

# *The Distributor*

*Orange County Model A Ford Club*

*Model A Ford Club of America*

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Winter Driving in your  
Model A

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## Notes From Your President Mark Schwing. . .



### February 2009 President's Letter

On Saturday, January 31 I was able to attend a good portion of the MAFCA board meeting at the La Habra headquarters. The new 2009 board is headed by President Brian Freestone from Canada. With Mr. Freestone's hands firmly gripping the steering wheel we will have to wait and see just what direction MAFCA is headed in for this year. Two board members resigned within five weeks of the annual Membership meeting in Mesa, AZ, in early December. Rumor and correspondence indicate they were not pleased with the direction they perceived the new administration to be headed. They have been replaced by two board appointees. The first is Jim Morris from Ithaca, NY, who was the next in line in balloting this past election cycle. Rather than going to the next candidate in line behind Mr. Morris, the board appointed past MAFCA president and current MAFFI president George Tynan to the board.

The board held a closed to the membership planning session Friday before the open Saturday board meeting. Mr. Freestone made it abundantly clear they intend to do more of the same. While suggesting they want to be open to input from the MAFCA membership, their actions so far seem to say just the opposite. Time will tell.

By the way MAFCA membership revenues at the end of December 2008 are down \$69K from December of 2007. Their sales of books and other organization accessories were also down as was advertising revenue for the Restorer. They announced a balance of \$251K in their operating fund and \$535K in their building reserve fund which they consider as self insurance for any earthquake damage to their building

The High Country Tour is scheduled for June 14-19, 2009 in Breckenridge, Colorado at the Beaver Run Resort. This event was last held in 2001 and is a great event. The theme is "a look back in time". Breckenridge is about a two hour drive west

of Denver high in the Rockies on Interstate 80. Many back country road tours, technical seminars, swap meets, craft workshop and plenty of fellowship events are scheduled for the week. More information is available on the MAFCA website [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com) or on the event website at [www.ColoradoHighCountryTour.com](http://www.ColoradoHighCountryTour.com). Mark this one on your calendar as the highlight event of this year.

Our annual Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching. Our request for Hart Park has been submitted to the City of Orange and I am waiting on their response. Jeanne Parrish has sent out a mail bag of requests for donations for the event and they have started to come in this past week (26-30 January). The breakfast is our main fund raiser and without it, many of the things we do and many of the activities we support would not be possible. The Ratzlaffs have agreed to be the food buyers again if we give them some physical lifting help. Unfortunately Dorothy Knox will not be in town so we need a new kitchen honcho to direct the kitchen activities. We also need a parking team leader. Besides those key positions, we need volunteers for everything. Signup sheets will be at the February and March meetings. Please step forward and help out our club and your fellow members.

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

### This Month's Cover



The Scene: Cook City, MT  
Car & Driver added!

### A Little Contest

1) Do you recognize the car?  
2) Do you recognize the driver?  
Bring your answers to the next meeting or submit them to the editor. Since it is a "Little Contest" there will not be any prizes, so just have fun with it!!!



## Activity Schedule

John Riggs  
562-431-8783

(NOTE: \* = UPDATED INFORMATION)

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

**February 28, 2009** Type or write all articles and ads and e-mail to: [newsletter@ocmafc.org](mailto:newsletter@ocmafc.org) or [prhyland@att.net](mailto:prhyland@att.net)

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

**\*Indicates Change**

### 2009 TOUR/ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

#### **Feb 14 (SAT) Valentine's Day Tour**

Come one, come all! Join the club for a tour of the beautiful Sherman Gardens and Library in Corona Del Mar. Wade Roberts and Ted Loeffler have put this tour together and it should be a good one. We meet at South Coast Plaza at the Sears parking lot at 10:30 a.m. After being Wade's guest for the tour, we will lunch at a nearby restaurant.

**Feb 21 (SAT) Tech Session** at the Knox home. Please see details in Don's article on page 4

**Mar 7 (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.

**Mar 12 (THURS) "White Elephant Sale"** to be held at the General meeting. Carl Erickson will again be our auctioneer. Gather your items now---this is the event where the proceeds go to our club!!

