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A Stop on the Progressive Brunch September 29, 2007

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Notes From Your President Mark Schwing. . .

October 2007 President's Letter

Thanks to Sheila Plotkin, Karen Gaynor and Bev Marsh for hosting the appetizers; Marion and Richard Miller for hosting the main course and Joanie and Bruce Harris for the hosting desserts for our great progressive brunch on September 29th. Thanks also to those who worked behind the scenes preparing food, dropping off chairs, tables etc. If you didn't attend this event you missed a great time.

Have you paid your MAFCA dues for 2008? Did you notice it is \$10 more than last year? That \$10 increase will bring in \$150,000 or more to MAFCA for the coming year. What do we get for that extra \$10? Well the *Restorer* has four more pages now and it comes in a plastic wrapper. What else do we get for the rest of that \$10 increase? How about less insurance for our Chapter?

At the July 21st MAFCA board meeting held in La Habra, the MAFCA board of directors revised Part II Section 3 of the MAFCA policy manual regarding insurance. That section was last changed in April of 1990, over 17 years without a change! Noticed I said the change was to MAFAC policy manual regarding insurance and not a change in the J. C. Taylor insurance policy issued to MAFCA. The J. C. Taylor policy has exactly the same coverage as last year's The only difference is the premium went from \$3800 per to some where around \$18,000 per year, an increase of about \$14,200 or less than \$1 for every MAFCA member!

At the July 21st meeting the MAFCA Board of Directors added the following language to Part II Section 3:

"Non-approved events; no certificate of insurance will be issued by MAFC for non-approved events.

- a. Any type of event where the car is timed such as hill climbs, gravity drags, side by side racing and car games when driving the car is timed. Also not covered are events such as car games where the driver's vision or driving ability is impaired, such as blindfolded, a bag over the driver's head or body is restricted such, as an arm tied behind the back.
- b. Open to the general public for profit events, such as flea markets, swap meets, car shows, and similar events.
- c. No events where the hosting group provides or serves alcoholic beverages."

The italics on b. above are mine for emphasis. In spite of insuring our annual pancake breakfast for over forty years and in spite of providing a certificate of insurance for our joint swap meet with the Model T club this year, MAFCA will no longer approve an application for a certificate of insurance for those events in the future. Why? Because they are open to the public, which our non-profit status and bylaws require, and they are for profit.

I have sent one email to the MAFCA Board of Directors and a second email directly to MAFCA vice president Dave Vestal for an explanation of why after nearly eighteen years they have changed their position on Chapter insurance. I received two courteous responses but neither explained the Board of Directors position. Other than discussing timed events, which I fully understand, they did not explain their reason for the change during the July Board of Directors meeting which I attended.

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John Knox knoxbox59@aol.com

(NOTE: * = UPDATED INFORMATION)

V Deadline for next *Distributor* is: October 31, 2007

Type or write all articles and ads and e-mail to: newsletter@ocmafc.org Or mail to: 244 No. Goldenspur Way, Orange, CA 92869-4422

NEXT MEETING DATE October 11, 2007 7:30 PM

* Indicates Change

2007 TOUR CALENDAR

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

Be sure and Vote for MAFCA board before Oct. 15 deadline. Of course, Richard Parrish is our guy to elect.

Oct. 7 Frazier Park (freeway tour of about 2 ½ hours) with Harbor MARC. Contact Drain Marshall - Also see article page 6 of the Sept - October Restorer

Oct 13 (SAT) Scenic Coastal Tour and Poker Run

Leave from Coco's on Valley View (just north of the 22 fwy.) It will end with lunch and prizes in Laguna Beach at Cedar Creek Restaurant. Please RSVP at the meeting or phone the Knoxes @ 562-697-2545 to help us in making the proper luncheon reservation. --- Tour Leaders-John & Dorothy Knox-Please see article on Page 11. If you want to caravan to our starting with a neighbor. Give us a call -562-697-2545



Oct 20 (SAT) Meguiar's Plant Tour: Meet there at 8:00 and don't be late! See related article on Page 4 PRE-SIGN UP IS A MUST. info: Greg Earhart 562-869-0870.

