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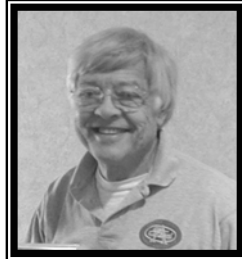
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Notes From Your President Mel Collings. . .

July 2004
President's Letter



Greetings

The fun times just keep rolling on. The beautiful setting for the Henry Ford Picnic at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs added to our fun day-good food, good friends, good traveling, and a good place to show our cars and to see others. It was great to have Gwen Riggs with us again. Those who were able to make it to breakfast at Knott's Berry Farm Thursday, June 24, spent a nice morning together.

We are looking forward to Wings 'N Wheels in October instead of July because repairs are being made at the airport at Santa Ynez. Many of our members will be attending the MAFCA National Meet in Portland in July. It appears that our Club will be well represented. To those of you who are fortunate enough to be able to go, we wish you safe traveling, good luck to those showing their cars, and fun to you all.

On July 22 at 8:30 a.m. we will be meeting at Watson's Drug Store in Orange for our Fourth Thursday of the Month Breakfast. (Please see page 6) Be sure to sign up since they are going to reserve places for us.

Remember that our July and August General Meetings will be preceded by a Pot Luck Meal starting at 6 p.m. We will meet on the 3rd floor patio at CHOC. Members with last names beginning with letters A to O are to bring a main dish, letters P to Z bring a salad or dessert.

Now that summer has arrived, I hope

that each and every one of you have a wonderful, enjoyable, pleasant, and fun summer. Don Miller is talking about arranging a cruise---on a ship, not in our cars-for this fall. Sounds like fun, Don. Let's go!

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



Sunshine and Sorrow

Jeanne Parrish, contact person

Good wishes go out to one of our old members, Bud Lacey. He recently has had bypass surgery & is on the road to recovery. He & his wife, Judy, have been members since the 70's and moved to Oregon a few years ago.

Mel Collings is doing well after cataract surgery and he is still working on exercise and therapy, getting that heart back to full power. Move over, Jack LaLane, here comes our prez!!

Dan & Linda Caldon's son Brian recently underwent surgery for a melanoma on his arm.

The surgery was a success and there is a good prognosis for recovery.

Our "Grand Dame" Gwen Riggs continues her recovery at home. She is undergoing radiation treatment right now with very little side effects.

Olive Moore is at home now and would love to hear from us via phone calls and/or cards. Her recovery is slow, but steady. (Please see her note on page 6)

This Months Cover:

Artwork by AMH Graphics

Happy 4th of July

**Celebrating the 228th
Anniversary of our Country's
Founding**





Activity Schedule

Don Miller

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(NOTE: * = UPDATED INFORMATION)

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NEXT MEETING DATE

July 8 – 6:00 p.m. General Meeting at CHOC
(see page 12)

***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 31 (Sat) Heritage Hill Historical Park in Lake Forest. We will have a Docent led tour of the 1863 Serrano Adobe, an 1890 one room school house, an 1891 church, and a 1908 ranch house. There is a nice picnic area so everyone bring a dish to share and we will have a picnic lunch after the tour. We will meet at the Village of Orange (Sears parking lot) at 9:00 AM. The tour will cost \$2.00

July 30 & 31 (FRI & SAT) Cerritos College Swap Meet for vintage and classic parts. This event is sponsored by the Long Beach Model "T" Club. Cerritos College is located at 11110 Alondra Blvd in Norwalk.

Hours: Fri---Buyers enter @ 12:00 Noon-7:00pm

Sat—Meet opens @ 6:00AM until 5:00 PM

Please note there is an admission charge of \$3.00 per person and parking of \$2.00 per day.

***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

September 26 (SUN) Antique Car Swap Meet:
Northwest San Bernadino

See Don Miller for details

October 3 (SUN) Frazier Park Picnic

November 6 (SAT) Flying Wing Tour
Chino Airport

November 13 (SAT) Palm Springs Follies

CAR SHOWS

For more information on any of the following car shows contact Don Miller

Aug 29 (Sun) Lions Charity Car Show; San Pedro; \$25

Aug 29 (Sun) Road of Dreams Car Show; O.C. Fairgrounds; \$15

Sept 4 (Sat) OCCA Labor Day Car Show; O.C. Fairgrounds; \$50

Sept 11 (Sat) Santa Maria MAFCA All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet; \$15

