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***A DAY AT THE SAN ANTONIO WINERY***

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## Notes From Your President Mark Schwing. . .

**February 2007  
President's Letter**



If you missed the January club tour to the San Antonio Winery in Los Angeles, you missed a great tour. Twelve Model A's and four modern irons made the tour. It was a wonderful day of fellowship, wine tasting and a great lunch. Put some air in your Model A tires, blow off the dust and join the club for the next tour. Modern cars are welcome too.

Kudos to our members Drain and Doris Marshall for receiving the MAFCA Service Award. The purpose of the award is to provide national recognition to those Model A club members who have demonstrated service within their chapters for not just a year but for continued service to their chapter and the Model A hobby. Drain and Doris were nominated by the Screenland A's chapter.

When I called MAFCA HQ on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to arrange for the certificate of insurance for our pancake breakfast, I learned that MAFCA will not have general liability insurance after March 1<sup>st</sup> until further notice. It seems that J.C. Taylor had just informed MAFCA that the annual insurance policy premium would increase from under \$4,000 to \$92,000, a 25 fold increase. MAFCA's board says that this rate increase is simply not affordable. MAFCA is involved in preliminary discussions with other insurers in an effort to find a policy which covers our needs and is also affordable. These discussions will

not be completed until some time in February or March and will not be timely enough to provide insurance coverage for our annual pancake breakfast. There is a letter explaining the issue on the MAFCA web site at [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com). I urge all of you to take a moment and read the letter.

Apparently the increase is due to a settlement in the \$300K range over an incident involving a member and a golf cart at the Turlock swap meet several years ago. I understand that this was the only claim MAFCA ever had.

I am working with several insurers to obtain a special event policy to cover our pancake breakfast so the event can go on. The City of Orange requires that they be a named insured before executing a contract for Hart Park. Estimates for a single day event policy range from \$350 to \$800. I expect to have further information by our February meeting.

If your Model A is insured with J.C. Taylor, MAFCA's insurance issue does not affect you and your car insurance. Food for thought - my Model A's are not insured with J.C. Taylor. My modern auto insurance company, USAA, suggested American Collector Insurance of New Jersey. My policy has better coverage and a lower annual premium than J.C. Taylor.

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

### This Month's Cover



Photos and collage created  
By Don & Carolyn Ratzlaff



# Activity Schedule

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(NOTE: \* = UPDATED INFORMATION)

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

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**newsletter@ocmafc.org**

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## NEXT MEETING DATE

**February 8, 2007**

**7:30 PM**

## 2007 TOUR CALENDAR

(Please refer to the January "Distributor" for tour departure point and coordinator in your area.)

**Feb 10 (SAT). "Art in Public Places"** Tour and luncheon. Tour Leader **John Knox** 9:30 AM. Meet at Knoxes 1146 N. Puente Street, Brea for coffee and doughnuts. Lunch at the end of the tour at a mixed venue place in Brea. **This is a local tour-no freeways.**

**Mar 3 (SAT) Laguna Beach Founders Day Parade.** For information please call John Graves. We will be representing La Playa which was started by Alice Graves.

**Mar 10 (SAT) – 10:30 am Vintage Race Cars at the California Speedway.** Tour departure point is Denny's at Lincoln & Tustin in Orange. Please see article on Page 8. Sign up sheets at the February meeting

**Mar 25 (SUN) Orange County Pancake Breakfast** – no tour but bring your car.

**Apr 12-15 (THURS–SUN.) Laughlin Tour.** There will be sign up sheets at January meeting.

**Apr TBA - Tour to Coto de Caza** Non freeway and all surface streets - Tour Leaders Terry Hardgrave and Dean Berto

**Apr 26-29 (THURS-SUN) CCRG at Yosemite** Tanaya Lodge –Info: Ken Wallat 559-638-4746 or 209-372-4003. e-mail: mwall@inreach.com

