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Notes From Your President

Mark Schwing. . .

February 2008

President's Letter



Why do we participate in the Model A hobby?

We like to socialize with people who enjoy old cars and good friends. We like to work on our cars with skills learned from books, seminars and more experienced club members. We enjoy walking through swap meets and sorting through boxes of rusty, old parts just to find that one diamond in the rough part that we need. We like to leaf through Model A supplier catalogs and wait by the door for delivery of that needed part.

We enjoy the tours to various destinations often within our own community, places we might not ever visit if not for the club tour. None of us ever pass up a Model A ice cream social at the local park at the end of a tour.

We enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship of the national meets. Some of us will even endure a long, bumpy train ride just to get to one recent national meet. We enjoy the unique sound of a stock Model A driving along a tree covered county road. We enjoy getting up early one day a year to serve pancakes to 1200 of our fellow hobbyists. We like to support scholarships for our youth and charities like the Ronald McDonald house.

What grandfather doesn't enjoy helping a grandson or granddaughter restore a Model A?

We love to be roadside mechanics fixing our own car or helping another hobbyist getting that balky car back on the tour again. We even stand in the rain just to look at another Model A and talk that strange Model A language.

We enjoy collecting Model A memorabilia like old ads, books and nick knacks. We search for authentic era fashions like our grandparents wore in 1930. We like to dress as they once did back in the Model A era.

We enjoy judging both the era fashions and our friends' cars. We even learn more about Model A's after becoming a judge than we did in qualifying to be a judge. In fact in the Model A hobby we never stop learning.

Perhaps the central reason for our hobby is that it takes us all back to the earlier years of our lives when life was simpler and the pace was certainly slower.

Mark your calendars and volunteer to help. The 47th Annual OCMAFC Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, March 30th in Hart Park in Orange.

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

This Month's Cover



Photo by Don Ratzlaff. Please see article on page 7



Activity Schedule

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(NOTE: * = UPDATED INFORMATION)

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

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Or mail to: 244 No. Goldenspur Way,
Orange, CA 92869-4422

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 14, 2008

7:30 PM

*** Indicates Change**

2008 TOUR CALENDAR

Feb 16 (SAT)-San Antonio Winery tour, wine tasting and lunch. We will leave from Coco's on Valley View at 9:45am. Last year we had 12 A's and 30 people. Let's do better this year!!!

Mar 1 (SAT) Laguna Beach Founders Day Parade. Meet in front of the high school at the top of the hill on Park Avenue at 9:00 am. For information please call John Graves. We will be representing La Playa which was started by Alice Graves.

March 15 (SAT) - Original Mike's. Our March Club Tour will be an easy one where everyone can drive their Model A. We will meet between 11:30-12:00. Original Mikes is located at 100 S Main St. in Santa Ana. For more info call Don Miller.

Apr 3-6 (THURS-SUN) Laughlin Tour. We will leave from Denny's at Lincoln & Tustin in Orange at 9:00am. The Riverside Hotel and Casino is the host hotel. 800-227-3849

May 1-3 (THURS-SUN) CCGG to be in Fresno. We will stay at the Airport Piccadilly Inn in Fresno. Telephone Number: 800-468-3587. Departure from Coco's on Valley View at 9:00am.

May 22-25 (THURS-SUN) NCRG to be held in Auburn, CA

May 26 (MON) Memorial Day Celebration at Fairhaven Memorial Park. Meet at the park between 8:00 and 8:30 am.

Sep 7-12 (SUN-FRI) Nevada Grand Tour II
Please see Don Ratzlaff's article on Page 4 of the Jan issue.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Feb. 3 (SUN) SCR Meeting at 10 am. at the Perry residence, 5528 Lenore Ave., Arcadia, 91006. Phone 1.626.443-0638.

Feb 23 (SAT) Technical Seminar—Please see Page 4

Mar 8 (Sun) Model A & T Day at the Races. The Route 66 Formula Festival. Please see article on page 7 in the December 2007 issue of "The Distributor."

Mar 15 (SAT) Crab & Steak Fest in Livermore, CA. The La Quinta Inn is the host hotel and their phone number is: 925-373-9600. Raffletickets are still available for a touring engine from H & H. For more information please call Bill Rose at 925-216-9920

Mar 30 (SUN) Orange County Model A Ford Club Annual Pancake Breakfast.