**Mar 29 (SUN) Annual Pancake Breakfast**  
At Hart Park, Orange, CA---Reserve the date!!!!

**April 2-5, 2009 Laughlin Meet----** 21st Annual Laughlin Tour sponsored by the Pomona and Paradise Valley clubs. Registration forms available at the meeting. Host Hotel: The Riverside Hotel & Casino

**April 25 (SAT) MAFCA Board Meeting in La Habra**

**May 1-2 (FRI-SAT) CCRG Meeting in Porterville**

**May 16 (SAT) SCR Meeting at 10:00AM**

**May 17 (SUN) Hubley Derby—Temecula**

**May 22-25 (FRI-MON) "Step Back in Time" in South Lake Tahoe** sponsored by the "Spark'n A's. For information visit [www.sparknas.org](http://www.sparknas.org).

**June 26-July 5 (FRI-SUN) Cruise**

**Paradise 2009**—To the Big Island of Hawaii. For details call Tom Endy—714-897-5861 or e-mail him at: [tendy@socal.rr.com](mailto:tendy@socal.rr.com)

### SWAP MEETS

**Feb 8 (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet** at Veterans Stadium

**Feb. 27- 28 (FRI-SAT) San Diego Swap Meet**

**Mar 8 (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet** at Veterans Stadium

**Mar 22 (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet** at Veterans Stadium

**Apr 18 (SAT) Diamond Tread "Garage Sale"**



### ***Sunshine & Sorrow***

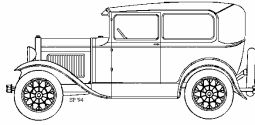
By Jeanne Parrish

Nothing but "Sunshine, Sunshine, and more Sunshine" for this month! This writer is soooooo very happy to let you know that **Dick Nordin**, old member, has been diagnosed free of cancer for now. After almost a year and half of appointments, treatments, medications and many lows and highs, for both he and **Shirley**, his biopsy is negative. Hope both of you know we are anxiously waiting to see you again and get you "Back on the Road" with us very soon.

Good news regarding Wayne Wiedle. His recovery is coming along fine after undergoing cancer surgery on January 8. Looking forward to seeing him at our February meeting.

# TECHNICAL 2009

By Don Ratzlaff



## January Technical Session

Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> was the date, Paul Steed's garage was the place and "Stainless Steel Maintenance" was the subject. The session was well attended, crowded might be the right term, with approximately 24 individuals present. Paul Steed described the processes involved in removing minor damage/imperfections in the stainless hardware and restoring the luster via polishing. He stressed the notion that "haste makes waste" and the danger inherent in using a polishing wheel. It is not too difficult to overheat the part or have the polishing wheel "catch" the part and instantaneously relocate it to the other side of the garage. Paul demonstrated the process on a sample part; go slow, remove dents a little at a time and use light pressure when polishing! No, he did not lose the part! At the end of the morning we all had a better idea of how involved the restoration of stainless steel parts really is. As usual, the attendees were adept at disposing of the coffee and donuts provided; no instruction required.

## February Technical Session

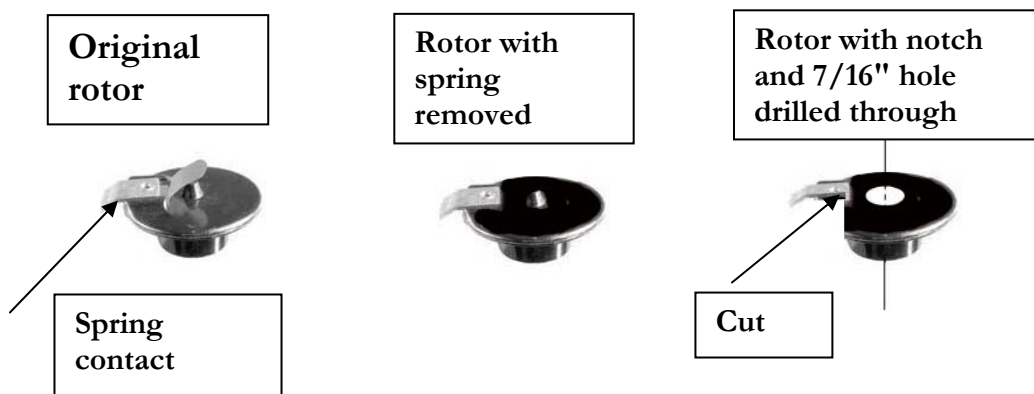
How about a safety inspection before we start thinking of taking our Model A's out into traffic? It's time to check the clevis pins, the cotter keys, the lights and horn. How about wheel alignment, tires, brakes and fluid levels? If these and other items are of concern to you why not venture over to John Knox's residence in Brea and address the concerns. The session will be held on February 21, starting at 9:30am. John's address is: 1146 North Puente Street, Brea, CA. See you there.

