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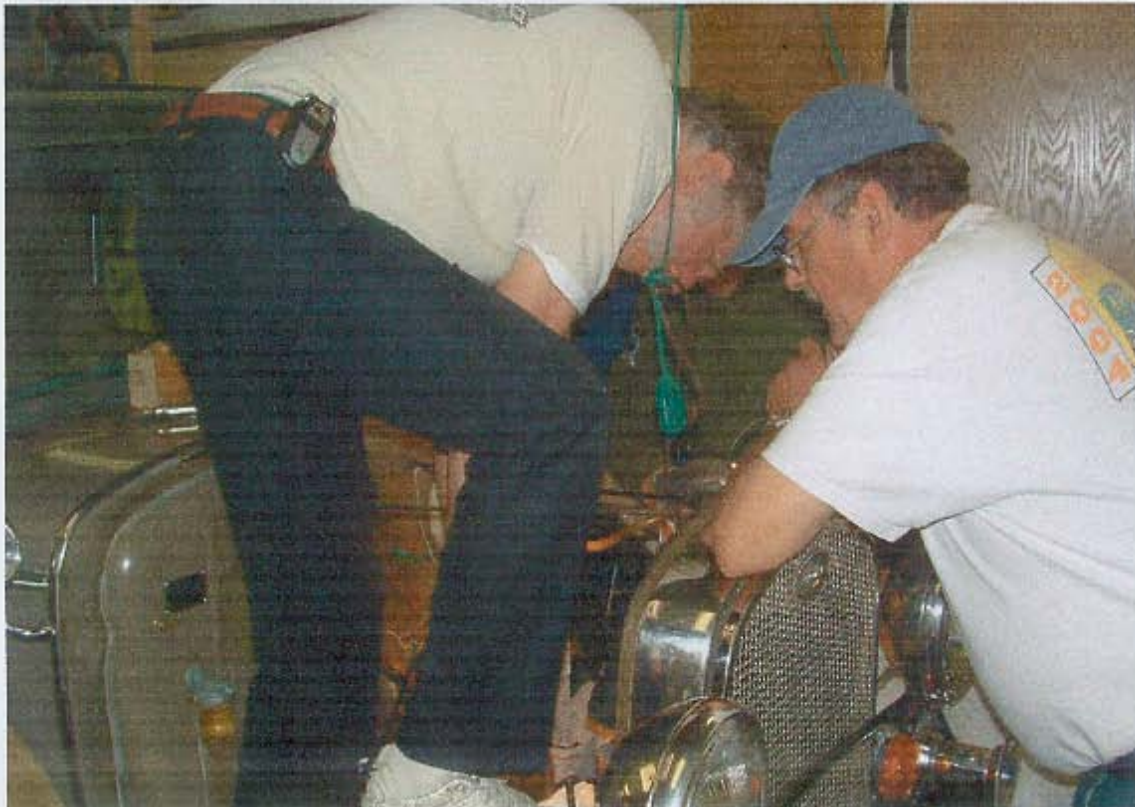
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Notes From Your President Mel Collings. . .

November 2004 President's Letter

Greetings

We have had another month with some interesting events. Wings N' Wheels was postponed from July to October, and a few of our members were able to attend. However, the weather was not conducive to flying, so one of the exciting highlights of the event was missing.

As I write this, some of our Club members are happily cruising the Mexican Riviera.

It was nice to see some of our former members at our October meeting: **Tom and Darlene Schenk** (Tom was President of our Club in 1979-1980), **Dennis and Colleen Johnson**, and **Red Kiser**. We invite these folks and other former members to join in the fun once again. If you know any former members who have not been honoring us with their presence, why not give them a call and invite them back?

Don't forget to bring your white elephants to be sold at our November General Meeting.

Now for changes in some of our events: Our **December General Meeting** will be moved to **December 2**, the first Thursday in December because CHOC Hospital needs our meeting room on December 9, our regular meeting dates. We will also move the date of our Fourth Thursday Breakfasts to the third Thursday in November and December.

