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Notes From Your President Don Miller. . .

March 2006
President's Letter



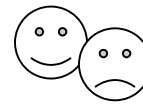
Greetings:

Last year we had about 190 families in our club. This year we will be lucky to get 150. I know some members are moving away and others are getting older and are losing interest in the club. On the front page of another club's newsletter it says "Attrition has exceeded new membership over the past 5 years and we are not able to get a much needed breath of new life from any younger generation." Is our club suffering from the same problem? Maybe we need a membership committee to oversee new members and membership renewals.

The Pancake Breakfast is coming up in a little over 3 weeks. We are well on our way to having everything ready and we hope everyone will pitch in and help on the big day. Lets all pray that it doesn't rain.

It is sad to have an active member like Marion Wavra pass on. Her friendliness and generosity will be missed very much.

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



Sunshine & Sorrow

By Jeanne Parrish

"Get Well" wishes go out to ole' time member, Wade Roberts. It seems he acquired a bacterium, which had invaded the heart valves, causing some very serious problems. Finally changing doctors, they diagnosed the problem & he was in surgery very quickly. He says he must take it easy for a while, but he feels very good. We wish him a very speedy recovery

Congratulations go out to members Robyn & Mike Kuester. They are our newest grandparents, with a baby girl born to their son Chad & wife, Heather. Baby Annabella Marie arrived on Friday, 2/10/06, weighed in at 6 lbs., 11 oz. & is 19 in. long. Grandma & Grandpa Kuester call her their petite little sweetheart.

We are so very, very proud of member, Kathie McCall. She has been elected to the National Board of Pediatric Nurses. She gets to travel to cities far & wide, representing Southern California. Dale, if you're lucky, maybe she'll take you along!! What an honor & she is our very own. "CONGRATULATIONS", Kathie!

This Month's Cover



Please see "A Tribute to Marion Wavra" on Page 8



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(NOTE: * = UPDATED INFORMATION)

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NEXT MEETING DATE

March 9, 2006

Mar 26th (SUN) Orange County Model A Ford Pancake Breakfast---Details later but mark your calendars now and be sure to be there!!!!
See page 9 for information.

Mar 31-Apr 2 (FRI-SUN) CCRG in Paso Robles. We will be leaving from The Citadel at 8:00 AM. For details---Call Glenn Johnson.

April 6-9, (THURS-SUN) 18th Annual Laughlin Tour sponsored by the Pomona Valley Model A Club. This event will be held at the Riverside Hotel & Casino. See Glenn Johnson for a flyer or additional information.

Apr 29 (SAT) Floral Park Home Tour & Garden Grove Historic Park Picnic. Details later.

May 13 (SAT) Lunch at Original Mikes in Santa Ana. Details later.

May 20 (SAT) Huntington Harbour Boat Poker Run. For details, please call Sheila Plotkin.

May 27 (SAT) Visit The Ronald Reagan Library and Air Force One. There will be a picnic afterwards. Details later.

June 1-3 (THURS-SAT) Lake Arrowhead Wooden Boat Show with 30 to 40 boats. More details later.

June 1-4 (THUR-SUN) NCRG

June 10 (SAT) Henry Ford Picnic at Hathaway Ranch-Downey.

July 12-25, MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION to be held in Mansfield, MA. (Nr Boston)
For details see or call Sharon Johnson.

July 13-16 (THURS-SUN) Wings & Wheels in Santa Ynez

September 23, (SAT) 7th Annual Cruising' for A Cure at the Orange County Fair and Expo Center, Costa Mesa. See or call Dale Mc Call for details.

Oct 1 (SUN) Frazier Park Picnic

Nov 1-4 (WED-SAT) Desert Rim in Palm Springs

Dec 17 (SUN) Installation & Christmas Banquet
Costa Mesa Country Club

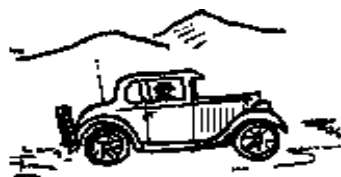
December: San Simeon to view Christmas decorations. More details later.

