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Driving toward the Balboa Ferry during the Coastal Tour and Poker Run



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Notes From Your President

Mark Schwing. . .

November 2007

President's Letter



I'll be in Lake Havasu City on a business trip on November 8th and will miss the November meeting. John Knox will perform one of those many additional duties assigned to the vice president and fill in for me.

I received an email recently from MAFCA Board Member & Chapter Coordinator Stephanie Grundman informing me that our *Distributor* newsletter has won another award. Peter & Ana Hyland are to be congratulated for their superb efforts month after month. The award will be presented during the MAFCA National Membership Meeting in Ontario in December.

Speaking of that event, remember that our club is responsible for the hospitality suite and the Hubley Derby. Contact Bev Marsh to volunteer to help with the hospitality suite. Contact Greg Earhart or me to help with running the Hubley Derby.

We are still seeking volunteers for the positions of Vice President/Activities and Technical Director for 2008/9. Many of you have offered to plan and lead one or more activities. We just need someone to volunteer to be in charge and coordinate all the monthly efforts. Several members have offered to host technical seminars. Again we just need someone to step up and coordinate those efforts too.

All of us get some benefit from our club. Whether it is just the chance to get out with friends several times each month and socialize or an opportunity to learn more about our Model A's we have joined together as a club for a common benefit. Personally I enjoy all of our activities including meetings, breakfasts, technical seminars, tours and national conventions. As someone once said, "you get out of it what you put into it". Now is the time to step forward and volunteer to put a little extra effort into keeping our Orange County chapter one of the best in MAFCA. Step up and volunteer. That is an order!

Remember there is no second Thursday meeting in December. Instead I'll see you all at our annual banquet on Sunday, December 9th.

Happy Thanksgiving.

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

This Month's Cover



Taken on the Pacific Coast Highway
by Pete Hyland during the Coastal Tour
and Poker Run on October 13th



Activity Schedule

John Knox

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(NOTE: * = UPDATED INFORMATION)

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

November 30, 2007

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NEXT MEETING DATE

November 8, 2007

7:30 PM

**NOTE: NO MEETING IN
DECEMBER**

*** Indicates Change**

2007 TOUR CALENDAR

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

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. The group will be staying 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. We will leave Denny's, Tustin & Lincoln, at 9:00 am. Money for the tickets **HAD TO BE IN** no later than the October meeting. **ASK DON MILLER IF THERE ARE ANY CANCELLATIONS.**

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Nov 11 Southern California Regional Group

Meeting at 10:00 am at the Ontario Marriott Hotel. Parking ticket will be validated at the hotel.

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 to attend the National is in the July/August issue of *The Restorer* and in the September edition of *The Distributor***

Last Call for MAFCA's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

By Bev Marsh

The Annual Membership Meeting and Installation Banquet will be held at the Ontario Airport Hotel Dec. 5th through the 9th. You can register and attend any or all of the activities. You do not need to be registered or be a member of MAFCA in order to help in the Hospitality Room or the Hubley Derby. Your parking ticket will be validated by the event chairman (or their designee.) We can use 1 or 2 more helpers in Hospitality Wed. 1-4 pm and Fri. 1-3 pm. Thanks to Tom Endy, you will have really neat buttons to identify yourselves.

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.

Feb 18-22 (MON-FRI) Jazz Cruise on the Royal Caribbean Monarch of the Seas. Rooms \$389-\$469. Signup sheet and more information at the meeting or call Sea Cruises (Alicia) 800-795-1008. You must book thru this agent to get the passes to all the jazz events. Call Don Miller for information.

SWAP MEETS

Nov 11 (SUN) Long Beach Veterans Stadium

Nov 25 (SUN) Long Beach Veterans Stadium

Jan 26th & 27th, 2008 (SAT & SUN)

42nd Annual Turlock Swap Meet.

Please see article on Page 11.

Jun 22-27 (SUN-FRI) 3rd MAFCA/MARC

World Meet National Convention, Addison

Texas -- Hosts: Dallas Model A Ford Club

Meet will be held in Addison Texas, a few miles north of Dallas. This is the third joint meet of both MAFCA and MARC and looks like it's going to be one of the best attended meets ever! Check your Restorer for more information.

TECHNICAL 2007

By Greg Earhart

Seminar:

With the amount of club activities scheduled for the months of November and December 2007 there will not be any technical seminars scheduled for these months. (Refer to the "Activity Schedule" for details)

For those who attended the Meguiar's presentation, I thank you. Big thanks go out to Mike Phillips, Meguiar's Administrator. What a gathering; lots of fun, good food, knowledge and hands on learning. It was GREAT.