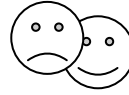
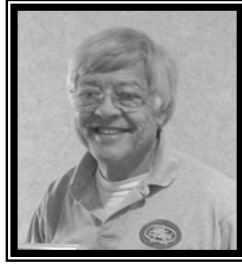
Thanks to all of you who have already sent in your membership dues for 2005. If you have not already paid, please do so immediately.

This month we will select our Board Members for the coming year. Let us all give them our help and support. Thanks to those who have agreed to serve.

May we all be thankful for our many blessings.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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



Sunshine and Sorrow

Jeanne Parrish, contact person

"Sunshine and Sorrow" did not have anything to report this month .

NEW MEMBERS

John & Carey Estrada
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1930 Sport Coupe

CORRECTION

(Last month we got it wrong so here is the Corrected information-Sorry about that!)

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Please note that our **December Meeting** will be held on **December 2** at the usual time-**7: 30 PM-** at CHOC

This Months Cover:

Art Work by AMH Graphics

Hard at work on a rainy day seminar at

The Johnsons. See page 5 for more photos.

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Activity Schedule

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(NOTE: * = UPDATED INFORMATION)

✓ **Deadline for next *Distributor* is:**

✓ **November 30, 2004**

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Or mail to: 244 No. Goldenspur Way,
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NEXT MEETING DATE

November 11, 2004

****November 6 (SAT) Flying Wing Tour** at the Planes of Fame Museum at the Chino Airport. We will leave at 8:30 AM from the Sears parking lot at the Village of Orange. This will be a freeway tour. There are a total of 71 people signed up for the tour. The Harbor Club is joining us with 21 people in 8 A's and 2 moderns. Our club has 50 people in 18 A's and 10 moderns.

There are still a few people who have not paid the \$6.50 for the tour as yet. Please pay Don Miller at the tour as the club has written a check for every one who signed up.

Please wear your name badge so you can be identified with the Model A group as we won't get individual tickets.

There will be a mini air show featuring the Northrop N9MB Flying Wing starting at 10:00 AM, which will include a discussion by the pilot and others after which the Wing will fly. Come and see the only Flying Wing fly.

Lunch will be at your leisure at Flow's at the airport.

****November 13 (SAT) Palm Springs Follies**

There are 41 people signed up for the Follies on Saturday Nov.13.

4 A's and 2 moderns are leaving on Thursday at 10:00AM from the Village of Orange (Sears parking lot) Don Miller will lead.

4 A's and 10 moderns are leaving on Friday at 10:00AM from the Village of Orange. Tom Endy will lead.

1 modern is leaving on Saturday.

We will have a Happy Hour at 5:00PM on both Thursday and Friday so bring some snacks to share. We are staying at The Royal Sun Inn, 1700 S. Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs. 760-327-1564

Jan 15 (SAT) Los Angeles Police Historical Society

This tour is scheduled for 10:00 am and is a restored police station with 10 cars in back and a new exhibit on the No.Hollywood bank shootout. For further details call Glenn Johnson at (714) 528-0891

Jan 22 (SAT) Technical Seminar-Distributor

Rebuilding Part I—this seminar will be lead by Tom Endy and will be held in Conference Rooms C & D. The seminar is scheduled to run from 9:00AM until 2:00PM.

Jan 29 (SAT) TENTATIVE---Traditional January Poker Run---Details later

Feb—Date To be Announced A seminar will be held at Tom Endy's home where we are scheduled to work on Chris Fosters car. Details will be furnished later

Feb 10-14, 2005 Death Valley Tour staying at the Furnace Creek Ranch Motel. This tour will be lead by Glenn Johnson and he will be discussing it at the November meeting. For further information contact either Glenn or Sharon Johnson at (714) 528-0891

March---Date to be Announced-Technical Seminar-Distributor Rebuilding Part II. Current plans are to hold this seminar at Tom Endy's home