SWAP MEETS

April 30 (SUN) Vintage Ford & Street Rod Parts
Ed is holding a Swap Meet and First Year Anniversary on Sunday April 30th 2006 from 8:00AM to 2:00PM at their warehouse/Corporate building at 18392 Enterprise Lane. #2 Huntington Beach. He is going to have a Raffle Grand Prize-a Craftsman Tool Cabinet. There will be door prizes, free coffee & donuts. There will be a drawing Sunday April 30th @ 1:00 PM (Winner of Grand Prize & Door Prizes does not have to be present @ drawing time.) Call for details 714 965-7600 and ask for Ed if there are any questions.

Aug 5 (SAT) San Fernando Model A and Model T Swap Meet.

Sep 24 (SUN) Paradise Valley 45th Annual Antique Car Swap Meet in San Bernardino.



Technical 2006

by Tom Endy

March Seminar:

An “open-shop” seminar will be held at Tom Endy’s house on Saturday, March 18, beginning at 0900. The shop will be made available for small projects such as flow checking carburetor jets, setting floats, installing and reaming bushings in carburetors and distributors, cleaning up rusty parts, and any other small project you would like to do.

April Seminar:

No seminar is scheduled for April.

Technical Tip:

There is a very small vent hole in the Model A Ford transmission tower located on the backside, just a short distance above the floor. It is quite common for this hole to plug up from dirt and debris residing on the floorboard. With the hole plugged up pressure will build up inside the transmission and force oil out past the rear bearing, cluster shaft, and idler shaft. It is a good idea to check it occasionally and if found plugged push a wire through the hole to open it up. ☺



Years ago the club used to meet at a local hamburger stand, until one day a club member drove up in his dark blue 1930 standard roadster and hit a corner post and knocked the building down.

Celebrity Corner!



At a recent car show Larry McKinney’s new best friend Jay Leno showed up, and while the McKinney’s were sitting in their Victoria, leaned in on the passenger side window frame next to Geraldine and said, “This is a too cool Victoria”.

The top photo shows Mr. Leno standing next to the McKinney Victoria giving it a thumbs up. The bottom photo shows Mr. Leno looking like any other “old car guy” wandering through the meet.

A number of years ago the Johnson’s and the Dwinger’s were attending a concourse car show. Glenn Johnson spotted Jay Leno and asked him if he would pose for a picture with 15-year-old Jennifer Dwinger. Like many young teen-agers her age Jennifer had aspirations of being a movie star. Mr. Leno came over and put his arm around Jennifer. The next time you are at the Dwinger house look at the large framed photo on the staircase of a smiling Jay Leno with his arm around a beaming Jennifer Dwinger. ☺

OCMAFCA General Meeting

February 9, 2006

Submitted by Doris Marshall

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

Guests: **John Sincock** who is the owner of a 1931 Cabriolet. Kenny also greeted **Pam Heiland**.

John Graves led the Flag Salute

President **Don Miller** asked for a moment's silence for **Marion Wavra** who passed away last week. A memorial service will be held on February 18th at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant at 10:30 a.m. The church is located in Costa Mesa on Fairview and Adams. There will be a potluck. Members are urged to drive Model A's. Member **Dan Gerald** also passed away.

Treasurer: Diana Stewart We need volunteers to call unpaid members. Close to 60 members have not paid as yet. Sheila Plotkin, Chris Foster, and John Graves volunteered to do the calling.

Activities: Glenn Johnson

Feb 12th Queen Mary Luncheon

March 4th Laguna Beach Founder's Parade

March 11th Brea Art and Public Places

March 18th Open Shop Seminar at Tom Endy's home 9:00 a.m.