Sept 25 (Sat) Cruising For the Cure Car Show; O.C. Fairgrounds; \$25
(See our Club Activities Schedule)

Oct 3 (Sun) All Ford Picnic; La Palma Park, Anaheim; \$20

Oct 23 to 30 (Seven Days) SPECIAL EVENT!!!!
See Page 6 for details

Activity Schedule continued on page 4



Henry Ford Picnic

Submitted by Don Miller
Photo by Glenn Johnson

It was a beautiful day when 5 model A's and one modern went to Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs for the Henry Ford Picnic sponsored by the Diamond Tread Chapter. It was a neat park where they had a museum full of old stuff like wagons, carriages, stoves, sewing machines and much more. There was a bird aviary and an old steam engine that you could climb on. They also had matchbox size Model A races.

The day was enjoyed by **Dale** and **Kathie McCall**, **Glenn** and **Sharon Johnson**, **Mel** and **Terry Collings** with new member Mark Polentz with his parents in the back seat, **John** and **Gwen Riggs** (It was great to see Gwen again at these events) **Dan Gerald** in his modern, **Don** and **Sally Miller** with our 3 ladies **Marion**, **Bev**, and **Sheila** in the back seat. **Clay Willis** finally arrived after struggling with a dead battery. **Drain** and **Doris Marshall** and **Greg** and **Fran Earhart** were also there with their home clubs.

No one from our club won any car or raffle prizes but we didn't go home empty handed. After Sharon Johnson bought a box of hamburger patties Glenn won \$215.00 in the 1/3,1/3,1/3 raffle.

There were no breakdowns and everyone had a great time. We hope more members will join us next year for this fine event.

What Happened to Black in 1928-29?

Submitted by John Knox
Excerpts from Ahooga board posting by Marshall V Daut

When the 1928's came out, each passenger car body style was offered in a minimum of five color combinations, black not being one of them. Black could be ordered, but was not included in the initial releases.

Lets look back a couple of years before the Model A was introduced. Black had been the only color available on Model T's from 1915 to 1925. The reason was, cranking out Model T's as fast as they could for ready buyers, any slow down in the production line cost money. The pigmented colors of the day took longer to dry than black until better faster drying proxylin colors came out in the later 20's. Black was chosen by Henry Ford as the only color. Until the middle 20's when sales alarmingly slowed down, Ford couldn't make Model T's fast enough. But by the mid 20's sales were being lost to other makers (such as the C- word), who offered more advanced designs, options, and colors. Ford offered the new 1926 closed cars in colors. Deep Chunnel green for coupes and tudors, Windsor maroon on fordors.

With the introduction of the Model A, Ford in 1927 considered this new car so advanced that he jumped back to the letter A in the alphabet instead of calling it Model X,Y,Z. Black was not a standard color, but could be ordered. The introduction of the faster drying proxylin pigmented paints made it possible to mass-produce cars in colors. Black was retained for the fenders and splash aprons. Yes, there were black Model A's and lots of them. It was a color that lasted a long time and was easy to match in case a panel needed to be repainted. It was still cheaper because pigmented paints were more costly.

Black was always a standby color.

Activities-Continued from Page 3

Oct 24 (Sun) Wings and Wheels; Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos; \$20
(See our Club Activities Schedule)

Oct 31 (Sun) Halloween Bug and Monster Car Show; O.C. Fairgrounds; \$15

Dec 12 (Sun) Holiday Car Show; O.C. Fairgrounds; \$15

Minutes from the June 10, 2004

OCMAFCA General Meeting

Submitted by **Kathie Mc Call**.

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance, led by Lynn Neal at 7:30pm. 60 people were in attendance.

Club Greeter **Jon Heiland** introduced **Darren Mowrer**, Frank's son.

Sunshine and Sorrow: **Jeannie Parrish** reported that **Gwen Riggs** is still on the sidelines for a while, but hopes to take part in the activities very soon.

JoAnn Pickrell is recovering nicely from recent knee surgery, but now has to add some additional disability time for the left wrist fracture sustained while doing physical therapy for the knee. Yikes! Long time member **Olive Moore** sustained serious injuries while racing her purple roadster at the Antique Nationals and was airlifted from the scene. Recovery is slow, but Olive is tough and we are looking forward to seeing her very soon.

Board Meeting: **Mel Collings** reported there were no action items.