CAR SHOWS

For Information call Don Miller (562) 431-6494

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

Swap Meets

Nov 6 (Sat) Model A Parts Exchange at Vintage Ford

Jan 29 & 30 (Sat & Sun) Turlock Swap meet



Aligning The Model A Ford Flywheel Housing

Revisited by Bill Barlow

Those of you that do the final assembly and installation of your own engines after a rebuild have probably read and used the article written by John T. Shepherd of Arlington, Virginia. This article was written for the Restorer, January/February 1984, pages 10-15. The article was reprinted in the How to Restore Your Model A, volume 4, pages 10-15. The information covered in the article is one of the most critical procedures for eliminating vibration in a Model A. Misalignment of the transmission can not only produce vibration, but will also cause your transmission to jump out of high gear while driving down the road.

Over the twenty years since the article was published, several people have come up with variations of the procedure that made it simpler or less time consuming, or even better yet, more detailed for better results. Now don't take this wrong, John's willingness to produce this information for all Model A restorers to learn from is probably one of the best bits of information ever printed, but after 20 years it needs an update.

I will pass on to you what I have learned from my own experience following the procedure in the article, plus what others have told me they have learned.

First I would recommend you pull the article from your library and read it again so you understand what I am referring to below. If you don't have either publication I would suggest you buy a copy of the How to Restore Your Model A, volume 4. They are available through most Model A parts vendors or direct from MAFCA Headquarters.

One thing I learned was to forget the handy dandy crankshaft checker. Buy a dial indicator with a magnetic base. I made the crankshaft checker as described in figure 3 and it cost me over \$30.00 by the time I bought the material and had a local machine shop bend the bar and drill the holes. A magnetic based dial indicator is less than \$20.00 at Harbor Freight when on sale and not much more when every day priced.

Learn to use it and if you have a problem just call or e-mail me and I'll give you a lesson. It's not that hard to learn. As your new Technical Director I would be glad to help.

The magnetic base attaches to the crankshaft flange and the tip of the indicator is dialed in at zero on the edge of the flywheel housing and around you go reading the dial at different locations on the housing by turning the engine over from the crank nut with a 1-3/8" socket or the crank if it's not too tight because of the rebuild.

Next, and probably the most important, you need only to check the flywheel housing alignment from the pan rail up. The bell housing will pull the lower half into alignment when it is bolted up. The lower half of the flywheel housing can be moved fore and aft by hand pressure as you can prove by placing the dial indicator at the center of the bottom portion of the flywheel housing and give it a pull and a push. This brainstorm was the idea of engine builder, Mike Flanigan of Arizona. it can cut the alignment procedure time from as much as two days to as little as 20 minutes.

Always adjust using the ears on top of the flywheel housing, Mickey Mouse ears as Mike calls them, rather than shimming at the other four attaching bolts. The ears will move the flywheel housing where ever you want it without touching the other four bolts. A shim under the lower right hand bolt will cause a major oil leak at the rear of the cam shaft as it will break the seal of the gasket.

before placing the gasket on the back of the block you should check the thickness to assure the gasket and the horseshoe shims you will place under the Mickey Mouse ears are of equal thickness. The horseshoe shims come in .010" thickness, but the paper gasket can be a completely different size. I have one that measures .016" and that's before the gasket sealer is applied. Using this combination will naturally warp the housing when the six attaching bolts are tightened. I use a used set of main bearing shims and cut them to the horseshoe shape. The main bearing shims are usually laminated in layers of .003" so two under each ear to go with the .010" will give you a better starting point than just using the gasket and the .010" shims.

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A NOTE FROM WARREN HOGAN

Dear Club members:

I'm back and I'm well and I want to thank all of you for your cards and calls. I especially want to thank Mel Collings who helped me through some very scary moments.

Thanks again to all of you—you are wonderful club members and I appreciate it more than I can say.

Warren

Aligning The Model A Ford Flywheel Housing

The Ford Service Bulletins on page 218 states the housing should be within .006" with the crankshaft flange. By using the .003" shims you can bring the housing into perfect alignment with a little time and patience. If the .006" is OK then perfect must be better.