**May TBA Dinghy Poker Run** – Tour Leader Don Miller

**May 30 – Jun. 16 Yellowstone and Mt. Rushmore** - Tour Leader Glenn Johnson

**May 31-June 3 (THURS-SUN) NCRG** (Northern California Regional) Sacramento

**June 3 (SUN) Antique Nationals**

**\*June 10 (SUN) Henry Ford Picnic**  
Tour Leader: Don Miller

**July 12-15 (THURS-SUN) Wings n' Wheels**  
Tour Leader: Don Miller

**July 21 (SAT) Old Time Music Hall**  
Tour Leader: Don Miller

**Aug 11 (SAT) Las Brisas Restaurant and Coastal tour** – Tour Leader: John Knox

**\*TBD OCMAFC Progressive Lunch**

**Sept 8 (SAT) F.A.S.T. Route 66 Hill Climb, Devore**

**Sept 15 (SAT) TBA**

**Oct 7 (SUN) Frazier Park**  
Tour Leader: Don Miller

**Oct 20 (SAT) TBA**

**Nov 3 (SAT) Bates Nut Farm Tour** sponsored by Temecula Valley

**Nov 10 (SAT) Stop Light Tour**-Tour Leader: Don Miller

**Nov 15-18 (THURS-SUN) Palm Springs Follies**  
Tour Leader: Don Miller

## OTHER TOURS IN THE MAKING

**TBA The General Lyon Auto Collection**  
Tour Leader: Terry Hardgrave

**TBA Irvine park and picnic**  
Tour Leaders: Terry Hardgrave – Dean Berto

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Feb 17 (SAT) Technical Seminar-Brake Floaters-**  
See page 4

**Mar 10 (SAT) Tentative-Technical Seminar-Overdrive installation-**See Page 4

**Dec. 6-8 (THURS– SAT) MAFCA National and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - Ontario, CA (we are in charge of the hospitality room) No tour planned.

## SWAP MEETS

**Feb 23-25 (FRI-SUN) San Diego Swap Meet**



## TECHANICAL 2007

By Greg Earhart



"Baby its cold outside" Yes it was cold, but what a great day. Our first seminar was held on January 13th at Bob and Patty Ferazzi's home. Subject: frame straightening, cross member replacement, and hot riveting. Twenty seven attended with full vigor. Three frames (one of each 1929, mid 1930, and later 1931) for examination and comparisons. I hope every one had FUN. For additional information on "Body & Frame Aligning" refer to Vol. 30, Issue 1, May/June of The Restorer.

offering his garage and tools to accomplish these tasks. So be there or be square!

**Date:** March 10<sup>th</sup> (tentative)

**Time:** 8:00 am

**Location:** 5881 Iroquois Road  
Westminster, CA 92683

**February** --- We will be meeting at the home of **Lew and Joan Lewis** for a demonstration on the installation and testing of the new "**Flathead Ted Brake Floaters.**" Assisting Lew will be Gary Dial, Don Ratzlaff, Wade Ratzlaff, and Dan Adelman. In last months issue of **The Distributor** Don Ratzlaff provided some incite with his recent installation on his vehicle.

Other information is available through the "**Model A Times**", and **Flathead Ted's** website. Just to let those who have heard bad things about the installation instructions; well there are measures being taken to have them re-written and simplified.

**Date:** February 17<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Location:** 25211 Grissom Road  
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

### UPCOMING SEMINAR:

**March** --- Plans are underway for the installation of Borg Warner Overdrives. Don Ratzlaff is collecting necessary parts and Richard Parrish is ready to go. This gathering will require the support of membership, no knowledge required just strength. Yes, the concrete floor will be cold and the overdrives are heavy. We would like to start early and get done early. Tom Endy is pulling through again. He is

## Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

Join us for good food and good company...

Thursday, February 22 -- 8:30 a.m.

### Strawberry Farms Golf Club

11 Strawberry Farms Road

Irvine 92612

949-551-1811

**Directions--Go south off the 405 at  
the Jeffrey/University exit about a half mile,  
then turn left on Strawberry Farms Road**

**Need info? Call Terry Collings—  
(714) 745-1919**

**Suggested by Glenn Johnson**

## **OCMAFCA General Meeting**

*January 11, 2007 Submitted by Jeanne Parrish*

Meeting was called to order by **Mark Schwing** at 7:35 pm. The Flag salute was led by **Larry Mortensen**.

**Doris Marshall** introduced guests in attendance: **Bill Pozzi**, member, who is unable to attend very often, **Steve Beck**, guest of **Gerry Reid**, **Bob & Shirley Goellner**, guests of **Richard & Jeanne Parrish**, **Danielle Heiland**, and **Richard Boles** and **Mei Lee**.