## Technical Clue (for those of us that are clueless)

This month's clue comes to us from an anonymous tipster and has to do with reworking a "scrap" distributor rotor into a "tool" to assist in setting the timing for your model A. The rotor is to be modified as described in the three steps below.

1. Remove the top rotor contact spring. (bend back and break off)
2. Remove half of the rotor contact arm; see illustration (can be done with hack saw or grinding wheel)
3. Drill 7/16 in hole through center of the rotor socket

When timing your Model A, replace the "good", functioning rotor with the reworked rotor. The reworked rotor allows access to the "cam screw" through the 7/16 in hole; it provides visible centerline alignment of the rotor-contact-arm to the distributor-housing-contact and, also provides a "handle" to control the shaft "back-lash" during tightening or loosening of the distributor cam screw.



## ***OCMAFCA General Meeting***

January 8, 2009

Submitted by Alan Perlmutter

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President **Mark Schwing**.

### **Introduction of new Board members:**

President: Mark Schwing  
Vice President/Activities: John Riggs  
Secretary: Alan Perlmutter  
Treasurer: Pam Heiland  
Technical Director: Don Ratzlaff  
Editors: Peter & Ana Hyland  
Immediate Past President: Don Miller

Minutes of the General meeting (no meeting in December) were approved as written for November 2008

**Treasurer Report: Pam Heiland** The treasurer reported that membership renewals continue to be received but that we are still missing a few and we urge that you send them in right away in order to be included in the 2009 Roster

### **Activities Report: John Riggs**

Jan 17, (SAT) Tour to Union Station in Los Angeles  
This is an all surface street tour  
Feb 14 (SAT) Valentines Day Tour at Sherman Gardens, Costa Mesa

### **Introduction of guests and visitors: Doris Marshall**

Joe and Esther Goth, new members who joined in October 2008.

Chris Heiland (Pam Heiland's son)

### **Technical Directors Report: Don Ratzlaff**

Jan 10<sup>th</sup> (SAT) Treatment of stainless steel at Paul Steed's home. Don also discussed a potential list of seminars and asked for a response to a listing to be in the February "Distributor".

**Sunshine and sorrow: Jeanne Parrish** Wayne Wiedle has had surgery.

### **Web Site report: Lew Lewis**

Articles and photos are wanted to update the site. Send photos to Lew Lewis or Don Ratzlaff

**Newsletter: Pete Hyland** discussed some ads for 2 phaetons. The advertisements were too long to include in the "Distributor" as well as a large listing vehicle parts and accessories located in Orange off Santiago Canyon Road. Call first. An award, a Certificate of Continuing Excellence, was given to Pete and Ana Hyland for their efforts throughout the past year in editing and publishing "The Distributor."

**John Knox** will make new ID badges if requested. The first one will be free, thereafter a \$1.00 charge for a badge.

**Mark Schwing** gave awards to the **Millers, Parrishes** and the **Endy's** for their contributions in the past year.

During the month of January the **Queen Mary** (Long Beach) will offer free tours.

**Merchandise:** A merchandising person is needed.

**Pancake breakfast:** Team leaders are needed to manage various duties.

**Hard luck Trophy** awarded to Richard Parrish.

Raffle took place and refreshments served.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

**Join us for good food  
and good company...**  
**Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch**  
**February 26 8:30 a.m.**  
**Denny's Coffee Shop**  
**18477 Beach Blvd. (Beach & Ellis)**  
**Huntington Beach 92648**  
**714 842-2112**  
**Info: Terry Collings (714) 970-7194**



# USS Los Angeles CA-135

by Tom Endy

The USS Los Angeles was the last of the heavy cruisers of World War Two. It was commissioned in mid 1945 and joined the fleet too late to participate in the war. For two years it carried the flag around the Pacific. Its home port was Long Beach, California. In 1947 it joined the mothball fleet in the back bay of San Francisco.

When the Korean War began in June 1950 the Los Angeles was re-commissioned and joined the Pacific Fleet. Once again its home port was Long Beach. The LA, as she was known, and often referred to as “LA’s Own”, made a number of deployments to the Korean War zone. The LA’s main batteries of eight-inch guns bombarded numerous North Korean coastal installations including the port of Wonsan. During one of its deployments it was hit by North Korean shore batteries and slightly damaged. The LA was decommissioned in 1963 and sold for scrap in 1977.

The next time you are rolling down Lampson Ave. in Seal Beach headed for the John & Gwen Riggs’ house, take notice of the very large-scale model of a ship floating in the lake in the middle of the Los Alamitos military golf course. It is a model of the USS Los Angeles, with CA-135 clearly painted on its bow.



