the general meeting.

1. A Shoe Box Swap Meet will be held at the September meeting.

2. The July and August meetings will be outside on the 3rd floor patio,

preceded by a potluck supper at 6:00 pm.

3. Donations were made to the NCRG and Portland National Meet.

4. Peggy Nunes was presented with a gift certificate for her work in planning and carrying out the details of the Pancake Breakfast.

5. Report on the Club Youth Scholarship Committee presented by Dorothy Knox (Scholarship committee Chairperson). Dorothy emphasized that club members are encouraged to continue to support the National MAFCA Youth Scholarship Fund. At this point, it was recognized that the \$1,000.00 recommended by the committee as the start up amount would need the approval of the general membership. Sheila Plotkin made a motion that \$1,000.00 be set aside for the first club scholarship. Mark Schwing seconded the motion. Majority ruled in favor of the motion by a show of hands.

Secretary: Kathie Mc Call filled in for Bea Kalinowski. The minutes were approved as printed in The Distributor. **Treasurer**: Ginger Endy announced that the club financial statements and records have been audited. The cash flow report and details of the Pancake Breakfast were made available for any member to review.

Activities V ice President: Don Miller provided details of the tours as published in The Distributor. A new event will be on June 27- The Red, White and Blue Car Show in Santa Ana from 3pm to 7pm. Sign up sheet available.

Terry Collings announced the new social event, which will be held informally on the 4th Thursday of each month, beginning 5/27. This will be for breakfast at Polly¹s 8:30 am, Santa Ana on No. Main Street.

Larry Mc Kinney reported that the annual club Swap Meet at Vintage Ford was a huge success with 68 spaces sold. 300 cups of coffee were sold, along with lots of donuts and hot dogs. Larry and Gerry thank everyone who was involved, especially since this involved getting up and going by 4:30 AM!

Technical: Jeanne Mc Millan absent. Glen Johnson announced he will host a "Tune-Up & Safety" Seminar at his home on 5/29, starting @ 9:00 am.

Editor: Pete Hyland was absent due to his fabulous vacation in Aruba. Newsletter deadline is 5/28/04.

Merchandise: Colleen Schmidt announced various items available for sale, including hats, sweatshirts and t-shirts.

Hard Luck Trophy: Don Miller asked for nominees:

 Richard Parrish's name came up yet again, this time the weld came loose on the overdrive, according to John Graves, and is still not fixed!
Drain Marshall was queried about his water leak in the block, but Drain claims the car is still running and therefore disqualifies him.

3. Dale Mc Call described his experience with a blown clutch and even brought the pieces for evidence, but Dale announced it's all together (Minutes continued on page 6)

Minutes of May 13, 2004 General Meeting (Continued from Page 5)

and running again.

There was overwhelming in support of Richard Parrish since the car is still not running. Richard wanted to know if he could paint the HLT orange, and was advised he could do whatever he wanted with it.

Mel announced that Richard and Jeannie Parrish were recognized at the CCRG Event with the 40-YEAR Membership pin (MAFCA). Congratulations!!!

New Business: Lew Lewis announced that he is working on the club web site. He and Jim Dunn have created a personal page, which is linked to the membership roster. There will be provision for 1 picture of a member's car. Members are to select a picture and either e-mail or snail mail the picture to Jim. There is a possibility in the future for personal pictures to be added for identification of name with a picture.

Program: Glenn Johnson introduced the Car of the Month, Tom Miller's 1928 A Frame, 1925 body, definitely not your typical Model A. Glenn then presented a slide show on how to detail the "A". Sheila Plotkin, Pam and Dean Berto, and Pam and Jon Heiland provided refreshments. Thanks to all for the homemade cookies and to Chris Foster for her organization.

Following the break, John Graves and his sidekick assistant, Richard Parrish, conducted another lively raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Visitors at last meeting

John Garret 2215 Harbor Blvd Costa Mesa 92627 '30 roadster

Jon Hughes 5 Field Irvine 92620 '30 pickup closed cab Martie and Wayne Wiedle 5286 Blackpool Rd. Westminster, 92683 '29 sport coupe '31 roadster

Thomas Miller 19777 Waterview Lane Huntington Beach 92648 '29 Model A

Glad you could be with us!!