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

Nov 10 (SAT) 47th Annual Rim of the World-2007 presented by the Whittier Chapter of MAFCA at the Whittier Elks Lodge. **Go on your own** to: 13620 East Whittier Boulevard, Whittier, CA. 8:00 Check-in, Lunch 12:00 - 1:30 pm. Gymkhana and raffles. \$5 per family \$12.50 for lunch (adults) Information: Richard Boeltl: 562-693-6960 or 562-696-5983

Nov 15-18 (THURS-SUN) Palm Springs Follies. Make your own reservations at the Royal Sun Inn (800) 619-4786 or (760) 327-1564. Most of us will be going on Thurs. 11/15 - Sun. 11/18. Rooms are \$99.00 night. We will leave Denny's, Tustin & Lincoln, at 9:00 am. For info call Don Miller. The tickets are \$47.00 each. Money for the tickets must be in no later than the October meeting! You may also mail a check before the deadline to our Treasurer: Colleen Schmidt. 5022 Woodcrest Dr. Yorba Linda - 92886

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Oct 6 (SAT) Southern California Regional **Meeting** at the Ontario Airport Marriott Hotel starting at 10:00a.m. We will be planning for the MAFCA National Banquet scheduled in December. All members are welcome.

Oct 6 (SAT) Dinghy Poker Run---Details at the September Meeting

Oct 7 (SUN) 38th Annual All Ford Picnic and Car **Show** from 8:00am-3:00pm sponsored by the Early Ford V-8 Club of Southern California. at La Palma Park. Registration is \$20.00 per car.

Oct. 20 -21 (SAT_SUN) Vintage Fashion Expo Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, Main St. at Pico, Sat 10:30 am - 6:00 pm; Sun 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Admission \$10 (good for both days.)

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TECHNICAL 2007

By Greg Earhart

Seminar:

Saturday, October 20th --- Technical Seminar at the Meguiar's Plant located in Irvine.

At the October General Meeting we will be providing specific information. Meguiar's is looking forward to seeing a lot of Model A's. The following collected information has been provided to the management at Meguiar's:

Attendees: 28 **Model A's**: 24 **T-Bird**: 1 **Uncertain**: 2 Your commitment is important. Please be on time and wear club related clothing.

Meguiar's location: Meguiar's incorporated

17991 Mitchell South Irvine, California 92614

Please refer to MapQuest.

Major Freeways: 55 and 405

Cross Streets: Red Hill Avenue (south) and Macarthur Blvd. (north). This is just above Main Street. Mitchell South is West of Red Hill Avenue.

Schedule:

The seminar is scheduled to start at 8:00am and continue through 3:00pm

IMPORTANT – due to timing constraints, you'll be driving on your own, or if you wish to group with other club members please do so. Primary tour start location will **NOT** be established.

Schedule for the day is as follows:

- Donuts and coffee from 8:00am to 8:30am Class starts at 8:30am **SHARP.**
- Classroom session with Power Point Presentation from approximately 8:30am to 11:30am.
- 11:30am to noon is a Pizza lunch with cold drinks.
- Noon to 3:00pm hands-on demonstration.
- Goodie Bags full size samples of products.
- Meguiar's will ask that you fill out a feedback form at the end of the day.
- Drive safely home

Discussion: Model A Gas Gauge

Do you repair or purchase reproduction? I like the original stuff. So when I go about repairing I try to keep the inner Star Ring (nut), metal Indicator Plate, Sight Glass and Housing together as a unit. Then I remove the float assembly with the dial housing and discard the cork float and wire. I purchase a replacement cork and make a trip to the local bike shop. Why the bike shop? Because they carry a variety of **stainless steel** wheel spokes, both in standard and metric sizes.

I start by cleaning all parts. I like spray can brake cleaner. I then configure the spoke to the same shape as the old wire. Now for the cork. I ask Fran for a few Zip-Lock baggies. I place them over both hands and then --- the use of cyanoacylate (Super Glue). I drill and place a tube (plastic or brass) through the cork and then start smearing the glue all over the cork. Several coats will do it. The cork is now fuel (gas) proof. I have yet to have one come apart resulting from the new gas available today. Next slip the cork over the stainless steel spoke and place the retaining washer on the end (silver solder is good). Now put your assembly all together and you'll be happy you did. Old parts are good.

Have fun and be safe.



OCMAFCA General Meeting

September 13th, 2007 Submitted by Jeanne Parrish

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by President Mark Schwing.

Doris Marshall welcomed Rose and David Rivard, wife and son of Leo, who recently passed David joined our club & has the 1930 sedan that belonged to his Dad. We hope to see them on tours in the future. Also welcomed were Danielle, Pam's daughter and visitor, Stephanie Collins.

Minutes of the August general meeting were approved as written.

Sunshine and Sorrow: Don Miller's recovery has been very slow. He has good days and bad. We are hopeful he will return to good health very soon. Cards were read from Reba Pearce and Rose Rivard.