May 3 & 4 (SAT-SUN) British Extravaganza Event. Please see article on page 7 in the December issue of "The Distributor."

SWAP MEETS

Feb 10 (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet at Veterans Stadium

Mar 2 (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet at Veterans Stadium

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.

June 28 (SAT) 6:00AM-2:00PM 3rd Annual Orange County Model T & Model A Ford Clubs Combined PRE WAR (WW II) Parts Exchange & Car Show. El Dorado High School, 1651 Valencia Ave, Placentia. For information call Ronnie Eliot-714-542-0905, Larry McKinney-714-963-2724

TECHNICAL 2008

By Don Ratzlaff

January Technical Session

The Vehicle Inspection Seminar was held Saturday, January 19th at Mark Schwing's shop on East La Palma Ave., in Yorba Linda.

Those in attendance all learned the following:

1. 8:30 am is pretty early in the morning.
2. It is pretty cold outside at 8:30 am in the morning.
3. Mark Schwing's East La Palma address is a long way from home.
4. Driving a Model A requires constant attention.

Aside from the above observations, the session was informative as well as enjoyable. In attendance were 12 hardy Model A aficionados together with five Model A vehicles. Activities included: engine timing, chassis lubrication, toe-in alignment, carburetor adjustment and water pump diagnosis along with doughnut and coffee disposal as well as Model A experience swapping.

As a special acknowledgement; Gary Mathews, visiting from San Leandro, Ca., attended and shared Model A experiences with our members. He learned of our session through contacting the MAFCA Office.

Thank you all for coming and contributing to the success of the January session. One wonders what February holds in store for a "technical" session.

February Technical Session

Well, wonder no more! The February session will be held on the 23rd at John and Dorothy Knox's home. The address is: 1146 N. Puente St., Brea, CA.

Now that the wonder has died down, here is a summary of possible activities you can participate in:

- Change Tires and/or Tubes
- Installing rigid valve stems (demonstration only)
- Front end alignment (Toe-in adjustment)
- Shimmy Evaluation
- Grease Chassis
- Brake adjustments
- Doughnut and Coffee Disposal
- Model A Experience Swapping

It would be helpful if participants would bring the following:

- a) Large plastic trash bag to be used in tire changing
- b) Grease for greasing the model A chassis
- c) Basic tool set

March Technical Session

Technical Seminar to be given by Tom Endy concerning Model A Rear-End Overhaul and maintenance. Date and time to be decided. It will be held at CHOC.



OCMAFCA General Meeting

January 10, 2008

Submitted by Jeanne Parrish

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by **President, Mark Schwing**.

Doris Marshall welcomed **Jerry & Cathie O'Brien**, owners of a 1929 Coupe, **Alan & Gail Perlmutter**, 1929 5-window coupe, **James & Chris Bush**, a 1928 roadster pickup, & **Stephanie Collins**, daughter of member **Gerald Rapp**.

Minutes of the November general meeting (no meeting in December) were approved as written.

Treasurer: Colleen Schmidt, read a list of current members that have not paid their dues as yet. If any of these members are present tonight, they may pay their dues and be assured of getting in the roster for 2008. **Mark** extended the deadline for payment of dues to one more week, for entry into the roster.

Pete Hyland was called forward & **Mark** awarded he & **Ana**, a plaque for the "Newsletter of the Year" given by MAFCA. They both are to be commended for their great job with the "Distributor". **Pete** thanked all & announced the deadline for February issue is January 30th. He also has the answers for the last month's quiz in the newsletter.

Activities/VP: Don Miller gave mileage patches to **Pete Hyland, Lew Lewis, Red Sickman, & Frank Mowrer**. **John Knox** will be leading a tour to the "Brea Oil Museum" in Brea, Saturday, January 12, beginning at 9 AM. Also, announcing future tours were **Pete Dwinger & John Graves**. Check the sign-up sheets at all our meetings. **(PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES/TOURS IN THE DISTRIBUTOR.)** Hard Luck trophy was not awarded this month & there are no Model A drivers tonight.