March 26th Pancake Breakfast

March 30th- April 3rd CCRG Paso Robles

April 6-9th Tour to Laughlin

April 29th Floral Park Home Tour-There will be eight houses open. The tour will be followed by a visit to and picnic at the Garden Grove Historic Park.

May 13th Original Mikes.

May 20th Huntington Harbour Boat Poker Run

May 27th Ronald Reagan Library

June 1st Arrowhead boat show

July 12th-15th National Meet in Mansfield, Mass. Some are going by train. We will fly home.

Technical: Tom Endy

Feb 11th: Borg Warner Over Drive Seminar Tom's home 9:00 a.m.

Mar 18th Open Shop Seminar Tom's home. 9:00 a.m. Whatever one needs to work on. Tom brought a box of brake shoes for anyone that can use them. He brought a fan balancer and will display a transmission in the back of the meeting room. He advised there would be a silent auction for a bell housing and a transmission at the Pancake breakfast. A Mrs. Wilbur called him regarding her husband's 31 Pick-up. Mr. Wilbur had recently passed away and she wanted advise about the Model A. Greg and Tom could not get it started. If interested see Tom Endy.

Sunshine and Sorrow: Jeanne Parrish The Memorial Service for **Marion Wavra** will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 18th at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Costa Mesa. There will be a potluck following the service.

Wade Roberts had open-heart surgery. **Frank Mowrer** stated he sees **Warren Hogan** often and said he had failed to take his medicine and had to go back in the Hospital temporarily. He is doing a little better and would appreciate phone calls.

Special Events: Mark Schwing and Peggy Nunes

We have a lot of prizes for the raffle at the Breakfast. He said Mel Gross has donated a lot. Glenn Johnson will be the parking chairman. Terry Collings will be in charge of the kitchen. Piet Dwinger will not be kitchen co-ordinator in the future. There will be a Pancake Breakfast meeting at the Parrish home on Feb. 19th. There will be 5 black wall tires and a silent auction for a bell housing and transmission at the Breakfast. Breakfast flyers available on table.

Merchandize: Gary Discher The T-Shirts will be \$15.00 each. All sizes. They will be \$15.00 at the meeting, also.

Editor: Pete Hyland All items for the Distributor must be submitted by Feb. 28th. Please see him regarding the personal information for the new roster. Make sure everything is correct.

Monthly Breakfast: Terry Collings February 23rd Original Pancake House Yorba Linda and Imperial.

Historian: Dick Smith Thanks to Bev. Marsh and Dan Adelman for donating memorabilia for our archives. It is greatly appreciated. Want to check out the Restorer with the "Great Alaskan" article? You may check it out tonight!

Scholarship: Dorothy Knox. The Scholarship Motion was tabled until next month.

Refreshments: Chris Foster Bev Marsh and Dorothy Knox served the Valentine treats. **Old Business Richard Miller** requested help in putting a top on his '31 5-window coupe.

New Business: None reported

Car of the Month: Wade Ratzlaff

Badge Prize: Donald Ratzlaff

Sharon Johnson announced a meeting would be held on Feb 11th at the Northwood Inn at 11:30 for all members taking the train to Boston.

Charles Cohen thanked for welcoming him in the Club and offered gun locks and flares to everyone.

Raffle: Sharon Johnson

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

OCMAFC Military Veterans

Dale McCall US Army 1952-1955

I graduated from Santa Ana High School in 1951 with the equivalent of 4 years of machinist school. I was classified 1A with the draft board and knew I was soon to be drafted. I was thankful I had not joined the National Guard in 1950, since the 40th Division was among the first to be called up for the Korean War. In December 1952 I went to the army recruiting office in Santa Ana and enlisted with the goal of becoming a machinist specialist. I was told I would have 8-weeks of basic training and 52-weeks of machinist school. I figured that by the time I finished the training half of my 3-year enlistment would be over. I went to Los Angeles for a physical and was on a plane to Aberdeen, Maryland that same night. I phoned my folks from LAX to say goodbye. I reported to a receiving company in Aberdeen and it was 8 days before this California boy with only a windbreaker jacket and light clothes received my uniforms. The uniforms did not fit my 5'4" 120 lbs frame, so they had to be altered. It was many weeks before I received my size 5 boots. The day after Christmas I started basic training in 4 inches of snow with no boots. Thankfully I had a warm jacket by then. By the end of 8 weeks of basic I weighed 164 lbs. compliments of Uncle Sam's three squares a day and a daily pint of ice cream.