Treasurer: Colleen reported we are in good shape with income from new member's dues, grills returned from the Breakfast, and the Swap Meet. Bills for publication and Sunshine/Sorrow have been paid.

John reported on the upcoming **Activities:** Progressive Brunch on Sat. 9/29/07. The three stops will be Sheila Plotkin, Dick/Marion Miller and Bruce/Joanie Harris. Maps will be handed out at Sheila's for the last 2 stops. (Please in Tour Calendar published Distributor.)

Bill Schreiber gave a short report on his Model A 1928 Roadster Pickup, which is featured in the Also featured are 2008 Hemmings Calendar. Glenn Johnson's 1930 Deluxe Delivery, Vince Mariola's 1931 Deluxe Phaeton, John Riggs's 1928 Coupe, and Diana Stewart's 1930 Tudor Sedan.

Editor: Pete announced the renewal for 2008 membership will be in the Oct. issue with an envelope for mailing. He urged a quick renewal and the roster would be available much sooner. (Deadline for the Oct. issue is 9/30/07.)

He read a letter from Larry/Cyndy Mortensen, now settling in Arizona. They are missed.

Colleen Schmidt thanked Larry for doing a great job on keeping the records while treasurer. The transition was much easier due to his expertise.

Terry Collins is absent. **Mark** announced the fourth Thursday breakfast will be held at 8:30 AM on 9/27/07 at Ruby's Diner in Tustin at 13102 Newport Ave. (714) 838-7829.

SCRG: The next regional meeting will be held at the Ontario Marriott on Sat. 10/6/07. All are welcome to attend. Bev Marsh has sign-up sheet to help with the Hospitality Suite. Mark asked for volunteers to help with the Hubley Derby.

Scholarship: **Dorothy Knox** announced no one has been chosen as yet. Next month she will announce the winner.

Chris Foster thanked Pam Heiland for the refreshments tonight.

Mark announced the Board has voted and approved purchasing the policy again covering our Breakfast in March. MAFCA will not issue a Certificate of Insurance as the Breakfast is open to the public which it has been for 45 years.

The offices of vice-president/activities and technical chairperson will be up for nomination for 2008. Tom Endy will help with technical seminars.

Raffle: Held by Karen Gaynor and Sheila Plotkin.

Greg Earhart presented an interesting program on a Model A engine block. Question and answer session followed.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 PM.

Orange County Then & Now Garden Grove



The one block long commercial district of Garden Grove is viewed looking north along Euclid Ave. from Garden Grove Blvd. This one block of Euclid was changed to Main Street in later years. The current Euclid Ave. runs north and south one block to the east. The year of the photo is unknown; however, the car in the foreground on the left is identified as a 1925 Essex two door coach.

Photo from the historical collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California #2793



The same view in 1996. Most of the buildings are the original structures with only the fronts altered. The entire block mostly supports the antique business. Photo by Tom Endy #2793

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MAFCA 50th Anniversary Membership Banquet

By now, you have had a chance to look over the July/Aug. Restorer and the last Distributor. They contain the registration forms for the MAFCA Banquet that is being held at the Ontario Airport Hotel in Dec. (Hopefully, Richard Parrish will be announced as a new MAFCA board member.)

Be sure to get your hotel rooms as there is a limit on the rooms available. As you know, Orange County is in charge of the Hospitality Room and the Hubley Derby. The hotel is making some kind of arrangements to avoid the parking fee for those of you that will not be staying at the hotel, but who are coming to help. YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR PARKING.

Some members have already stepped forward to help Sheila Plotkin and me. We can use a lot more help! Start thinking about when you are willing to come to the hotel and help. Also, we need lots of home-made goodies to serve. If you can't come to Ontario, perhaps you can arrange to send up some of you favorite baked goods! It is fun meeting and socializing with other MAFCA members from all over the country! Hospitality will be open on Wed., Dec. 5th from 1 to 4 p.m., Thurs, Dec. 6th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., and on Fri., Dec.7th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00p.m to 3:00 p.m. See Bev Marsh at the next meeting or call her at home to seize upon this magnificent opportunity to serve MAFCA and our Orange County Club!!!!!! Pleeze, you will enjoy it, guaranteed!!!!!!

2008 Dues are now due and payable.

Bev Marsh

Please use the enclosed Dues Notice and envelope and remit now to our Treasurer. The sooner this is done the sooner we will get the 2008 Roster to you.

Many Thanks!!!!!