Discussion:

The subject of compression comes up quite often. A lot of discussion focuses on head manufacture and compression ratios. I think you have to look to other things like the condition of the engine; cylinder bore (std., 40, 60, 80, 120 over), rings and valves.

You can have the best head made and without good cylinders, piston rings, and valves you will not obtain and hold the compression you think you get just by replacing the head.

If you're planning on replacing the head do your self a favor. Look at the valves. If bad replace. If they look good at least reseal them. There exposed and you will more then likely not repair / seat them until a total engine rebuild comes up. So seat the valves.

Valve Grinding (seating). When grinding Model A valves with a vacuum cup grinder, I use quality compound (grit), a variable speed hand held drill with a small stub and suction cup attached. When grinding the suction cup will have the tendency to move off the valve. I use a metal ring the same size of a Ford manifold gland (ring). I place the ring around the top of the valve, to keep the suction cup from slipping off the valve head. While a regular manifold gland can be used, a ring that is heavier and more springy and holds its shape is preferred. Make sure to remove all left over grit from the valve(s) and seat(s). It's not that tough a job. Just do it. You'll be happy you did. Good luck with the selection of a head. There are many good ones.

Compression ratio selection and resulting performance will depend totally on the condition of your engine.

Have fun and be safe.

Meguiar's Seminar October 20, 2007

On a beautiful October Saturday, 17 Model A's and 2 moderns transported 24 enthusiasts to the Meguiar's Saturday Seminar where we all learned the many ways of making our cars shine like they have never shined before. We had a three hour classroom session led by Mike Phillips, Meguiar's Internet Technical Specialist in which we learned about the products and how to apply them. It was a very instructive session. After a pizza lunch, brought in by Meguiar's, we spent about two hours doing hands on applications of all we had learned. I don't think many of us realized just how many scratches we had in the paint on our cars. The demonstration was done on a modern car and the difference was amazing. This is a lot of work if done by hand but not too bad if done by machine which Mike says does a better job.

All of the procedures we were shown are on the internet in Meguiar's forum which can be found at www.meguiarsonline.com.

Mike Phillips did a great job of presenting a great deal of information. We thank him for his time and energy in conveying all this knowledge to us.

Please see photo gallery on Page 8

"The income tax has made liars out of more Americans than golf."

Will Rogers

OCMAFCA General Meeting

October 11th, 2007

Submitted by Jeanne Parrish

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by President **Mark Schwing**. **Doris Marshall** welcomed back ole' members, **Greg Carcerano**, **Richard Bolls**, **Rick/ Louise Hall** and new members **David Rivard** and **Tissy /Bill Hatcher**. Visiting are **Bryce Hagan** and **Tom Miller**.

Minutes of the September general meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer: Colleen Schmidt: reported bills paid for Publication and Sunshine/Sorrow. Money for the Palm Springs Follies (\$47.00 ea.) must be paid tonight. She will be sending in for the tickets very soon.

Activities/VP: John Knox thanked all the hosts for the Progressive Brunch, **Sheila Plotkin**, **Dick/Marion Miller**, and **Joanie/Bruce Harris**. The Polka Run/Coastal Tour will be leaving from Coco's (Valley View) at 9:00 am. (See Tour Calendar in the Distributor.)

Technical: Greg Earhart announced the upcoming tour to Meguiars planned for Sat. 10/20/07. He said they are going to have a great day for all who attend. **Greg** gave short presentation on the cleaning of wheels and tires.

Editor: Pete Hyland still has copies of the Distributor. October 31 deadline for November issue.

Terry Collings announced the Fourth Thursday Breakfast will be October 25, 8:30 am, at Knott's Berry Farm. Free parking is available.

Scholarship: Dorothy Knox announced the recipients of our scholarship program, **Michael Moser** and **Cara Adelman**. The Board recommended awarding each of them \$1,000.00. It was presented to the general membership & passed unanimously.

SCRG: Bev Marsh announced there are 114 registrations for the 50th Anniversary in Ontario. Help is welcome.

Chris Foster thanked **Doris Marshall**, **Sally Miller**, & **Jeanne Parrish** for refreshments.

Kathie McCall stated she had made numerous phone calls, with no success, seeking a slate of officers. **John** and **Greg** both explained their positions. **Mark** asked for volunteers. No one came forward.

Karen Gaynor and **Sheila Plotkin** had the raffle. There were a few Hubley runs trying out the track.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 PM.