After basic I was sent to machinist school, but instead of the 52 weeks Mr. Recruiter told me about, I was done in 12 weeks. In June 1953 I reported to Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama where I worked in a civilian run machine shop on the base. My duties were cutting up stainless steel for missile engine parts. After 14 months I received orders to Korea. I found myself on my first ocean cruise on a troop ship with thousands of soldiers and sailors, most of whom were either hugging the porcelain bowl or on the top deck "feeding the fish".

I arrived in Pusan, Korea in the middle of December 1954 where it was freezing cold; I spent a miserable night on a train to Seoul. In Korea I served with the 505th Ordnance Company, 8th Army. My duties included guard duty once a week and working on laundry units off the base, having never seen one before in my life. I was in Korea for 11 months where I experienced a hot muggy summer and a freezing cold winter. I came back to the U.S. on my second ocean voyage compliments of Uncle Sam and it was as miserable as the trip over. I never went on another ship again until my 40th wedding anniversary; we went on a cruise to Alaska and I was reminded of the two cruises I had been on years before.

I arrived at Ft. Lewis, Washington in November 1955 and took a train to Ft. Ord, California where I was discharged from the army on November 22, 1955. Eight of us hired a taxi to San Jose where I flew home to LAX; my Dad came and picked me up.

In February 1956 I started working for Pacific Motor Trucking (a division of Southern Pacific RR), where I worked for almost 30 years. I met Kathie in September 1956 and we were married 2 years later and we are still together.



Dale McCall 1953

Dick Miller's New Roof

Question: How many Model Aers does it take to install a new roof on Dick Miller's 1931 pickup??

Answer: Please see photos below-it looks like at least 7 were necessary but the roof went on very well!! All this on a beautiful Southern California day, with grilled cheese sandwiches included.



And---The final Product



Irv & Darlene Womack's New Car



1931 Coupe with Rumble Seat

BITS & PIECES

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If so noted on the front of this newsletter, please be advised that this will be the last issue you will receive

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IN MEMORIUM

Daniel E. Gerald

Who joined our club in 2003

Passed away in January 2006

**Even though he lived in Los Angeles he
was a regular at our seminars**

A Tribute to Marion Wavra

by Bev Marsh

Marion Wavra left the ones of us who knew her with a much more peaceful look at life. She has been a constant helper and always willing to pitch in and help with any task that might come her way. She was the quiet one, always willing to help and never complain. She and Joe joined Orange County MAFCA in 1978 and from that day forward, they were always there to help and join in the fun. Their home and hearts were always open to us. They hosted many of the Progressive Dinners, Christmas parties, work parties and tech seminars. They even stood in as witnesses to two of our couple's marriages: Larry and Gerry McKinney and Paul and Diane Steed! Joe and Marion won many of the awards of "most active," "most mileage" and "member of the year" through the years. The Wavra's worked hard on two of our national conventions. Joe was the first one on the scene to fix a broken-down A and she was the one to have a trunkful of picnic supplies to fix our ever-hungry tummies. And, of course, there were the wonderful parties around the pool on our away trips. It didn't matter what we were hungry for, she would see that we got it and lots of it! After Joe died, Marion and her buddy, Katherine Holbrook, became our traveling gourmet chefs. Marion was a constant help to Sheila and I with the several hospitality rooms we hosted and even though she was feeling poorly at the Ontario Meet she helped as much as she could. What a trooper! I am sure that many of the other club members who come to our pancake breakfast will miss seeing her as she happily sold the tickets and greeted old friends as they came through the lines. We will all miss this classy lady with the sparkling blue eyes and bright smile. But, she and Joe are up in Heaven and must be mighty proud looking down at their Model A Club family of which they were a big part and that they loved so much.



SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2006
HART PARK, ORANGE



WEBSITE
www.ocmafca.org

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
(RAIN OR SHINE)

THE ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A FORD CLUB'S 44th ANNUAL

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

VINTAGE CAR DISPLAY AND FABULOUS RAFFLE

RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE
SET OF 5 19" or 21" BLACKWALL TIRES

BREAKFAST INCLUDES
PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, EGGS, JUICE, AND COFFEE
DONATION:
ADULTS - \$5.00
KIDS UNDER 12 - \$3.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
PEGGY NUNES
(562) 397-8078
or
MARK SCHWING
(714) 970-1696

Saturday March 11th Brea's "Art in Public Places" Statuaries - an All Street Tour

9:00- Leave from Orange Mall – Sears Parking lot, or 9:30 meet at the Knox home* where cookies & goodies will be served

Tour begins at the **Knox home** and follows local roads to some very nice public sculptures. You will be provided



a map and route descriptions to drive (in some cases walk) by some very nice sculptures. Tour ends with lunch choices from a number of venues around a delightful swimming hole with figurines of children playing in the water.

One of Brea's first pledges to art began in 1975 with Art in Public Places. This program was designed to integrate public art with private development. A City Ordinance that requires developments over \$1.5 million to provide 1% of their total value in outdoor sculpture for public display. All artists and art pieces are selected by private developers (not the City). The art pieces are funded, maintained and privately owned. This nationally recognized "percent for art" program now includes over 140 sculptures all in public view throughout the City. With art sculptures at every bend in the road, the entire City becomes an outdoor gallery. Art in Public Places features a wide range of mediums, styles and approaches by local, national.

*The Knox home at 1146 N. Puente St. Brea. Puente St. is 1 mile east of Harbor (2 miles west of the 75 freeway), and a block below Whittier Blvd. and 1 mile north of Imperial Hwy. **562-697-2545.**

Join us for good food and good company...

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

**8:30 a.m. Alice's Breakfast in the Park
6622 Lakeview Drive
Huntington Beach, CA
(714) 848-0690**

Info: Terry Collings (714) 970-7194

NEW MEMBERS

Ted & Nanette Ramirez

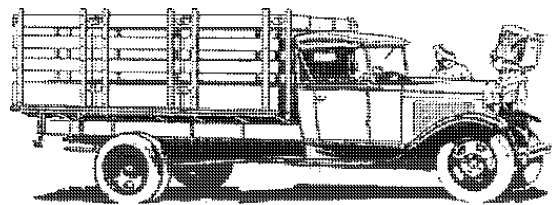
15 Arbor Walk Lane
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
1929 82-A Closed Cab Pickup-Driver
(See Photo below)



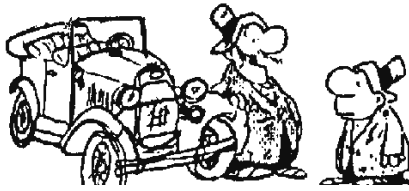
Wade L. Ratzlaff

1713 Lark Ellen Drive
Fullerton, CA. 92835
(714) 529-5062
1903 AA Stake Bed

(Sorry—no photo but it's a great truck!!)



Glad to have you with us!!



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FOR SALE:

Differential and rear axle assembly (complete Model A rear end). Used in two previous seminars. Excellent hardware including like new 378 ring & pinion. New bearings, races, and seals (\$215. Bratton catalog price). Still disassembled for buyer inspection. Will be assembled and painted upon sale. **\$650.00**
Tom Endy 714-897-5861.