MODELS AT THE MEETING

Submitted by Glenn Johnson Photo by John Knox

At the April General Meeting our program featured scale models of Model A's. **Greg Carcerano** brought his highly detailed scale model of his car. It is a Hubley kit with several modifications and additional details to make it a scale replica of Greg's full size Model A.

Dan Adelman showed his collection of Hubley models that he modified into body styles that Hubley never built...like a Town Car, a Sports Coupe and a few others.

I bought my three built Hubley's and a truly amazing and priceless model of a Model A that belongs to my friend Stan Betz. Stan's car is a ¹/₄ actual size 1931 Deluxe Roadster that was hand built in the early 1930's for a W. C. Fields movie. In the movie, the Model was wrecked in a car crash. When Stan acquired it, the roadster required a complete restoration. Today it is in pristine condition and is a wonderful piece of movie history.



Roster Correction

Please change your rosters to correct the cell number for Glenn & Sharon Johnson. The correct number is: 714-293-1466

Ford Fun Day Submitted by Sheila Plotkin

Just being with Model "A" ers is always a Fun Day. On Sunday, May 2nd, we left Coco's @ 8:05 traveling in 2 Model A's and 4 modern cars. In attendance were Marion Wavra and Kathryn, Sheila Plotkin, Dan Gerald, Sharon and Glenn Johnson, Don and Sally Miller, Clay Willis, Mel and Terry Collings, Bev Marsh, Chris Foster, and Everett Parker. When we arrived everyone was handed a piece of paper asking you to get the names of 5 other people from different clubs. That was a nice icebreaker! Don set up our clubs Gymkhana. Mel, Dan and Everett helped him run it. A great lunch was served and there was a choice of three different sandwiches, along with chips, pickles, macaroni salad, potato salad, cookies and drinks. All this was free. After lunch, raffle prizes were handed out. Mel, Dan and Sally each won a prize. I must say it was very hot but we were in a nice well-shaded area. Thanks to Santa Anita A's---they did a wonderful job!

Tom's Farm-Saturday, May 15 Submitted by Terry Collings

A total of 25 of us gathered at the Village of Orange on Saturday, May 15, and were guided by our fearless leader **Don Miller** on another fun excursion. Our group included **Richard & Jeanne Parrish, Don & Colleen Schmidt, Merle McClellan & Eddy, Mel & Terry Collings, Glenn & Sharon Johnson, mark & Eileen Schwing, Sally Miller, Tom Miller & Rick, Karen & Jeremy Gaynor, Don Tilley, Dan Gerald, Clay Willis, Tom Endy & Lynn Neal** and **Bev Marsh** & sister **Joyce** who all traveled in 7 Model A's, 1 "T bucket" hot rod Model A (which had a Model A and a half engine per Richard Parrish) and assorted driving machines manufactured after 1931.

We all enjoyed the circuitous route to our destination as we ventured through the back roads of Orange, Anaheim Hills and Corona. We arrived in time to check out all the interesting attractions at Tom's Farm: shopping, hamburger and Mexican restaurants, baby animals in the petting zoo, arts & crafts booths, grocery/produce store, bird store, delicatessen, and did I mention shopping? I noticed several members had scored in the stores! Did you see eddy's treasures?

Of course we all found some good options for lunch and enjoyed visiting with our A friends. What a day---good weather, food, friends and Model A's also.

On the way home on the 15 freeway, Don Tilley had a fuel line problem. Richard Parrish was a hero again and went back to track down Don and assist him in getting back on the road. Wonder if Richard will be happy to ditch that "hard luck trophy" real soon?

COMING ATTRACTION!!

Join us for good food and good company...

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

June 24, 8:30 a.m. Knott's Berry Farm (At the chicken restaurant)

Info: Terry Collings 714 970-7194

A brief overview of the 2004 MATC Australia tour

By Piet and Judi Dwinger Photographs by Piet & Judi Dwinger

Hi everyone. What a great trip Australia was for everyone. Our car performed very well, as did most of the 32-cars, except for some brake, electrical, water pump and other problems in the first couple of days. These were resolved except for one car that had to have new exhaust valve seats installed by the Australia Model A folks in Perth. A few head gaskets, flat tires and other usual roadside seminars made the trip even more interesting.