Minutes for the December general meeting were approved as printed in the Distributor.

**Treasurer:** Larry Mortensen reported that an audit has been done very professionally by members **Mike Kuester** and **Lee Jackson**. Everything is in order & books have been kept very accurately by former treasurer, **Diana Stewart**. New check signers will be established and books will be turned over to Larry on Saturday, 1/13/07.

**Activities:** **John Knox** announce first tour will be the San Antonio Winery for lunch on Saturday, 1/20/07. It will be a freeway tour, with **Don Miller** as tour leader. Change in time to be 10:00 am, from Coco's Restaurant. Tip of \$1.00 will be collected from everyone. Various tours were announced for future dates. (Please see Tour Calendar in Distributor).

**Glenn Johnson** announced he will attend a San Francisco tour in February. He passed out mileage patches for years, 2005 & 2006. John offered CDs available from the Installation Banquet at \$4.00 ea.

**John Graves** reminded club of the Laguna Parade, on March 3rd, remembering **Alice Graves** and her work with Casa La Playa. The "Hard luck" trophy will stay with John.

**Technical:** **Greg Earhart** introduced himself and **Fran**, his wife. Discussed his wishes and wants for future seminars. There is lots of knowledge and talent in this club and everyone is always willing to help. Urged all members to carry the National MAFCA Roster in your Model A. It can be a good resource of help in "breaking down on the road". **Tom Endy** had an issue regarding safety in our Model A's. It concerned the spindle arm balls.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Pancake breakfast will be March 25th. **Pete Dwinger** will be in charge of the kitchen and **Don & Wade Ratzlaff** will buy the food. A raffle chairperson is needed. Mark asked for volunteers. No one volunteered and he will appoint someone. He asked for donations to the raffle. We have a transmission for the special raffle. A cluster gear is needed. Asked if anyone has one; would like to sell at reasonable price or donate it. Next month there will be sign-up sheets for the breakfast.

**Sunshine & Sorrow:** **Gary Discher** is present one month after surgery on both knees. He is doing very well. **Kenny Dierken** would like phone calls, emails, or cards from us all.

**Merchandise:** **Charles Cohen** announced there are a few t-shirts and caps available at half-price. After these are gone, there will be new ones ordered and will sell at full price. Mark announced that the breakfast shirts will be available at the next meeting and will be offered to members at a special price.

**Editor:** Mark announced our Distributor, under the expert editing of **Pete Hyland**, was a recipient of an award from MAFCA at the National Banquet in Las Vegas in December.

Pete remarked on the cover of the January issue.

**Wade Ratzlaff** did a collage of pictures from past club activities. **Deadline for next issue is January 30th.**

**Monthly Breakfast:** January 25th is the "Fourth Thursday Breakfast" at Knott's Berry Farm at 8:30 am. Free parking (3 hrs.) near restaurant.

**Scholarship:** **Dorothy Knox** had no report.

**Refreshments:** Provided by **Martie Wiedle** and **Dorothy Knox**

**SCRG:** **Bev Marsh** reported there are 23 chapters, south of Bakersfield, making up this region. Sunday, 1/21/07 will be a meeting at her club house. All members are invited. Flyers are available. Plans for the 50th anniversary of MAFCA will be discussed. It will be celebrated in Ontario at the Marriott Hotel in December 2007. Our chapter is in charge of hospitality and Hubley Derby. Mark said there will be a special radiator badge, a collector's item, in honor of the anniversary, given to all registrants.

**ACCC:** No report. **Larry Conkol** is absent.

**Old Business:** Dues should be paid this evening or names will not be published in roster.

**Don Miller** discussed some last minute changes in the By-Laws by the committee. A vote will be taken, by paper ballot, at the February meeting. 2/3 of the members present must approve them. He mentioned former members, **Bill & Eleanor Shaner** who have moved to Colorado. Bill formed a new chapter, "Rocky Mountain Model A Ford Club". They meet once a week for breakfast. Website: [www.RockyMountainModelAClub.org](http://www.RockyMountainModelAClub.org)

**Doris Marshall** announced Harbor Chapter has cookbooks for sale, \$10.00 ea. in honor of the 50th anniversary of that chapter. Available at Feb mtg.