Katherine Grace Dwinger



Pieter and Judi Dwinger wish to announce that our son Jason and his wife Anna presented us with our first grandchild, **Katherine Grace**. She was born on Sunday morning, October 21 at 9:21 with all systems perfect. She was 18 ½" long and weighed 7.4 lbs, has blue eyes and a slight reddish tint to a head of Brunette hair. Labor was less than 4 ½ hours in total. Anna is OK as Jason.

Thank you Note from Cara Adelman

Dear Model A Ford Club Members:

Thank you very much for all the support you have given me by awarding me this scholarship. I greatly appreciate the generosity of the Model A Club in assisting me toward reaching my educational goals in acquiring my bachelors degree in Communicative Disorders.

Thank you very much,
Cara Adelman

Orange County Then & Now

Newport Beach



A view of The Arches, looking south along PCH at Newport Beach. The photo appears to have been taken around 1932. The original Arches gas station was built in 1922 and destroyed by a fire in 1940. The gas station was rebuilt along with a separate restaurant building. The new gas station was constructed at a different location on the property and later converted to a liquor store.

Photo from the historical collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California #989



The same view in 1993. The converted liquor store is to the left of the Arches sign. **Photo by Tom Endy #989**

Fun on the “Coastal Tour and Poker Run”

By John & Dorothy Knox – Photos by Don Ratzlaff
& Pete Hyland

We had a wonderful day that started out a bit rainy and ended beautifully.

We hunted for poker cards and clues to compete for the first prize as well as enjoy the coast with all its stormy beauty. We got our first card and clue at Bolsa Chica Preserve in Seal Beach. Then off to “Alice’s Breakfast in the Park” in Huntington Beach for a clue and card number 2

Several had not yet been across the Balboa ferry and especially in their Model A. **Bill Douglas** ended up riding it 3 times as he decided to play gentleman and cross with **Diana Stewart** and unfortunately did not know there was more than one ferry boat.

We then went around Back Bay Drive and on to a collection of Jaguar’s and a Bentley in Newport Beach for card number 3. Card number 4 was at the Shake Shack at Crystal Cove where the manager wanted a picture of a Model A to put in her monthly newsletter.

Cards number 5 and 6 were in Laguna at the top of the highest hill and at **John Graves** home. The final cards were chosen at lunch at Cedar Creek in Laguna.

Those driving and riding in A’s were **Richard Bolls & Malei Duff, Bill Douglas, Terry Hardgrave, Pete Hyland, Frank Mowrer, John & Gwen Riggs, Don & Sally Miller, Merle McClellan & Eddie Martin** as well as **John & Dorothy Knox**.

Those in moderns were: **John Graves, Richard & Jeannie Parrish, Pete & Harriet Pavidis, Don & Carolyn Ratzlaff, Red & Mimi Sickman and Diana Stewart** (who loaned out Bill to be a navigator.)

Winners were Pete Hyland, Carolyn Ratzlaff and (who else) Sally Miller.



Meguiar's Seminar

Photos by Mike Phillips, Wade Ratzlaff & Pete Hyland



Old Towne Orange Home Tour

October 27 & 28, 2007

Photos by Don Ratzlaff & Pete Hyland

This was a non static tour of 7 homes in the Orange historical district built between 1889 and 1930 presented by "The Old Towne Preservation Association." A most enjoyable tour.



Bits and Pieces

New e-mail address

Don Miller
donfmiller1@verizon.net

Join us for good food and good company...

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

Terry couldn't find a restaurant that featured Pumpkin Pancakes, Mashed Potato Waffles, Turkey Bacon, Cranberry Muffins, Stuffing Biscuits, Jello Syrup, etc. so there will **Not** be a November Fourth Thursday Breakfast.

Info: Terry Collings (714) 970-7194

From Last Month's Breakfast at Knotts



Submitted by Don Ratzlaff

REMINDER

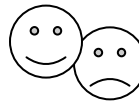
2008 Dues are now due and payable.

Please remit now to our Treasurer if you have not already done so. Please also take this opportunity to make sure that your roster information is up-to-date and accurate

Many Thanks!!!!

A Note from Dean Berto

While at Meguiar's on Saturday, October 20th I saw this Generic A/C Unit on their site and thought it might be of interest to any one in our club that is thinking of adding A/C to their Model A. I'm sure adapters are available to fit all models. Contact Dean if you are interested.



Sunshine & Sorrow

By Jeanne Parrish

Ok, you all...get those cards going to some good people that are having some rough times!