Technical: Don Ratzlaff distributed a survey for seminars, desirable by the membership. He announced the year's first seminar, "Safety Inspection". It will be held at **Mark Schwing's** shop in Yorba Linda, January 19, 8:30 AM.

Merchandise: Gary Discher still looking for replacement for his position. He reported our supply of club items is very low; has a few shirts & caps for a good price. There will be a pre-sale of Pancake Breakfast shirts, to members, at club cost i.e. \$10.00 - \$11.00.

Terry Collings is absent. The Fourth Thursday Breakfast will be held at Mimi's Café in Tustin, January 24, 8:30 AM.

Scholarship: Dorothy Knox has no report.

SCRG: Bev Marsh is absent. **Sheila Plotkin** thanked everyone for helping at the 50th anniversary celebration in Ontario. Many "Thanks" go to the Paradise Valley Chapter for all their contributions. No date as of yet for next regional meeting.

Mark asked for volunteers to sign-up for the Pancake Breakfast, March 30. Help is needed in all areas for the day. This event allows us to award scholarships & participate in various community/educational affairs.

Club also in need of Historian, Merchandise, & Raffle chairpersons.

New Business: Some members would like to shorten our general meeting. **Mark** asked for comments. He introduced the present board. He described the Raffle Chairperson duties and asked for volunteers. **Tissy Hatcher & Gail Perlmutter** volunteered. They will meet with **Sheila & Karen** to get acquainted with purchasing items for raffle.

Chris Foster is absent. However, she provided the refreshments for this meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM.

Orange County Then & Now

City of Orange



The City of Orange, looking north along Glassell Street toward the Plaza from Almond Street. The photo was taken in 1922. The flagpole is located in the Plaza. The large clock at the far end of the street on the left was in later years moved around the corner. It remains there today. The building on the extreme right is Higgins Furniture Store.
Photo from the historical collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California #2484



The same view in 1993. The building on the extreme right was still the Higgins Furniture Store in 1993. It has since gone out of business. Photo by Tom Endy #2484

MAFCA's 50th Anniversary Celebration

From Bev Marsh

If you didn't attend, you missed one great event. 300 Model A enthusiasts attended. The whole gathering went off wonderfully, thanks to the able co-chairmen, **Bob Trousil** and **Marlin Perry** and their volunteer squads. There were parties, banquets, seminars, tours, Hubley Derby, raffle prizes and the Hospitality Room operated by our Orange County Chapter. **Sheila Plotkin** and I would like to thank all of our members who helped as hosts. **Paul Steed** and **Joannie Harris** were right there to help at the beginning and boy, did they get a work-out! Other great helpers were: **Pam Heiland**, **Helen** and **Ted Loeffler**, **Doc** (Darlene was ill) **Ingwersen**, **Jeanine Buchanan** and **Karen Cornelius** (of Paradise Valley,) **Sally Miller**, **John** and **Gwen Riggs**, **Jeanne Parrish**, **Colleen Schmidt**, **Fran Earhart** and **Douglas Cox** (from Alabama,) **Elaine Perry** was always there, willing to help. **Dan** and **Linda Caldon** provided cookies, **John Riggs** baked brownies and **Mark Schwing** brought sodas. Paradise Valley members provided lots and lots of baked goods and fruit bowls. My thanks to all, and please forgive me, if I forgot someone's name, you were all such great helpers!

A report from our "Shocking Seminar":

Eight of us gathered for mid-week non-seminar to discuss shocks and see what we could do. Don Ratzlaff had a shock rebuilding kit. After 2 hours we decided here is the best formula:

Ship you shocks to either one of the following:
Bill Bond, 140 Old Squaw Pass Evergreen, CO 303-670-3283 \$45.

Or: Robert Paul at 34175 Trucon Road, Yoder, CO. Phone 719-478-5102. \$48 exchange or \$68 outright as of Nov. 07. (according to Mark Schwing, He advertises in model A Times and from Ford Barn does good work.)



January 13th Tour to Olinda-Brea Oil Museum – John Knox

On January 13, **13 Model As**, **passengers**, **and drivers** drove from Denny's – Tustin Ave. @ Lincoln to tour the Olinda-Brea Oil Museum. We saw the original hundred year old well and the original office built about 1915. The pictures, maps and artifacts gave us a glimpse of this important part of Orange County's history.