**New Business:** Mark told of a DVD, for sale for \$25.00 on the 20,000,000th Model A produced. It is 44 minutes showing Henry Ford driving it off the assembly line. It had been garaged in Michigan for many years. It was finally found, restored and featured at the national meet in Riverside in 2000. Order forms available. Photo Roster by **Don Ratzlaff** will be shown at the February meeting.

**Car of the Month:** 1930 Standard Roadster belonging to **Gary Dial**.

**Raffle:** The raffle was lead by **Karen Gaynor** and **Sheila Plotkin**.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

# OCMAFC Military Veterans

## Donald Ratzlaff U. S. Army 1954-1956

In March of 1954 my “friends and neighbors” in Havre, Montana, offered me a 2-year, “all expense paid” world tour, as a member of the US Army. This offer wasn’t optional so, with a few other draftees, I traveled to the induction center where we were met by men in white coats who directed us to “strip” and line up for inspection. We were asked questions like: “Do you have a pulse?” “Are you breathing?” “Have you been to school?” etc. In addition, we were told to cough, bend over, run in place, etc. We were told we would be spending time at Fort Ord, California where the US Army would devote eight weeks to educating us in the ways of self-defense, weaponry, and discipline. It sounded pretty good to me since I’d never been to California. They forgot to mention long marches with heavy packs, early morning musters conducted by drill sergeants with limited vocabulary, culinary disasters served daily without remorse and, training classes conducted outdoors, rain or shine. We were promised that, if we excelled, we would receive an additional 8-weeks of “advanced” basic training. Thank god I didn’t excel; so was assigned to the US Army Security Agency at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Here the Army decided I had an aptitude for code work and I was attached to the Army Signal Corps at Camp Gordon, GA. I was taught the wonders of translating audio dots and dashes into letters and words and vice versa; known as “Morse Code”.

At the completion of training I was told to select the location of my next duty station. I requested Alaska so; the Army placed me in Southern Germany. My detachment was tasked with monitoring eastern-block military transmissions for decoding and use by Army Intelligence. At the time this was serious business and played a small part in maintaining a strong US presence in Europe. The good news was that we received a 3-day pass every 10 days; unusually generous for the Army.

In September of 1954 I read in the “Stars and Stripes” newspaper, that volunteers were needed for the Army ski patrol at Garmish, Germany. Being from Montana I thought I knew all about snow and sliding downhill on skis; so I volunteered. I received orders to report to Garmish in October. My first view of the Bavarian Alps made me doubt my sanity; they were mountains, not hills. The “volunteers” were assigned billeting at the “General Walker” hotel; nice quarters for the time. The following morning we were issued skiing equipment and taken by cable car up to the mountain slopes for a test of skiing abilities. The test was to negotiate a slalom course set down a steep slope where only the suicidal would go. Aiming for a slalom gate and then falling down repeatedly, got me to the bottom of the slope. The officer in charge sadly decided it would be easier to teach me to ski than seek another volunteer! The responsibility of the ski patrol was to care for US Personnel injured while skiing. I became proficient in skiing and administering first aid but Mother Nature then took control; the snow melted and my first ski season ended. During the summer of 1955 I was assigned as company courier to Munich. At 6 am each weekday I carried dispatches to headquarters in Munich and, dropped the CO’s son off at his high school. At 1500 hr I would pick the son up and return to base; all day in Munich - tough duty. I returned to ski patrol duty in Oct. 1955 and did request to extend my service to the end of the 1956 ski season. Sad to say, my CO declined my offer to further serve my country and so, I was rotated back to the states for discharge in March of 1956.

Probably the most significant benefit of my army experience was the “gift” of the Korean GI bill. This allowed me, and many other servicemen, to attend college and secure a future in the American Dream.



Don Ratzlaff 1956

# Historians Corner

Dick Smith – Club Historian / Librarian

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Over a year ago I discussed with Tom Endy the possibility of a seminar on steering wheel repair. The idea fell apart because we didn't know of anyone who had the expertise to put on this type of seminar. A new revelation came to me; I'll check with our club Historian and have him research this type of repair. Oh Ya, I'm the club Historian. Well, here is an article from the Restorer, Volume 33, Issue 1, May-June 1988, I found. The prices and contact names may or may not still be in business but with the internet we can probably find substitute suppliers.