CALIFORNIA DMV

(Courtesy of John Knox)

The California Department of Motor Vehicles is asking our assistance in promoting its new web site, www.dmv.ca.gov. California residents can now complete many DMV-related transactions online, including calculating car registration fees, renewing your vehicle registration and even submitting Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability forms after the sale of the car. You can spend more time tinkering with your hobby and less time toiling with the DMV

2007 Progressive Brunch a Success Article and Photos by John Knox

Almost 50 members in 16 Model A's enjoyed a beautiful day. We started at **Sheila Plotkin's** home for Lox Bagels and miscellaneous fruits and goodies. Course number 2 was at the home of **Richard and Marion Miller** for wonderful Strata and breads. We polished off the day with lots of dessert sweets at home of **Joanie and Bruce Harris.** Joanie surprised us with a treat of many door prizes. Our oldest statesman there was Richard Parishes father. Thanks to all who helped so much to make it a wonderful day.



Joanie "fishes" out a winning ticket. In the background are **Richard Miller**, **Carolyn Ratzlaff and Velma Riggs**.



Pictured Left to Right: Red & Mimi Sickman, Harriet & Pete Pavidis.

The 8th Annual "Crusin' for a Cure"

The OCMAFC was well represented by three Models A's driven by Dale McCall, Dean & Pam Berto and Lew Lewis. At the 8th Annual "Crusin' for a Cure" event held on September 22, 2007 at the Orange County Fair Grounds to support Prostate Cancer Research. The event is held to support the Jonsson Cancer Center and has been organized and chaired by Debbie Baker since its inception in 2000, the first of which was held at the El Toro Marine Corp Base. Dale and Lew were attendees at the event as Survivors and wore the "Blue" Survivor T-Shirts and wrist bands. The Survivors are those men that have been diagnosed with prostate cancer, taken treatment and are still around to advise other men to get themselves checked (PSA Test) as a minimum.

The event went off as usual with all the glitter, glare and noise (lots of noise) and in spite of the rain which only dumped on us twice, it was a pretty good turnout. The highest entry number that we observed was 3698, which means there would have been that many display cars on site at the OC Fair Grounds if it had not rained. But with the rain and the obvious availability of parking spaces, we estimated that the attendance was probably down by 1000 to 1500 cars - but there was still plenty to look at.

There were probably 40 awards given out at the event and we went away with one of them. Lew's 1929 Model 60-C, Elliot, received the award plaque for the "Awesome A" which was really appreciated by Lew.

Our Members are stars!!

The 2008 Hemmings calendar stars the cars of Bill Schreiber, John Riggs, Vince Mariola, Diana Stewart and Glenn Johnson all thanks to the photo shoot arranged by Glenn. To view the calendar (and order-it seems that they are still available) go to hemmings.com, scroll down to Hemmings Store and then go to 2008 Calendars. You're on your own after that!!







The above photos were taken at "Crusin' for a Cure" by Dean Berto.

October President's Letter

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This decrease in insurance benefits for the Chapters coupled with a significant and as yet unexplained dues increase for 2008 has many Chapters quite upset. One Southern California chapter whose newsletter reaches me via email is asking the question "what real benefit is it for (their) chapter to continue affiliation with MAFCA?"

I don't believe that the MAFCA board is representing the best interest of their Regions, Chapters and members at this point. They are certainly doing a very poor public relations job in explaining the dues hike and the restrictions on events for insurance. Have I lost my enthusiasm to spend my time and money restoring items for the raffles at the Ontario membership meeting or the 3rd MARC/MAFCA Joint meeting in Texas next year? Yes, absolutely, but I still registered for the Texas meet.

I don't believe that dropping MAFCA affiliation is the thing to do at this point. I believe the Chapters and Regions need to work together to get good business people elected to the national board, people who understand the needs of local Chapters and who can bring about a change from within the national board. We need to make our Chapter needs and concerns known to the national board by speaking out wherever and whenever possible. I intend to do that and I intend to vote for Richard Parrish to get a Southern California business person on the board who understands our needs.

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

This Month's Cover



Photo by John Knox



Sunshine & Sorrow

By Jeanne Parrish

Joan Mariola has had knee surgery. Recovery is slow and she is now at a rehab facility in Tustin. She will have therapy for a few weeks. Hopefully we will see more of her and the "Godfather" again soon.

Speaking of the "Godfather" this writer was privileged to be in his beautiful 1931 Victoria for the Progressive Brunch. It was sure nice seeing you, Vince. Thanks for the ride.

Nice to hear Everett Pearce and Don & Sally Miller were at the fourth Thursday breakfast. Everett says Reba is coming along as well as can be expected.