The dial indicator with the magnetic base should also be used to verify that the centerline of the crankshaft is centered in the inside step machined in the flywheel housing. This is done by securing the magnet to the crankshaft flange and setting the indicator point on the inside surface of the step and turn the engine over checking the reading in several places. If the babbitt shop centered the crankshaft and the flywheel housing is not warped or out of round the readings should be within .005". If more than .005" you will need to try another flywheel housing and go through the steps again. If the readings indicate a second housing is out the same as the first then the bearings were not align bored properly and you will have a misalignment of the crankshaft and transmission input shaft causing the unwanted vibration.

If all checks OK then the next step would be to attach the flywheel and use your dial indicator to check the clutch surface for wobble. Anything over .005" should be addressed by checking for debris or burrs on the crankshaft flange or the mating surface on the flywheel. If both are clean and smooth then you should replace the flywheel.

DUES 2005

Your 2005 Membership dues are now due and payable

OCMAFCA DUES: \$22.00

ACCC DUES: 3.00

TOTAL DUE: \$25.00

Dues may be brought to the next meeting or mailed to: Treasurer

Orange County Model A Ford Club

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Minutes from the October 14, 2004

OCMAFCA General Meeting

Submitted by: Bea Kalinowski, Secretary

The meeting was called to order @ 7:30 p.m. by President Mel Collings. Approximately 65 members were present. Doc Ingwersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greeter Jon Heiland welcomed old members Tom & Darlene Schenk, Bart Bartholomew, Red Kaiser & Al Zannino, along with visitors Richard Miller and Dennis & Colleen Johnson.

Sunshine & Sorrow: Jeanne Parrish read a thank you card from Kenny Dierken. Condolences were offered to Mark Polanz on the death of his mother. The Dwinger's daughter got married, as did our Treasurer Ginger Endy. Mel Collings presented Ginger a gift certificate from the club. Greg Carcerano's daughter was married in September.

The minutes were approved as they appeared in the Distributor with the correction of Bill Stuart's name to Bill Douglas. Secretary Bea Kalinowski proffered apologies to Bill.

Treasurers Report: Ginger Endy thanked the club members for the gift certificate and announced that the treasurer's report was available for review at the front. She also reminded the members present that membership renewals are coming due.

Activities Report: Don Miller is at Wings 'n Wheels, so Glenn Johnson reported. Palm Springs Follies payments must be made tonight. The Flying Wing Tour is on 11/6, and payment must be made tonight for that too (\$6.50 per person). Cars are needed for a Halloween parade in Anaheim. Tustin would like cars for their Veteran's Day parade on 11/14. The summer tour will be to Pike's Peak Regional Meet, going through New Mexico (leaving 2nd week of June). In February, the Santa Anita A's want to go to Death Valley – we are welcome to join them on Valentine's Day weekend.

The Hard Luck Trophy - none.

Terry Collings reported on the 4th Thursday breakfast at Rockwell's Café & Bakery – 21 people were present. The next breakfast will be at Fantastic Café on 10/28.

Technical Report: Jim Dodge's and Sheila Plotkin's cars will be at Glenn's on Wednesday, 10/20 at 9:00 a.m. to be worked on if anyone not working wants to come over.

Editor Report

: Pete Hyland asked that articles, photos and comments be to him by 10/30 for the November Distributor.

Special Events report Peggy Nunes had nothing new to report

Merchandising – Colleen has shirts and hats for sale.

New Business - The annual White Elephant Sale will be held at the November meeting. Doc Ingwersen gave club representatives Glenn Johnson & Bev Marsh two binders of "Distributors" from 1961 forward that were donated to the club by Vivian Payton Hammer. The binders will be at the next few meetings for members to enjoy before being stored as part of the club's history.