## Repairing Steering Wheel Cracks

by Jack H. McCoy — Susanville, Calif.

An original steering wheel has a nice feel to it and can be an attractive part of your Model A. However, cracks are often one of the features of the originals and can be a major problem. Eliminating them can be a demanding, and yet satisfying project.

### Materials:

1. Bowling ball plastic — (example: "Ball Mate" from Terry Stevens Company). The local bowling pro shop will probably give you some. Take along a couple of 3 oz. medicine bottles. Although only slightly darker, this material does a good job of repairing our black composition wheels. For 1928 "Fordite" steering wheels, I suggest experimenting with epoxy glue and plastic dyes.
2. "Visco Fill II" from TAP plastics, Inc., Dublin, CA 94568 — \$3.75 per 1/4 lb. (enough for 100 wheels!). You will find retail sources in the Yellow Pages under the heading of "Plastics." This or a similar powder is the "secret ingredient" which prevents the plastic from running around the corners of the spokes, etc. It should take up about a third of the mix or until the running is controlled.

### Procedure:

First, clean up your steering wheel and go over it with 400 grit wet sandpaper. Prepare the cracks with an electric rotary tool, or dental H.P., to make a clean Vshaped groove to hold the repairing plastic. You may use a Sears pointed carbide or #701 tapered fissure dental burr. The tool will follow the crack nicely. Very small cracks may not need this treatment, and may respond to daubing on the plastic with a small brush.

Place the plastic — two to one mix — in a 2 oz. shot glass using a 1/4 teaspoon measuring spoon. Then add 1/3 Visco Fill. Make a mixing tool by bending the end of a 1/16" welding rod or similar. Dip the tool in and check how easily the plastic drips off. If excessive, add a small amount of Visco Fill. Put the mixing tool in an electric drill and mix the plastic for five minutes. A thorough mix is important. It will help bring bubbles to the surface and avoid porosity in the final repair.

Make a "spatula" by pointing the end and flattening the side of a three inch nail. Dip the spatula into the mix and work the material down into the base of the grooves and around the spokes. Continue filling the grooves to a 1/32" overfill. This bead should be just high enough to accommodate shrinkage, but not high enough to cause runs. Prevent possible runs by rotating the wheel back and forth, to counteract the force of gravity, for 30 minutes in a 75 degree room. Practice on a junk wheel if you are not sure of this process.

After the repairs have set for 24 hours, use an oval steel cutter to remove excess bulk. Then wet sand the areas flat with 220 grit paper for a smooth finish.

At some stage of this repair you may discover some voids in the repair despite your best efforts to avoid them. This may be okay on the under side of the wheel where they cannot be seen or felt. On the tops or sides of the spokes, however, you will want a perfect finish. This can be accomplished on a clean surface by daubing on another thin bead of plastic with a small paint brush. Unless the touchup is on an edge where gravity may cause a run, you can eliminate the **Visco Fill**.

Smooth the repairs with 220 grit paper, then 400 and 600, all wet. Buff the entire wheel using Tripoli or Shurshine compound. A satin finish is nice, and probably more authentic. Finish with a hard wax for a satisfying result. I hope this is helpful. Remember you may borrow any **Restorer** in my collection or any **Distributor** in our clubs collection. To suggest stories or articles you would like to see, or to submit a story or article, please e-mail me at modeladick@yahoo.com

Your next Club meeting is February 8 (second Thursday), hope you drive your A's....Dick 02-2007

## CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY

Join us for a unique tour to the California Speedway to watch fast, noisy old and not-so-old race cars plus having a really fun time. Coordinated by Pieter Dwinger



### *Sunshine & Sorrow*

By Jeanne Parrish

For Saturday March 10 I am arranging for a combined **Model A and Model T Day at the Races Tour** to the California Speedway in Fontana.

The event is hosted by VARA (Vintage Auto Racing Association) and is labeled "*The Route 66 Formula Festival.*" There will also be antique/classic Champ and Indy cars taking a spin around the track at mid-day.

It was recommended that we visit the speedway on Saturday during the time-trials. We will plan to arrive at the Speedway at about 10:00 AM.