Secretary: **Kathie McCall** filled in for **Bea Kalinowski**. The minutes were approved as printed in The Distributor.

Treasurer: **Ginger Endy**. The cash flow report and details of the Pancake Breakfast were made available for any member to review.

Editor: **Peter Hyland** was congratulated on another fabulous newsletter.

Merchandise: *Colleen Schmidt* announced the availability of Panama hats, straw hats, safari hats and the usual t-shirts and caps.

ACCC Representative: **Larry Conkol** provided an update on the latest legislation pending, including SB 1784 and AB 2683. Larry also provided a short history of the Association of California Car Clubs and how it affects the Model A owner.

Activities/ Vice President: **Don Miller** presented mileage awards to: **Everett Pearce** for 1,000 miles; **Jeanne Parrish** 40,000 miles and **Glenn Johnson**

50,000 miles. A very special presentation went to **Bev Marsh** for her 40 years membership in MAFCA.

Don reported on the tour to Tom's Farms and 2 new lessons he learned as the tour leader: Everyone should have walkie/talkies, and the tail car should always be a seasoned tour participant.

Doris Marshall announced the annual 4th of July CBS Studios fireworks and car show. The cost is \$15.00 and the profits go towards Olivecrest Group Homes.

Don introduced the idea of a Mexican Riviera Cruise.

Wings and Wheels has been changed to October. Hotels/motels are already getting filled up.

Hard Luck Trophy: It was pretty much a slam-dunk with the display of a huge poster of **Richard Parrish's** car being loaded onto a trailer while at the NCRG meet in Lodi. Richard provided a fairly accurate description of what had happened and with courage and conviction once again accepted the HLT for the 2nd month in a row, all the while pointing out how much his car gets driven, so naturally it will break down once in a while.

Technical: **Jeanne Mc Millan** absent. No July technical seminar.

Mel thanked **Glenn Johnson** for hosting the summer tune up seminar, and for the extra time he and **Tom Endy** spent on his car getting it ship shape. 5 to 6 cars were worked on.

PROGRAM: **Glenn Johnson** once again presented a great pictorial report of the NCRG, Santa Barbara and the technical seminar, with the help of computer guru **Clay Willis**.

CAR OF THE MONTH: **Tom Endy** described his daughter Ginger's 1929 Standard Coupe, which he laboriously restored to pristine condition. This car is of particular importance to Tom since it is just like the car his parents drove from Pennsylvania to California in 1933, and it never broke down.

A VERY SPECIAL EVENT FOR
OCMAFCA MEMBERS

MEXICAN RIVERA CRUISE

WHEN: Oct. 23 to 30 (7 days)

WHERE: Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan & Cabo San Lucas.

THE SHIP: Diamond Princess.

The "Diamond Princess" is one of three new "gems" to be added to the Princess fleet (The other two are the "Sapphire Princess" and the "Caribbean Princess"). It is a large ship with plenty of activities for all!!

THE JOURNEY:

DAY	PORT	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Los Angeles (Long Beach), California, United States		5:00 PM
2	At Sea		
3	At Sea		
4	Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
5	Mazatlan, Mexico	7:00 AM	5:00 PM
6	Cabo San Lucas	7:00 AM	2:00 PM
7	At Sea		
8	Los Angeles (Long Beach), California, United States	6:00 AM	

THE COST:

Balcony: \$949.00

Outside: \$909.00

Outside: \$799.00 (Obstructed View)

Inside: \$649.00

In addition, please add Tax of \$33.36 per person.

Optional insurance is also available: \$89.00 per person

There are 10 balcony rooms on hold until July 10.

A \$250 deposit is due at booking with the balance due on Aug. 9.

Call Don Miller as soon as you can (before July 10) to book your cruise or get more information.

JUST FOUND OUT-----We all send our best wishes to **Warren Hogan** who recently suffered a heart attack. He is at home recuperating and, we understand, doing well. Keep him in your prayers and be sure that you keep sending those cards and letters as well as phone calls.

Minutes of June 10, 2004 General Meeting
(Continued from Page 5)

Larry Mc Kinney came to the front (dressed in long pants) to describe his new vehicle, a 1996 Harley. Tire kicking, eating and visiting followed all of this.

Carl and Sue Erickson, Doris Marshall, Jeanne Parrish and Bev Marsh provided refreshments. Then back inside for the raffle conducted by **John Graves** and **Richard Parrish**.