Recuperation has been very difficult. We sure have missed both of them. Don seems to be a bit better and now maybe he is on the way to feeling his ole' self again. We sure hope so.

Mel and Terry Collings are back from Utah. Terry has had some surgery on her hand and in a few weeks should be ready for therapy and on the road to recovery. However, we are going to have to put her in a suit of armor! Ask her...she knows why!

Sure glad to have Paul and Diane Steed with the club once more. They are ole' members and have been missed.

Join us for good food and good company...

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch October 25th, 8:30 a.m. Knott's Berry Farm Chicken Dinner Restaurant 8039 Beach Blvd Buena Park, 90620 714-220-5200

Free Parking near the restaurant and shops!! Info: Terry Collings (714) 970-7194



Fashion from Bond Street Styles, Spring and Summer 1930 Catalogue courtesy of The Hanftown "A's"



CAR BARN SPECIALS

Member ads will run two months unless renewed. Non member ads will run one month unless renewed. All ads must be submitted in writing to: prhyland @att.net or OCMAFC Editors 244 No. Goldenspur Way, Orange, CA 92869-4422

Visit MAFCA's Web Site:

www.mafca.com/classifieds.html

For Sale

FOR SALE: 1930 55-B "Early" Tudor Sedan

Looks good and runs well.

\$9,500.00

Richard Higgins. Call: 714-826-2018

WANTED

Used Christmas Cards and Greeting Cards. Please call: **Doris Marshall 310-378-5061**

Activity Schedule

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Oct 28 (SUN) 6th Annual Wings, Wheels Rotors & Expo at the Joint Forces Training Base on the Los Alamitos Army Airfield, Los Alamitos, CA. Information: www.wwrexpo.net or 800-367-1185.

Oct 28 (SUN) Orange Home Tour (Non Static Display) Display your car by moving it from home to home and get free entry into the homes. It is helpful to wear era clothing. For information: Diana Zdenek, Old Town Preservation Association. (W)-310-414-4141 or (H) 714-288-1371.

Dec. 6-8 (THURS- SAT) MAFCA National and

50th Anniversary - Ontario, CA. We are in charge of the hospitality room so contact Bev Marsh and volunteer. 417-373-9769. Meet there. Application is in the July/August issue of *The Restorer* and in the September edition of *The Distributor*

Dec 9 (SUN) Installation Banquet. Will be held at the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Fountain Valley. Club members cost will be \$30.00 per person as the balance will be underwritten by your club.

SWAP MEETS

Oct 7 (SUN) Long Beach Veterans Stadium

Oct 14 (SUN) Wings....Wheels...Deals Swap Meet at Cable Airport Sponsored by the Pomona Valley Model A Club, 1749 W. 13th Street, Upland CA 6:00am----2:00pm. For additional information call 949-675-4234 or see page 6 of *The Restorer*

Nov 7 (SUN) Long Beach Veterans Stadium

Nov 25 (SUN) Long Beach Veterans Stadium

Jan 26th & 27th, 2008 (SAT & SUN) 42nd Annual Turlock Swap Meet. Flyer at October Meeting

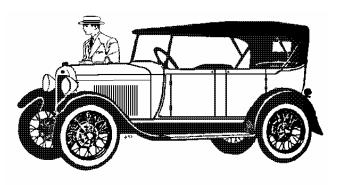
October 13th Coastal Tour and Poker Run

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The tour and hunt for the poker cards and clues begins at Coco's on Valley View just north of the 22 fwy. We will go to interesting places and see beautiful sights and heights. Where the hills might be too steep for you we have some alternate routes that are not as steep. The tour will end at lunch when the winners will be

The tour will end at lunch when the winners will be announced and prizes awarded. The game is 7 card stud. The best 5 card hand wins. In the spirit of Glenn Johnson, there will be some fun quiz questions.

Please RSVP at the meeting or phone the Knoxes @ 562-697-2545 to help us in making the luncheon reservation.

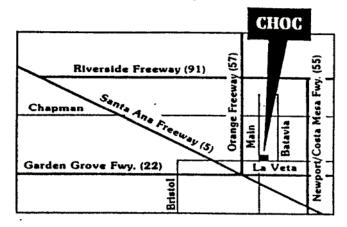


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General Meeting 7:30 PM October 11, 2007

[Second Thursday of every month]
(Board Meeting at 6:00 PM
in adjoining meeting room)
CHOC Hospital Complex
455 South Main St. Orange CA

From Main Street, turn east on to Providence Ave. and immediately, on your right, enter the structure and park on the second level. Meeting room is accessible from the parking structure.





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