There will be preferred parking, plus I am making arrangements so that we can take our cars on the track for a \$20.00 fee at noon. I am working on the details so that we can go into the pits, and talk to the race car drivers. More specific details will be available soon.

John Knox will have a sign-up list at the February club meeting. I need to have a count of Model A and T cars participating on this tour submitted to the track officials, by February 20. So if you can't make the meeting to sign up please give John a call before February 20.

The \$10.00 entry fee will allow you to come back on Sunday, at no charge, to watch the finals.

## A STORY ABOUT THE HARDGRAVE FAMILY

By Terry Hardgrave



This photo, taken about 1929 in Whittier, California, shows my dad, Jack Hardgrave along with his sister Marylou in their family car.....a 1928/29 Model A Ford Tudor sedan, apparently very new. In 1963 my dad helped me rebuild the engine in my first Model A, a 1930 Coupe. I was surprised at how much he knew about them, but then he told me as a young man he had worked on, driven and even raced several Model T's and Model A's on the dry lake beds out in the San Bernardino desert area.....an early hot rodder at heart!

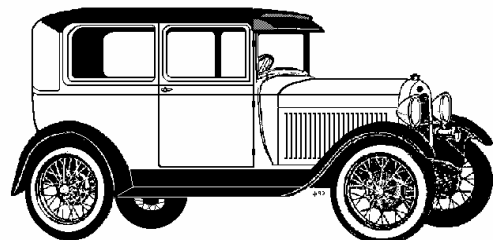
Only in "sunny" California could the following story take place.....Once upon a time a certain "Model A" lady goes out for a stroll early one morning. She rounds the corner from her house and lo' & behold, the ice (did I say ice in "sunny" California?) "grabs" her wrist and she takes a bad fall, sustaining a compound fracture of her right wrist. She patiently waits a week for swelling to go down. Doctors then perform surgery, filling wrist with a metal plate and pins! The happy ending is that "Model A" husband is performing all the duties of cook and housekeeper. "Model A Lady of Leisure" is in recuperation, with some discomfort.

Get well wishes go out to Joan Lewis! We wish her a speedy recovery. We hope Lew survives the chores and can return to the garage very soon. From now on, Joan might consider wearing a helmet, suit of armor, and/or carrying a blowtorch to melt the ice for those walks in "sunny" California!!

Kathie & Dale McCall asked if we could pass on to our "A" friends about their daughter Colleen. She delivered twin girls, **Elise McKenna and Caitir Marie** Thursday night 6 weeks early due to complications with her own health by emergency c-section. The twins are doing OK. One is on a vent, the other on cpap. Colleen suffered from congestive heart failure, pulmonary edema and pneumonia among other things. We nearly lost her this morning, but she is slowly improving as the night goes on. We would appreciate your prayers during this difficult time for all of us. We'll let you know how things are going.

Thanks much.

Kathie and Dale McCall





# The San Antonio Winery Tour

By Don Miller

The first tour of 2007 worked out great. There were 32 members in 12 Model A's and 4 moderns that turned out for this tour. Most of us met at Coco's for breakfast before the tour. We overwhelmed Coco's as the service was pretty slow but we all got fed and were on our way only 15 minutes late. Two A's took side streets while the rest of us took the freeway. We were only 5 minutes late getting to the winery. We had a nice tour of the winery where we found out that the winery survived prohibition by making wine for the Catholic Church. After the tour there was a session of wine tasting where most of us, not only tasted the wine, but ended up buying bottles of wine. I heard Richard Parrish mutter, as he went out to his car with a case of wine, "I don't know why I bought this because I don't even drink wine". Next we went to lunch in a large restaurant area where the menu was the actual meal or sandwich on display so you could really see what you were ordering. After an excellent lunch we all headed for home with 7 A's taking side roads and 5 A's taking the freeway.

It was a perfect day for 32 Model A's, great weather, a good winery tour, an excellent lunch, and best of all, no breakdowns. What could be better?

## Surface Street Addendum

By John Knox

As Don said, we had a side street addition to our tour. The Ratzlaff's and Knoxes went from Brea up Whittier Blvd. and arrived at the winery about 10 minutes ahead of the main group, and took about 50 minutes. It was fun and interesting seeing all the changes along the way. Some areas were obviously 1<sup>st</sup> generation immigrants who pretty much replicated their same merchandising patterns as done in Mexico. One old building reminded us of the great Catholic cathedrals of South America. It may have been an abandoned majestic theater from the 1800's. Other areas were updated from the old buildings from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and very clean and neat. Most of the drivers in the congested areas were very polite. They were interested in our old cars as they were from the same era as many of the buildings on our route.