The USS Los Angeles CA-135 steaming at sea.



The USS Los Angeles taking on munitions at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Facility in 1951. Note Pacific Coast Highway in the background.



The USS Los Angeles in heavy seas off the North Korean coast in 1951.



The USS Los Angeles returns from Korean waters to its home port, the city of Long Beach, in 1952.

## A Day at Union Station



All Photos by Richard Parrish



## Tour to Union Station- Los Angeles

January 17, 2009

Submitted by Kathie Mc Call

On this warm and sunny Saturday morning 9 Model A's and 1 red Thunderbird with a total of 21 people set out from Coco's on Valley View headed for Union Station in Los Angeles. This was an all-surface road tour, which had been scoped out by Wagon master John Riggs and trusty navigator Gwen. What a tour it was, one member described it as "Mr. Toad's Wild Ride" as we traversed through parts of L.A. never before seen, along Bellflower Blvd, Lakewood (Rosemead) and finally Washington Blvd. We drove over what we recognized as a truck route past the wholesale markets for produce, flowers, toys and various and sundry other industrial products. All in all it was a very eye-opening and educational journey just getting to our destination. Union Station itself was pretty quiet, even on a Saturday morning and there was plenty of time to explore and appreciate the beauty, planning and architecture of this landmark, finished in 1939. There was much to see and investigate including the now closed original Fred Harvey Restaurant. The spacious rooms were opened up for our group and we imagined what it was like in its heyday. The design throughout these magnificent buildings still leaves the observer in awe when reflecting back to the 1920's and 30's when it was built. We were able to observe several of the Amtrak trains coming and going and travelers with their suitcases either waiting in the still beautiful and spacious waiting rooms or outside patios, or disembarking

from near or far away places. Eight pairs of ramps lead to loading platforms after traversing through the 500 feet tunnel, ending at the 16 public tracks, 2 of which are used for Metro Gold Line. Following our walking tour we got back in the cars to travel just 2 blocks down Alameda Blvd. to "The original" Philippe's Restaurant, famous for its French dip sandwiches, hot mustard condiment and .09 cent coffee! What a surprise after everyone jockeying for a parking spot when we stepped inside to find at least 15 people behind the order counter trying to keep up with the hundreds of people placing their orders. The restaurant and building itself is celebrating 100 years in business, and it doesn't look like they'll be going out of service any time soon. We found that Philippe's has been highlighted on the Huel Howser (California's Gold) program and was recently featured on a major television network as the BEST place in L.A. for a sandwich. It's definitely worth the experience, as is the Union Station. While at the restaurant we recognized Gwen Riggs 84th birthday with a hearty rendition of Happy Birthday. Gwen and John planned this tour and those of us who benefited from their efforts are appreciative of the time and effort they put into making it a very special day. A small group of 3 A's drove another few miles up the road to the San Antonio Winery for a cup of coffee and a peak into the beautiful dining room and wine tasting counter, while the others found their way back home. If you haven't been on a tour with the OCMAFCA, get your car out of the garage (either your modern or your A) and meet some new friends or spend time with the established friends.

**(Please see photos on Pages 7 and 9)**



## Veterans Day Parade Hawaiian Style.

Photos from Bob & Patty Ferazzi



## Followed by a Winter Ride In Colorado



Photographer unknown (to the editor!)

## A Day at Union Station

Photos by Joanie Harris



# Bits and Pieces

## New Members

### Wayne & Marilyn Switzer

13720 Oak Crest Drive  
Cerritos, CA 90703  
H: (562) 219-7021  
e-mail: wswitzer2002@yahoo.com  
1931 45-A Coupe

### Dakota Parrish

11892 Timmy Road  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
H: (714) 750-3095

## Returning Member

### Edward & Patricia Cote

2435 Bonnie Brae  
Santa Ana, CA 92706  
H: (714) 542-6161  
C: (714) 267-0456  
Fax: (714) 542-0866  
1929 76-A Roadster Truck  
1931 180-A Deluxe Phaeton

## Welcome to all

## New Telephone Numbers

### Jannice Shook:

Home: (951) 679-7191

### Dennis & Judy Griffin

Cell: (714) 501-3213

### Greg Carcerano

Cell: (714) 425-8835

### Andy Cinke

Home: (626) 533-5179

### Glenn & Sharon Johnson

Glenn's Garage: (530) 644-9611

### Larry & Gerry McKinney

Cell-Larry: (714) 904-6453  
Cell-Gerry: (714) 328-1354

## New Address

### Dean & Pam Berto

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Arroyo Grande, CA 93420  
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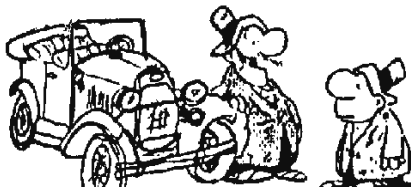
### Art & Olive Moore