Kathie McCall (Chairperson of the Election Committee) encouraged members to start thinking of how they can help the club by volunteering to serve as an officer on the board for next year.

The next meeting will be Thursday July 8 at 6:00 pm on the 3rd floor patio. This will be a summer potluck. Members with last names starting with letters A to O are to bring a main dish to serve your family and 6 others, letters P to Z bring a salad or dessert for same number.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Join us for the
Fourth Thursday of the Month Breakfast
July 22 at 8:30 a.m.
Watson's Drug Store
One block east of traffic circle on Chapman
Avenue, Orange

Sign up at general meeting or call Terry Collings

(714) 970-7194
(because we'll need reservations...)

To Members of OCMAFCA:

Art & I would like to say a big, "Thank You," to all for the cards and prayers, following my recent accident. They are deeply appreciated. I am getting stronger each day and I know your good wishes have lifted our spirits and helped with my recovery. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,
Olive & Art Moore

ERA FASHION

1930-1931 HATS

The year 1930 was transitional for millinery as well as for apparel. Fashion magazines everywhere were proclaiming the "new look." However, the following quote from *The Millinery Trade Review (MTR)* of November, 1930, p. 40, puts the changing fashion scene into perspective: "It is a mistake to believe that every woman wants, or will even wear, the new, extreme hats. The average woman is cautious and does not too readily jump at the newest. In fact, it usually takes about three seasons for any innovation to establish itself generally."

The shape of hats in 1930 could best be described as "off the face." There was a resurgence of the ever popular beret. Brimmed hats were very popular, with brims ranging from small for dress wear to extremely large umbrella brims for beach wear. Side

brims were wide; back brims sometimes showed a cape effect, sometimes were quite narrow, sometimes nonexistent. Hat crowns were shallower, usually with a skull-fitting short front, exposing the forehead. Many hats were trimmed with insets, handwork or embroidery.

In 1931, many ladies were growing their hair longer. Shallow, cap-like crowns appeared in spring, sometimes draped or with one side longer, showing graceful waves of longer hair. Hats usually matched the accessories worn, rather than the dress or coat.

In January, 1931, *MTR* noted: "The women of the United States like their hats close fitting and brimless. That is most of them do. Many more prefer this hat to the hat with a brim that flares away from the face, which is second choice".



The importance of brims in the hats of 1930

These felt hats fit closely to the head and typify the 1928 look. *MTR*, June 1928.

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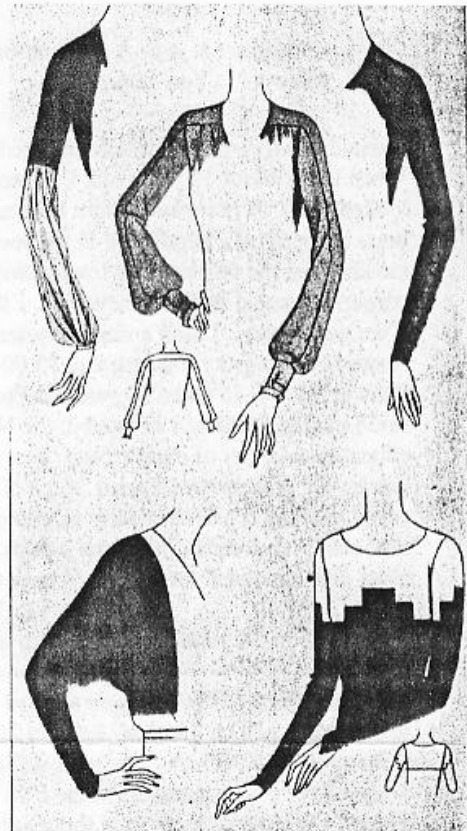
ERA FASHIONS 1928-1931

Jo Pearson & Judy Jo Beardslee

Five New Sleeves

Perhaps your favorite dress has melted away at the elbows or broken loose around the armholes---favorite dresses have a way of doing just that. Perhaps the new dress you plan to make needs a more vivacious touch. In either case your solution lies in this group of five new sleeves. Here you find one style with a gathered lower section -- excellent for that worn-out elbow and effective in pastel georgette. Here is also an interesting new yoke running from wrist to wrist. Te small turn-back cuffs might be of lingerie material to match a collar. And if you like a soft effect near your wrist here is a long narrow sleeve with a little fullness. Dolman lines are in vogue again, you know, and this sleeve is easily cut and easily set on to any dress. In lame it gives a formal contrasting note. Quite new are the stepped yoke and sleeve tops of contrasting material a sure sure for worn armholes and most pleasing to cream colored lace on a black velvet dress.