We talked half the group into going back on surface streets with us. A few dropped out when they got tired of the traffic. (This was about as bad as the traffic going on the freeway where there was an accident.) The rest, except for one passenger, enjoyed seeing how Valley Blvd. had changed. Many of us had a lot of memories of old Valley Blvd. from our youth. Some of the area looked like we were in Asia. Some areas looked a little familiar and some looked old like many an old city that is in transition without doing much about it. And, we especially enjoyed the country like-drive up over and then down Brea Canyon.

I think Saturday must be a big shopping day for our Asian neighbors in the San Gabriel Valley but we sure turned many a head to look at our cars. If we are to promote the Model A, we did it. The return trip took us about 1 hour 20 minutes.

We will be doing more surface trips along with some of our freeway tours. Join us next time.

## BITS & PIECES

### NEW MEMBER

Richard Bolls  
4341/2 Dahlia Avenue  
Corona Del Mar, CA 92625  
Tel: 714-403-0111  
1930 40-B Standard Roadster

*Glad to have you with us!*

### NEW E-MAIL

Ted & Helen Loeffler  
edmondloeffler@cox.net

## NEW BY-LAWS

We will be voting on the new by-laws at the February meeting. They are available for your review on the club website---ocmafc.org. The changes have been highlighted in red for your easy reviewing and we urge you to study them prior to Feb 8.

## A VERY KIND DONATION

The club has received a donation of 112 all original back issues of *The Restorer* from a donor who wanted to remain anonymous. I'm sure he would not mind if we took a little poetic license and said that their initials are "DI" & "DI" and they live in Downey and have been Model A enthusiasts for many years. We thank you for your generosity!!!

## PHOTO ROSTER

The work by Don Ratzlaff on the Photo Roster can be viewed on [www.fordmodelaa.com](http://www.fordmodelaa.com) and is labeled photo roster test page. Members pictures can easily be placed in the roster by simply e-mailing a jpeg photo to Don Ratzlaff at his e-mail address which is: [wadedon@pacbell.net](mailto:wadedon@pacbell.net) or by bringing them to the next meeting. It would be nice if your Model A is included.

# FUEL FOR THOUGHT

Greg Earhart

A new year is upon us and by the count of Model A's on our first tour it will be a great year. In preparation of happy tours it is necessary that we consider the possibility of break downs. Yes, we have had many road side seminars. As a car owner, either new or old, we must consider the need for parts and tool when the time arises.

The list that follows is composed of items needed in the past. The list may seem long, but in reality all items can be easily stored in the car. Do not use a tool box(s). Many items are small, and weigh almost nothing. So for example I use cotton socks, cotton gloves (for open and closed end tools, spark plug wrench etc.) and Zip Lock baggies. The most important then is a list of these items and where they stored. Make a list and keep it in your side door pocket. On a tour, time is important. Test every spare part by actually running it on your Model A before placing the part among your spares.

The list is divided into two groups: tools and supplies that should be carried all the time and stored under your seat. The other list is for those long tours.

## Carry all the time:

- Membership in the Automobile Club
- ( For 200 mile tow service)
- Toilet Paper ( you just never know)
- Jack and Handle
- Tire Pump
- Ball Peen Hammer
- Socket wrench set, 5/16 – 7/8
- Adjustable wrench, small
- Box wrench, 1/2x9/16 (battery)
- Screw drivers
- Pliers
- Wire cutter / Stripper
- Ignition tools – feeler gauge, file, etc.
- Flashlight w/ batteries (extra set is a good thing)
- Inner tube patch kit
- Electrical tester
- Distributor shaft wrench
- Tire Irons
- Knife / Scissors
- Ford spark plug wrench
- Adjustable wrench
- Crank Handle