FOR SALE:

Borg-Warner overdrive for Model A Ford. Used in seminar. Excellent hardware. Includes new bearings and seals. Still disassemble for buyer inspection. Will be assembled upon sale. Housing is painted.
\$650.00 Tom Endy 714-897-5861.

Both of the above items for \$1200.00 and will be assembled as a complete unit.

FOR SALE:

1931 (Late) Deluxe Coupe, Black with brown Le Baron Bonney Co. interior. Restored 5-6 years ago. It has a Volvo Overdrive and six volt alternator. Back window rolls down. Good condition. \$15,000.00
OBO

Call Rick Copeland
Home (805) 907-4784, Cell (805) 659-4775

****FOR SALE: 1929 Model A Station Wagon**

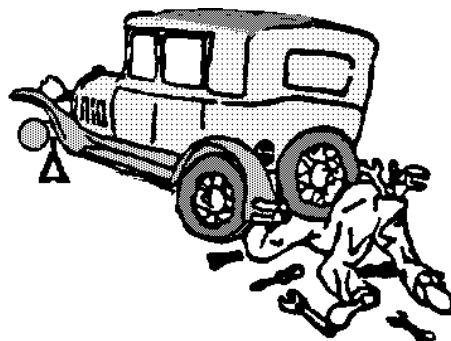
Original Drive Train, Runs Good, Looks Great. Glass fenders, wood body, done in oak. \$12,750.00 or best offer. See pictures—www.fatboysales.com
Bill Pozzi, 26122 Spur Branch Lane,
Laguna Hills, CA 92653 (949) 306-5090

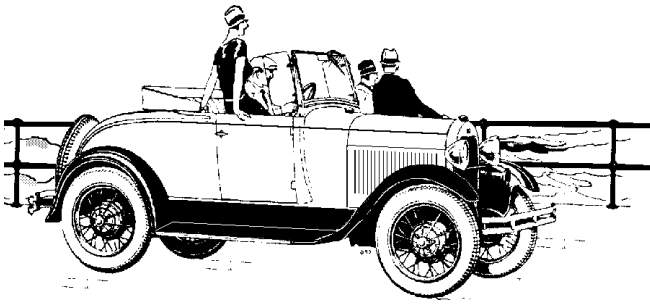
***FOR SALE: 1929 MODEL 'A' FRAME, S/N**
***2200019* VERY GOOD CONDITION, \$300.00**
Jim Nichols, (714) 546-2969

***FOR SALE: One NOS Sears Allstate W/W**
6:00x16 nylon 4 ply Tire. This was mounted but never ran. Make offer.
Al Zannino (714) 539-2915

***FOR SALE: 1929 Hood in excellent condition,**
in primer. \$250.00
John Pickrell (760) 631-5720

FOR SALE: California date of Manufacture plates
For 1928, 1929, 1930 & 1931
Bill Figge (805) 498-1013
(Note Corrected Phone Number)





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General Meeting

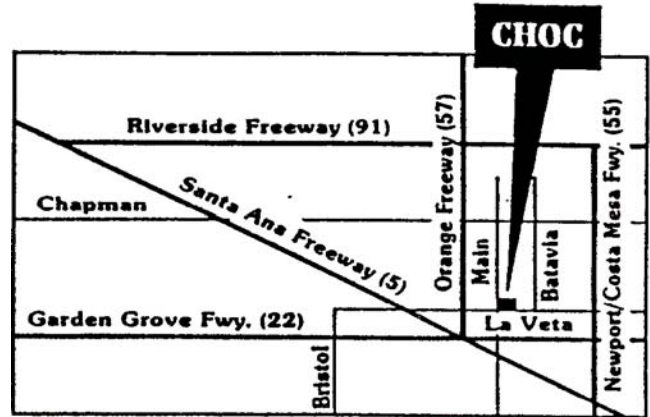
[Second Thursday of every month]

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

March 9, 7:30 P.M.

**CHOC Hospital Complex
455 South Main St. Orange CA**

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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