

The Distributor

Orange County Model A Ford Club

Model A Ford Club of America

Chartered August 1961 – Santa Ana, California

Editors: Peter & Ana Hyland

Email to: newsletter@ocmafc.org

September 2009 Volume 49 Number 9

Website: <http://www.ocmafc.org>



Notes From Your President Mark Schwing. . .



September 2009
President's Letter

2009 BOARD MEMBERS

President—Mark Schwing
714-970-1696
mschwing@earthlink.net
VP/Activities—John Riggs
562-431-8783
Secretary—Alan Perlmutter
949-388-2815
alanjay@cox.net
Treasurer—Pam Heiland
714-836-4244
colapam@sbcglobal.net
Technical—Don Ratzlaff
714-529-5062
wadedon@pacbell.net
Editors – Peter & Ana Hyland
714-633-5797
newsletter@ocmafc.org
Immediate Past President
Don Miller 562-431-6494
donfmiller1@verizon.net

COMMITTEES

ACCC Representative-
Larry Conkol 714-535-1411
Breakfast Committee-
Terry Collings 714-970-7194
mtcollings@sbcglobal.net
Club Greeter-Doris Marshall
310-378-5061dandd51@gmail.com
Election Chairperson-
Kathie Mc Call 714-633-0946
dkmccall@socal.rr.com
Historian & Librarian-
Richard Parrish 714-999-0611
rcp1937@aol.com
Merchandise Director
To Be Announced
Pancake Breakfast setup & Coordination-Mark Schwing
714-970-1696
mschwing@earthlink.net
Raffle-Tissy Hatcher-714-546-8554
Gail Perlmutter-949-388-2815
Refreshments-Chris Foster
562-987-2225
Regional Representative-
Bev Marsh 714-373-9769
onebootscooter@yahoo.com
Scholarship--Dorothy Knox
562-697-2545
knoxbox59@aol.com
Sunshine & Sorrow
Jeanne Parrish
714-999-0611 jprp60@aol.com
Swap Meet-Larry and Gerry McKinney 714-963-2724
lgmcspeed@verizon.net
Web Master-Chris Enright
949-481-8780
webmaster@ocmafc.org
Web Site Info Entry-Lew Lewis
417-368-0191

International Ford Fun Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 27th at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area in Irwindale. OCMAFC members who want to travel in a group convoy will leave Coco's on Valley View at 8:00 AM. A second group may leave Sears in Orange at the same time. More details at the September club meeting.

Santa Fe Recreation Area admission of \$8 per car will be waived if driving a Model A. Bev Marsh will be collecting \$6 from each person planning on attending the event during the September meeting. If you actually attend the event, the \$6 will be refunded and you will get a free lunch. The Southern California Region is paying for the food.

Our club will have the responsibility of conducting one of the gymkhana events. Please volunteer to help out. This event promises to be a lot of fun for both drivers and hosts.

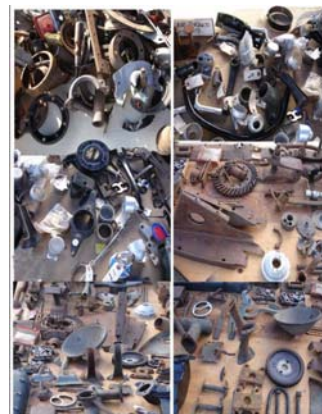
Nominations for Vice President/Activities Director and Technical Director are due at the October meeting. Also, Pam Heiland has asked to serve only this year of her two-year term as treasurer so nominations for Treasurer will be in order too. Kathy McCall will be actively seeking candidates for these three important club offices. Please see Kathie's article on page 7.

Please volunteer to help out your club and fellow club members. Board meetings are at 6 PM just before the monthly club meetings. A little of your time and expertise goes a long way toward making and keeping OCMAFC the great chapter that it is.

Please reserve Sunday evening, December 13th for our annual installation banquet. We will return to the Fountain Valley Claim Jumper where we were last year. The club will underwrite a portion of the dinner costs just as before. The exact menu is still being selected but you can always expect great food at that event. If anyone wants to help with holiday table decorations, please call or email me. Eileen and I could use a little help this year.

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

This Month's Cover Photo



So many parts!!! Photos taken at the Chatsworth Swap meet by Don Ratzlaff



Activity Schedule

John Riggs
562-431-8783

(NOTE: * = UPDATED INFORMATION)

NEXT MEETINGS Sept 10, 2009
7:30 PM at CHOC

✓ **Deadline for next *Distributor* is: September 30 2009** Type or write all articles and ads and e-mail to:
newsletter@ocmafc.org or prhyland@att.net
Or mail to: 244 No. Goldenspur Way,
Orange, CA 92869-4422

***Indicates Change**

2009 TOUR/ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SEPT 11-13 (FRI-SUN) Feather River Tour

Sept 12th (SAT) Progressive Brunch

Progressive Brunch begins at 10 a.m. at Don and Colleen Schmidt's for appetizers. See Directions to the Schmidts on Page 9. Next, the main course will be served at Ed and Susan Heins' home. We will end up at Sheila Plotkin's for dessert. Last chance to sign up and get maps to the Schmidt's is at the meeting on September 10th.