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TECH TALK

THIS ISN'T REALLY TECHNICAL—BUT IT WAS TOO INTERESTING NOT TO INCLUDE . . .ed.



Prices for The New Ford

Last Updated 05/16/98

Ever wonder what the Model A Ford sold for when new?

Here is a table showing new car prices, FOB Detroit, without accessories and "dealer markup".



Body Style	1928	1929	1930	1931
Phaeton	\$395	\$440	\$440	\$435
Deluxe Phaeton	---	---	\$625	\$580
Roadster	\$385	\$435	\$450	\$430
Deluxe Roadster	---	---	\$520	\$475
Standard Coupe	\$495	\$500	\$495	\$490
Deluxe Coupe	---	---	\$545	\$525
Business Coupe	\$495	\$490	---	---
Special Coupe	\$500	\$510	---	---
Sport Coupe	\$550	\$530	\$525	\$500
Tudor	\$495	\$500	\$495	\$490
Deluxe Tudor	---	---	---	\$525
Fordor	\$570	\$600	\$600	\$590
Deluxe Fordor	---	---	\$640	\$630
Town Sedan	---	\$670	\$640	\$630
Cabriolet	---	\$645	\$625	\$630
Victoria	---	---	\$580	\$580
Conv. Sedan	---	---	---	\$640
Taxi	---	\$800	---	---
Town Car	---	\$1200	\$1200	---
Station Wagon	---	n/a	\$640	\$625
Roadster Pickup	\$395	n/a	n/a	n/a
Closed Cab Pickup	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

The information above was adapted from *Henry's Fabulous Model "A"* by Floyd Clymer.



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For Sale

RESTORER MAGAZINES

We now are offering for sale back issues of **"The Restorer"** to those members who are looking to complete their collections

Ph: Dick Smith, (949) 770-6847

**Guess
Whose
Plate?**

Sorry, no plate
this month

Visit **MAFCA's Web Site:**

www.mafca.com/classifieds.html

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

Car of the Month



Editors Note: (Here is a picture of Ginger's car taken at a seminar at Tom Endy's home. It's the only one I could find and I was able to enhance it a bit. Looks like Tom did triple work!)

Please see the minutes from the June 10, 2004 General Meeting for the write up on her 1929 Standard Coupe

NEW MEMBERS

John R. J. Gawley

624 Taper Drive
Seal Beach, CA 90740
Tel: 562-430-1946
Car: Currently looking for a Model A

William T. & Fay Ann Amneus

10791 Skyline Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92705
Tel: 714-832-4754
E-mail: amnues@aol.com
Car: 1930 Sport Coupe

RETURNING MEMBER

Bill Robert & Barbara Jane Pozzi

26122 Spur Branch Lane
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Fax: 949-643-1073
E-mail: yuma33@earthlink.net
Car: Unknown at time of printing.



Meeting And Potluck

July 8, 6:00 P.M.

We will meet outside on Parking Level 3 at

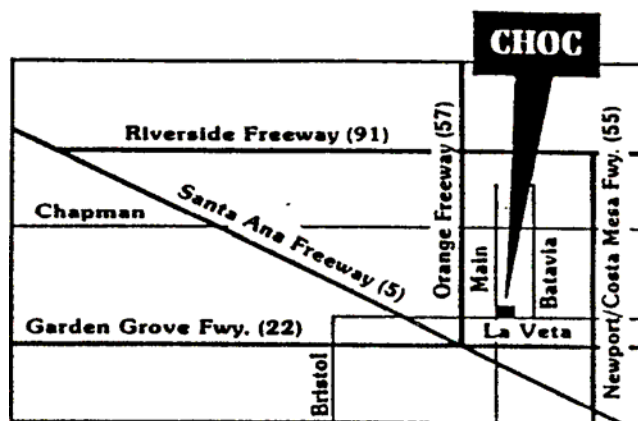
CHOC Hospital Complex

455 South Main St. Orange CA

*Members with last names A thru O bring main dish: P thru Z bring salad or dessert.

Board meets at 5:00

From Main Street, turn east onto Providence Ave. and immediately, on your right, enter the structure and park on the third level. **Go to roof top patio.**



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