Ron Mosher's Woody was full of Model A parts, (an estimated 800 lbs.) which literally saved the day (trip) for many tour folks!

We started and finished the nearly 2400-mile tour with 32-Model A's. 8-intrepid souls in 4-A's drove an additional 1200 miles when they elected to drive across the Nulaboor (desert) from Adelaide to Perth. The rest of the 28-cars and occupants, after driving from Sydney to Adelaide, elected to ship the cars and people from Adelaide to Perth on a 40-hour train ride, which was lots of fun and is highly recommended to do once.

Out of all the people in the various countries Judi and I have traveled through in our Model A, the Australians were the most friendly, congenial, helpful and fun to be around. The dramatic coastlines, inland areas and cities were marvelous. Yes the kangaroos and other indigenous critters were just as enjoyable as we have seen on TV, but even better in person.

We were able to go into preserves where there were Wombats, Koalas, Kangaroos, etc. that we could touch and feed.

The weather during March/April was perfect on the whole trip. We had a little rain, and just enough high clouds to keep the heat down. Many of the animals come out at dusk, so we were strongly advised to be off the roads prior to dusk, unless we wanted a Kangaroo hood ornament.

In Perth we participated in the Australian Model A rally, which is somewhat like our national conventions. Several of us had signed up to be

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judges during that part of the weeklong event. It was most interesting to see Model A's that had been built a bit differently than what we are used to, for example: Some of the cars which were built in Australia, came from the factory with the fenders and splash apron painted in a medium chocolate brown!

The food in Australia was OK, but they do *not* know how to cut and cook steaks. In fact even native folks admit that the USA has much better steaks. The chicken and lamb though is very good there. If you order scrambled eggs or omelets, be prepared for runny eggs.

There are some excellent wineries that produce marvelous wines; also the Australian beers are very good.

Car gas ran about \$1.98 per liter. Driving on the left side of the road was an experience that we really never got fully acclimated with. Since the oncoming traffic comes from your right, we had to remind ourselves as we approached each intersection to drive left, but look right. When driving up a hill on a curve it is most disconcerting to seeing an approaching car coming at you from your right. Here in the USA we are used to seeing oncoming traffic from our left. In fact one of our bus drivers, who was taking us on a city tour, was startled when a car came around a bend.

We highly recommend that if you have not been to Australia that you put it high on your travel list.

G'day mates



Technical Seminar

Photographs by Pete Hyland

On Saturday, May 29th Glenn & Sharon Johnson hosted a seminar which was billed as a "Safety and Maintanance Seminar" but it was far more than that. In addition to tune ups, front wheel bearing packing, wheel alignment and brake adjustments it also included replacing a blown head gasket and installing two rear fenders on a pick up truck. At noon we took some time for lunch which was also hosted by the Johnsons. A very productive day for all who were there.



Fairhaven Memorial Park Memorial Day Service

Photographs by Clay Willis

On Monday, May 31st 32 club members journeyed to Fairhaven in 17 Model A's to honor those who sacrifice, or have sacrificed themselves for the benefit of all of us. The day was perfect as were the two speeches by Col. William Baird, Jr., USAF and by Lt. Col. Tom Wall, USMC, Retired. There was also a fly over by 4 World War II-era warplanes that made three passes over the service. In addition to our group there were also many other vintage cars on display. We were a small part of a gathering of approximately 3,000 attendees who were welcomed by Fairhaven Memorial Park.







Courtesy of McCalls Magazine November 1928

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WANTED

I will be towing my 1931 Victoria back from Arizona shortly after the 4th of July weekend and was wondering if anyone had a closed car trailer that I could borrow or rent. The car is in a few pieces and many of the parts are in boxes. Or if anyone knows a place that would rent a closed auto trailer 1 way that would be even better.

Thanks Matt Ricketts 949-713-3699

Santa Barbara '04



Dinner on the Pier





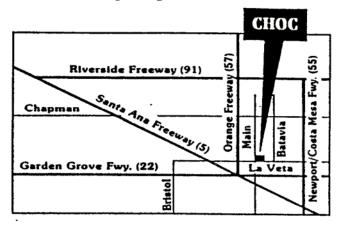
General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

June 10, 7:30 P.M. (Board meeting at 6:00 PM in adjoining meeting room)

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