Old Business – Kathie McCall thanked Dave Manning for bringing his 1964 Dodge for CHOC's 40th anniversary, and also thanked the 7 people who brought their cars out for the Cruise for the Cure at the Orange County Fairgrounds. The floor was then opened to the general membership for nominations. Doris Marshall was nominated and agreed to run for Secretary. The nominees for the 2005 Board were then introduced. They are: Don Miller – President; Glenn Johnson – Vice President, Activities; Doris Marshall – Secretary; Mark Schwing & Diana Stuart – Treasurer; Tom Endy – Technical; Peggy Nunes – Special Events; Pete Hyland – Editor; Jeremy Gaynor – Merchandising. The ballot box will be at the November meeting, or ballots may be mailed in by December 1st. Don't forget to nominate a "Member of the Year."

ACCC report – Larry Conkol reported on activities in Sacramento that affect our cars, specifically that AB2683 was signed into law which is about the 30 year rolling exemption for smog inspections on cars. Cars 1976 or newer will now have to have a smog test.

Car of the Month – none.

A suggestion was made to move the general meeting time up to 7:00 p.m. The general membership present liked the idea.

The subject will be up for discussion for the rest of 2004.

Chris Foster announced that Mel Collings donated the homemade apple cider and that the cookies were donated by Terry Collings, Helen Loeffler and Sharon Johnson.

John Graves gave a brief preview of the raffle items.

Dick Smith brought pictures of his transmission to share with everyone during the break. After the break, the Name Badge winner (Lew Lewis) and Model A driver winner (John Knox) were announced.

Al Zannino announced that Vintage Ford is for sale.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. The next meeting is November 11, 2004.

MAFCA REGIONAL MEETING

The next meeting of the Southern Calif. Region will be held at 6565 Grand Manan, Cypress. (West clubhouse in Cypress Village). It will begin at 10 am. All are invited. Come and see how the region operates. Glenn Johnson will present his plans for the upcoming regional meet to be held here in Orange County. Call Bev Marsh with any questions. (714) 373-9769

OCTOBER TECHNICAL SEMINAR AT GLENN JOHNSON'S

Submitted by John Knox

16 People came to work to get Sheila's car running and pin a crack in a Model A block



David Plotkin learns from Vince Mariola on distributor maintenance. Greg Earhart (background) works on the distributor.

Tom Endy demonstrates carburetor cleaning to Dale McCall.



Pieter and Glenn drill overlapping holes for the tapered pins to be screwed in to secure and fill the crack.



Pieter Dwinger tackles pinning a cracked block on Jim Dodge's car



Hot ice is used to loosen the valve seat for removal



WINGS N' WHEELS

Submitted by Joanie Harris

On Thursday Oct. 14th, we all met at Cocos Restaurant to begin our trip to Buellton... In attendance were Don "our fearless leader" and Sally Miller, John and Gwen Riggs (so happy you were with us Gwen), Bruce and Joanie Harris, Vince Mariola (missed you Joan)... Marion Wavra and Bill and Eleanor Shaner.

The Trip Begins

We had a stop at McDonalds for a bite to eat, then on to Oxnard for gas, and to Carl's to eat again... (ha ha).. Arrived at the Best Western around 2:00 p.m.

We had a fun Happy Hour outside at the tables, where everyone brought appetizers for sharing. The weather was a perfect 86 degrees. Later on 4 of us went to the Casino, (Vince, Marion, Sally and Joanie). Vince was our chauffeur *(without the hat). We went in Vince's Caddie in style. Had a fun time playing the slots (no really big winners). Vince while waiting for us to meet him at the front door of the casino, saw Pat Benatar and beautiful showgirls come into the casino....We left at 9:00 (bedtime) to return to our rooms....

Friday, we ate in the Gazebo for Danish, coffee, toast and O.J. Very tasty.

Then onward to the Santa Ynez Airport to register. Back to our motel for another happy hour....(oh boy, more food)....

On Saturday, "up and at 'em" Don got us going to get back to the airport for our tour. There were about 150 people with Model A's and also some vintage cars.

Our tour took us to Fess Parker's Winery, for a coffee stop (compliments of the Lions Club), also there was wine tasting available for those who wanted to try out the grapes.....(ha) and the stop included a much-needed Restroom.....