## PARTS:

- Fan Belt
- Radiator hoses / Duct Tape
- Light bulbs
- Water Pump packing
- Accelerator spring
- Ignition points
- Condenser
- Spark plug / gasket and pre- gapped
- Ignition switch
- Starter switch
- Coil
- Timing Gear (check size)
- Rear Axle Key
- Front Wheel Bearing (pre-greased)
- New Head, Water Pump gaskets (Protect gaskets by wrapping between sheets of cardboard)

## SUPPLIES:

- Electrical Tape / Copper Wire / Iron Bailing Wire
- Rain X
- Assorted bolts, nuts, cotter pins etc.
- Gasket sealing compound / gasket material, 12 in. square
- Rags / paper towels
- Soap / Talcum (for tires and hands)
- Sanding paper (various)
- Wood, 2x4x6
- Fuses
- Wheel Bearing Grease (small jar / Zip Lock)
- MAFCA Roaster (current issue)

## SPECIAL BAG, FOR LONG TOURS:

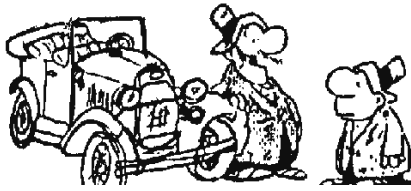
### TOOLS:

- Timing Gear wrench
- Valve Guide remover
- Valve Spring Compressor
- Rear Hub Puller
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### PARTS:

- Water Pump, pre-greased
- Water Pump[ gasket
- Carburetor, tested
- Distributor, tested
- Dist. Lower shaft
- Valve springs (2)
- Valve Guide (2)
- Head gasket
- Manifold gasket

Drive safely



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### \*FOR SALE

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### FOR SALE

Very nice 1931 radiator, recored. Three row. \$250

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Excellent "A" engine: Inserted, dip, touring block, sleeved to standard, GM valves and guides, adjustable lifters, Snyder head milled .030, metal timing gear, tube headers, 2800 miles. You can drive it before I pull it! Price is open to discussion.

Merle McClellan 949-470-1929  
[m.mcclellan@cox.net](mailto:m.mcclellan@cox.net)

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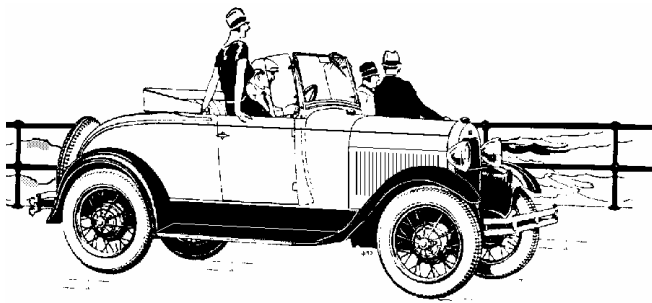
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 Dick 949-770-6847



## General Meeting

7:30 PM

February 8, 2007

[Second Thursday of every month]

(Board meeting at 6:00 PM

in adjoining meeting room)

CHOC Hospital Complex

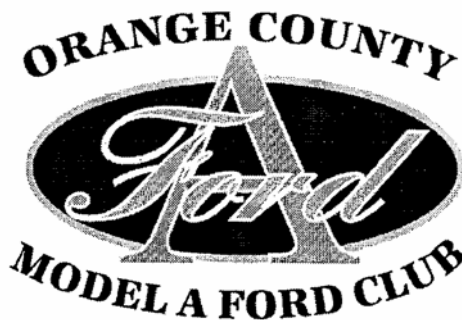
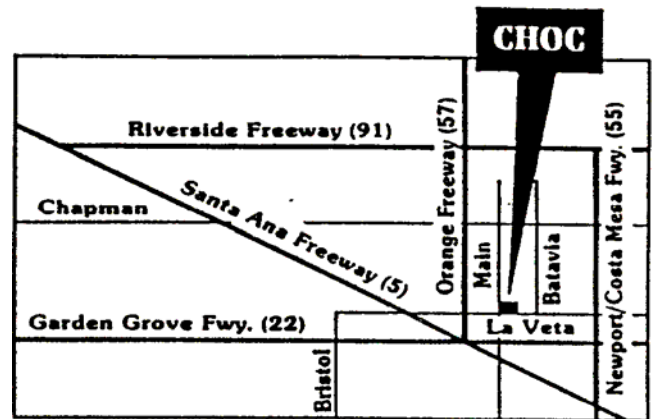
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