After our tour we drove up in the hills behind Brea going up Carbon Canyon to the top and then crossing over Grand Ave. through Diamond Bar to Brea Canyon and back to Brea to have lunch together before going home. The wild grass was a verdant green, we got to experience the cows eating the grass in several parts of the route. It was a very pastoral feeling. Mt. Baldy and the surrounding mountains were spectacular in their blankets of snow.

After our lunch stop we headed home realizing that there still is some back country in our back yard. We had no reported car trouble and everybody expressed the fun of the trip. Many had not been out on one or more of those roads before.

It was good to know so many got their cars out and that no one had to resort to a modern.

Several cars had passengers in the back seat celebrating the fun of going in a Model A.

Photos by Don Ratzlaff





Cleve Curtis shows off his Model A Ford

Photos: Charley Couch

He's had the SAME car for 70 years!

WHAT can 10 bucks buy you these days? Not much — but back in 1937 Cleve Curtis bought himself his first car, and 70 years later the Model A Ford is still running strong!

The 84-year-old car enthusiast forked over the 10-spot for his used vehicle at the tender age of 15 — which was quite a sum during the Depression. He earned the money selling junk salvaged from trash piles.

Cleve then fueled his ride with moonshine he, um, stole from his dad.

"I put booze in the gas tank, and, son of a gun, it run good," he says. "Smelled nice when it was burning. The exhaust — you liked to stand there and keep whiffing it."



It cost him \$10 back in 1937

Cleve Curtis is a regular at car shows

Cleve's also got a strong emotional attachment to the 1929 car — he wooed his wife Dorothy in it when she was 14 and he was 17.

"She was the first and only girl I ever kissed in the car," he recalls tenderly. "It's priceless because of that."

"I had an old jackknife and I carved my initials and said to Dorothy: 'You carve your initials.' I'm glad those initials are still in the steering wheel. Even though she's gone, there's

that memory." Dorothy died in 1998 after 56 years of marriage.

Cleve of Shelton, Conn., takes his Model A to 12 to 14 car shows a year with signs on the doors heralding it as his first car, and the handwritten story behind it taped to a window. Despite a hole in one of the floorboards and paint wearing off, the grand old classic has won 14 trophies.

Explains Cleve: "It's always the worst-looking car at every car show, but it always wins trophies because of the story behind it."

Bits and Pieces

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1931 Sport Coupe

Glad to have you with us!!

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Telephone Number Correction

Gary & Shirley Haubold

H (360) 452-4919

***Join us for good food and
good company...***

***Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch
February 28th 2008 8:30 a.m.***

***Alice's Breakfast in the Park
6622 Lakeview Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
(714) 848-0690***

Located in Central Park between Slater and Ellis—
Off Edwards at Inlet Drive—turns into Lakewood Drive

Info: Terry Collings (714) 970-7194

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2008

8:00 - 11:00 A.M.

(Rain or Shine)



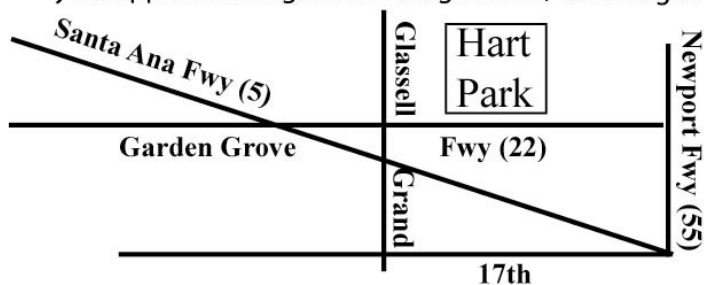
RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE

Set of 4 - 19" or 21" Blackwall Tires

ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A FORD CLUB

Cordially invites you to bring your Model A, your friends, new found friends.

your appetite for a great morning of food, fun and great fellowship among other enthusiasts.