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### Paul Steed

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**Editor's note: All these changes are  
incorporated in the 2009 Roster**



## 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](http://www.mafca.com/classifieds.html)

**For Sale**

### FOR SALE: 1931 Victoria Leatherback

Ground up restoration, 600 road miles. Black top\ fenders. Gray body. Restoration includes: Re-built engine including new Babbitt main and rod bearings, with modern rear seal. Re-built front end including king pin bushings and alignment. Rear end and transmission re-built. Upgrades include six-volt alternator, modern shocks, F-100 steering box, Brumfield head, Brassworks radiator, 90% new wood, LeBaron Bonney upholstery, new wiring harness, mechanical brakes.



Contact: Bob Zetterberg, 209-795-3972  
e-mail: dd528@goldrush.com Arnold, CA  
I will be in Mesa AZ. January thru March.  
My telephone # in Mesa is 480-247-2960. 12/08

### FOR SALE: Electronic Ignition Purchased

August 2008 and never used. Solid state electronic ignition, 6 volt, positive ground by FS Ignitions with warrantee. Paid \$149.95: for sale at \$110.00. Free delivery within California

Contact Lee Jackson @ 714-488-7503 02/09

### FOR SALE: Great items!!

2-A transmissions complete with gears

3- Flywheel housings good condition

Several boxes of miscellaneous A parts, all in good clean condition such as fans, manifolds, new spark plugs etc. etc. and many other usable parts.

1-New trunk in light tan leather...very nice!!!

For a 30-31: Several of the round bars that go between the rear bumper brackets

2-16" Ford wheels

2-sets of engine pans

Several large RC model airplanes, 4 have never been flown. Absolutely perfect in all details, including air operated wheel brakes, lights, retractable landing gear etc.

Please call Norbert at 714-402-3697

12/08

**CALL FIRST!!!!**

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### FOR SALE: 1931 Deluxe Roadster

Model B engine, Juice Brakes, 6 wheels 2 side mounts (White Walls), Rumble seat, Rock Guard, 12 Volt, 1939 Transmission, Fog Lights, All Leather, B Carburetor (Up draft), F-100 Steering. Completely restored

**\$17,000.00 FIRM** Please call

Jeff & Jeanne Webb 562-427-5793

02/09

### FOR SALE: 1931 Victoria

Frame off restoration---\$22,000.00

For Information call: Jeff & Jeanne Webb  
562-5793

### FOR SALE: Small Trailer

Light weight, lockable, enclosed, clear #s and easily towable with your Model A.

Did I mention cheap? \$200.00 Call

**Dick Smith (949) 770-6847**

p.s. The 29 Town Sedan is an extra \$18,000.00 02/09







## General Meeting

7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

[Board Meeting at 6:00 PM]

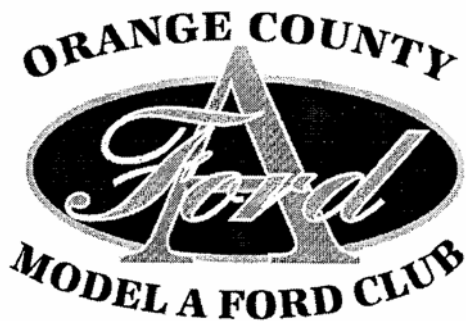
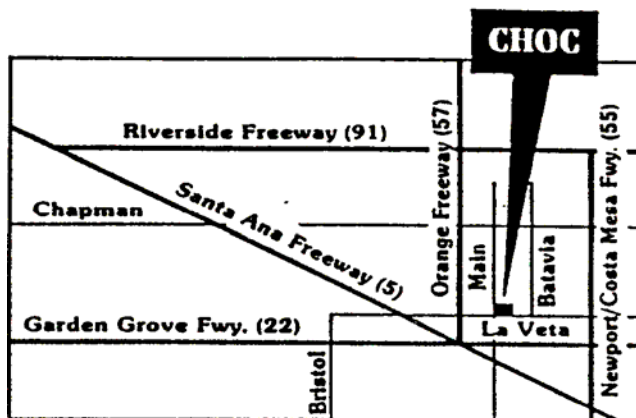
**February 12, 2009**

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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