Onward, to Santa Maria through beautiful scenery, on a winding back road. We ended up in Santa Maria at an old Flight Museum at the Airport. Very interesting and informative.

Next ----- to a park in Santa Maria... Very pretty with a fountain and lots of trees.... We had a BBQ of hamburgers with all the trimmings... So much to eat and sooooo good....

Off again.... back to Santa Ynez airport to drop off

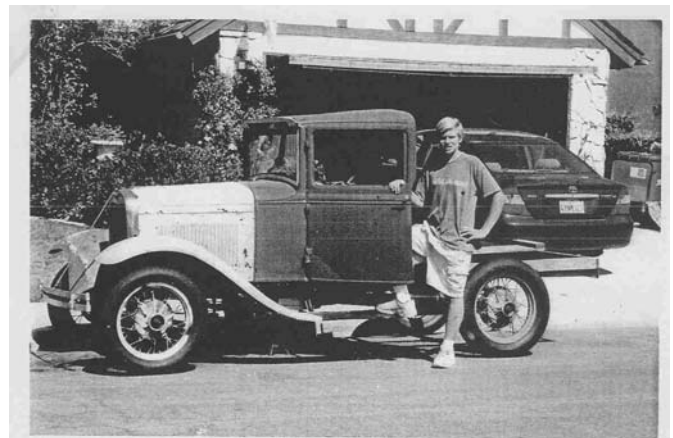
passengers and then return to our rooms the motel.... a 1/2 hour rest... then Don was hustling us again out our doors and back to the airport for the dinner BBQ of tri tip steak, beans salad and garlic bread..... It was excellent....We all enjoyed ourselves.

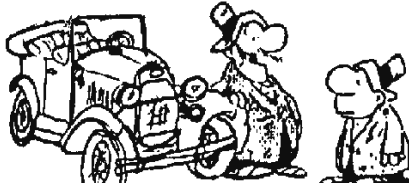
"Wagons Ho" called Don and off we went back to the motel.... It rained Saturday night off and on and was a little rainy on Sunday morning we all packed up and checked out. Then back to the Santa Ynez Airport for a breakfast of eggs, sausage, Pancakes, O.J. and coffee. (very good). Left the airport and headed for home. Stopped again to get gas and eat at Wendy's in Oxnard. We were hoping after that we all could make it home the rest of the way without food... Ha Ha.... We all had a Great Time, Good Food, and enjoyed all the festivities with Great people.

Thanks to our "Tour Leader" Don, for a job well done.

Jonathon Hughes

In the September issue of "The Distributor" there was an article by Dorothy Knox which included an excerpt from Jonathon Hughes talking about his 1931 pickup. Here, finally, is a picture of Jon and his truck. We look forward to seeing it when it is "restore(d) back to factory condition, the way it was when it was owned by The Signal gasoline Company in the 1930's"





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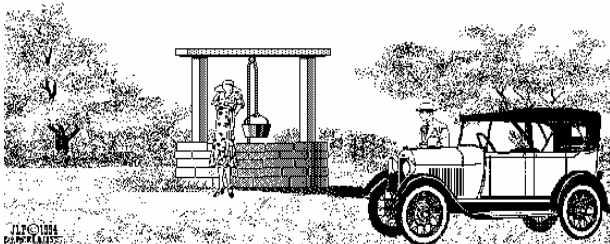
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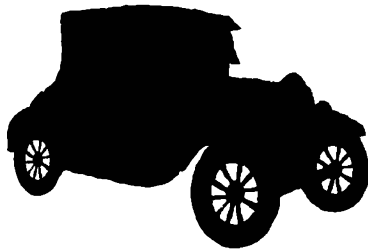
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[Second Thursday of every month]

November 11, 7:30 P.M.

(Board meeting at 6:00 PM
in adjoining meeting room)

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455 South Main St. Orange CA

From Main Street, turn east onto Providence Ave.
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accessed from parking structure.