Joan Lewis is really having a time of it since she fell & broke her wrist last winter on that ice (in "sunny" California)!!! She is on some meds and of course they all do not mix well, so what do the doctors do, but put you on more & it seems to aggravate her medical condition even worse.

Joanne Discher is fighting with a very painful condition in her neck & spine. She is waiting to hear if surgery is needed and maybe she would get some relief from the pain.

Joan Mariola has become our newest "bionic lady" with another new knee. She has been a trooper and had put this surgery off, but now she is on the road back with both knees done now. With some therapy, she hopefully will be back with us soon.

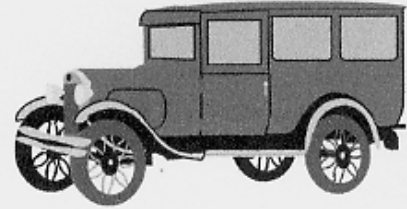
We want to remember Reba Pearce. She is having a very bad time of it. Keep her in your thoughts & prayers as well as all these ladies.

Please keep these ladies in your thoughts and prayers. Get on the phone or a send a card. I know they will enjoy hearing from all of you.

Orange County Model A Ford Club Annual Installation/Awards Banquet

When: Sunday, December 9, 2007

Where: Claim Jumper
18050 Brookhurst St.
Fountain Valley 92711
714 963-6711



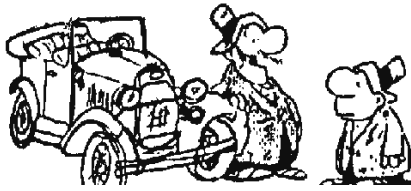
Time: 6 pm No Host Bar
7 pm Dinner
Program will follow

Dinner: Chicken, Filet Mignon,
or Veggie Plate
Salad, Baked Potato
Vegetable, Dessert
Coffee, Ice Tea, Soda
\$30.00 pp

Please sign up Oct./Nov. meetings
Indicate entree choice
Money must be paid at meetings or mail check
to Treasurer, Colleen Schmidt.

NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 27

Information: Please call
Jeanne Parrish Bev Marsh



CAR BARN SPECIALS

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10/07

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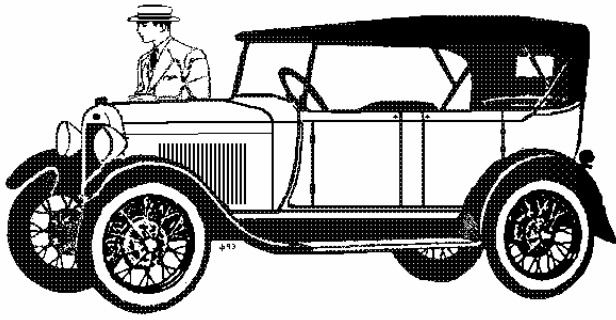
WANTED

Used Christmas Cards and Greeting Cards.

Please call: **Doris Marshall 310-378-5061**

TURLOCK SWAP MEET

The Modesto Area A's 42nd Annual SWAP MEET will be at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock, California on January 26th and 27th, 2008. **MODEL A FORD**, Antique, Classic Cars and Automotive Vintage items only. All swap spaces pre-registered. **CARS FOR SALE:** \$40.00 for cars 20 years or older, \$60.00 for cars 19 years or newer (no parts or trailers). Must be driven to space. Pre 1969 Models preferred. Admission \$5.00 for buyers. Security on duty Friday and Saturday nights. **NO FIREARMS OR ALCOHOL. NO DOGS** (except seeing Eye Dogs). For more information please see our web site at www.TurlockSwapMeet.com



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General Meeting

7:30 PM

November 8, 2007

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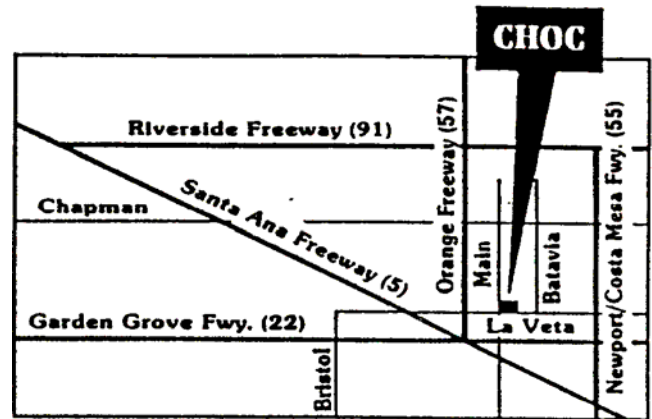
[Second Thursday of every month]

(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 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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