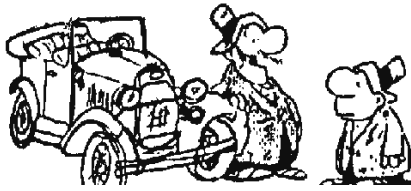


Pancakes, eggs, sausages, juice
& coffee

Donation: Adults \$5.00

Kids: \$3.00

More information call Mark Schwing
Phone # 714 970-1696



CAR BARN SPECIALS

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Visit MAFCA's Web Site:
www.mafca.com/classifieds.html

For Sale

FOR SALE: 1931 Model A Sport Coupe

Runs and looks great

\$11,900.00 OBO. Jim Davis 714-904-1196.

11/07

FOR SALE: 1930 Cabriolet with the following equipment.

Colors - Seal Brown / Bronson Yellow, B Engine, B Carburetor, B Manifold. Alternator, Mallory Distributor

6 volt, Borg Warner Overdrive, Etched Wind Wing Glass and Wheat Jumbo Wheels.

Luggage Rack but it is not on the vehicle. The vehicle has been owned since 1976.

Price: \$23,000.00

Please call **Linda Weaver at 209-541-0654**

01/08

FOR SALE: Zenith Carburetor

Fresh rebuild, housings bead blasted and painted with fuel proof paint. All passageways checked open, new throttle shaft and bushings. Float level set with test jig, jets re-sized and flow checked (flow rates recorded). A number of new parts installed. Road tested on 29 coupe. No exchange required.

\$190.00. Money back guarantee.

Tom Endy 714-897-5861

12/07

NEEDED: Spare Parts for Hubley Model A cars such as tail lights, headlight bar, lenses, shifting lever etc.

Please call Richard Miller at 714-636-6335

02/08

AVAILABLE: San Diego Swap meet I will be relinquishing my San Diego Swap meet space after 2008. If you would like a space for 2009, I can provide a letter transferring the space. My space is SC 37, under the J4 light. We have virtually sold out the last two years so will no longer be needing the space after this year.

Contact Dan Adelman at 714-963-6318

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FOR SALE: 1932-33 Model B Ford pick-up.

Four-cylinder engine, Gray with black fenders, oak bed. Completely restored. Owned by a previous club member, the late Vern Roberts. \$28,000.

714-778-0556

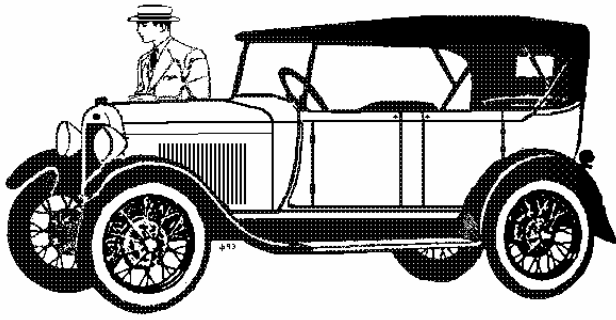
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FOR SALE: Engine Stand \$50.00

Contact **Carl Erickson 714-997 2854**

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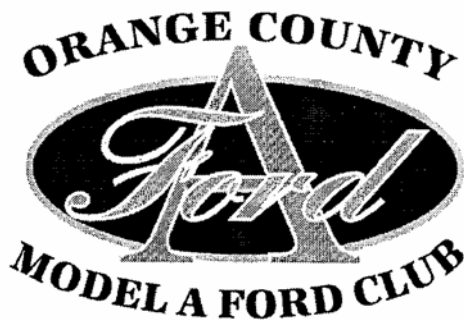
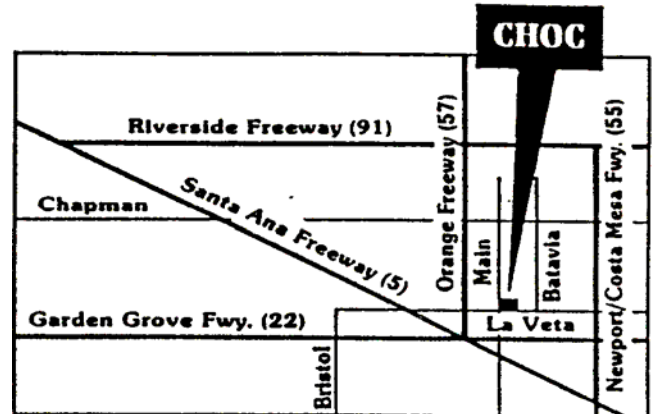
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[Second Thursday of every month]

(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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