Sept 22 (TUES) Technical Seminar—Please see page 4 for details.

Sept 27 (SUN) International Ford Fun

Day Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. There will be a gymkhana, raffle, bingo, and a free lunch. The \$8.00 entrance fee will be waived for all model A's. It is a freeway tour. Bring chairs. Tour leaves Orange Mall at 8 a.m. Be sure to pay Bev Marsh \$6 by the next meeting or mail it to her for the lunch. The money will be refunded at Fun Day. Mark Schwing will be leading a tour from the Orange Mall and Don Miller will lead the group from Coco's, Garden Grove. Both groups will leave at 8:00 a.m. Carolyn Ratzlaff has kindly volunteered to make the trophies. We still need some helpers to do the "Bull's Eye"

Oct 3-4 (SAT-SUN) 2009 Concours

d'Elegance We just finished the new web site of the 2009 Concours d'Elegance At The St.Regis in Dana Point. Here is the link:Shortcut to:
<http://www.nbconcours.com/>

This year's event on the weekend of October 3, 4 will be double the size of any previous years, which an estimated 400++ amazing cars on display.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Pieter 714-322-1437

Oct 7 (WED) The Fairview Development

Center in Costa Mesa needs a few Model A's for a noontime 50th anniversary parade. It will be a short parade around the grounds. More details later.

Oct 11 (SUN) Frazier Park--This is a pot luck event so be sure to bring a dish. There will be a nice raffle along with the good food. We will leave Coco's on Valley View at 9:00AM. Bring chairs. Let's see if you can go up the grapevine in high gear.

Oct. 17 (SAT) Southern California Regional

meeting at Bev Marsh's clubhouse at 10 a.m.
6565 Grand Manan, Cypress, 90630.

Oct. 18 (SUN) Pumpkin Tour to be led by Karen and Jeremy Gaynor. Details to follow.

Nov.5-8 (THURS-SUN) Palm Springs

Follies. The Follies is Sat. night at 7:00PM. You must sign up and pay for your tickets by our Oct. 8 meeting. Tickets will be \$47.00. Be sure to make your motel reservations at the Royal Sun Inn 800-619-4786 or 760-327-1564 Rooms have been reserved around the pool for Model A guests. We need ideas for a tour on Friday and Saturday.

Nov. 15 (SUN) TENTATIVE tour to Lomita Railroad Museum and lunch afterwards. Tour to be led by John Riggs.

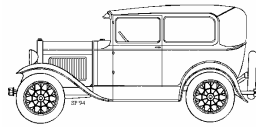
SWAP MEETS

Sep 13 (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet at Veterans Stadium

Oct 11 (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet at Veterans Stadium

TECHNICAL 2009

By Don Ratzlaff



August-September Technical Session

Ahooga! It's that time again, doesn't seem possible!

August Technical Session

There was no session scheduled for the month of August; did you miss it? Hope you enjoyed the time off.

September Technical Session

Doors sagging a bit or hood not lining up? It's been said that a little bit of sagging or leaning is not unusual after 80 years. Well don't despair, it's possible that with a few shims here and there things can be improved. Of course we are talking about a Model A; otherwise we'd have mentioned a Doctor. Anyway, Gerry O'Brien has a Model A with a few of these issues and we will be addressing them on September 22 at his residence in Yorba Linda. The start time will be 8am and the address is: 5340 Los Altos Lane, Yorba Linda, CA.

It is liable to be a bit experimental since we don't have a lot of experience with this but, bring your thoughts and energies and we'll see what we can do. Of course, there will be coffee and donuts and discussion groups; see you there.

Technical Clue (for those of us that are clueless)

Have you ever had your head under the hood and wished someone (wife) was nearby to engage the crank to slowly turn the engine over? Let's say you are scraping the carbon off the piston tops or trying to line up the distributor with number 1 at TDC? Well, perhaps the following will help with that.

Pick up a cheap 1/2 or 12mm 3/8 drive socket at the swap meet or elsewhere. You will also need a 2 inch by 3/16 or 1/4 inch roll pin or rod. Drill a matching hole through the socket roughly in the center of the length and insert the pin (see the photo below). The pin should be a tight fit or peened so-as not to slide out. Now, by fitting the socket to your handy 3/8- drive ratchet you have a substitute for the engine-crank and can use it under the hood (see photos). Now doesn't that just make your day?



OCMAFCA General Meeting

Aug 13 2009

Submitted by Kathie Mc Call for Alan Perlmutter

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Schwing @ 7:30 pm followed by the salute to the American flag. There were 58 members in attendance. Doris Marshall following her usual funny stories introduced guests Mark Risinger, Joe Kimba and Sam Thompson. In addition Christine Coté and her friend Dominick were in attendance with her parents.

The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter with no corrections or additions.

Treasurer's report was presented by Mark in Pam Heiland's absence. Details are available upon request.

Activities: Bev Marsh, Don Miller and Dorothy Knox presented upcoming plans for events including the Progressive Brunch, Ford Fun Day and the Poker Run, details of which are listed separately. Also presented was the Newport Concourse d'Elegance to be held Sunday, October 4. Model A's are encouraged to submit application if interested in this charity event.

Technical Director: Don Ratzlaff reported on the successful July seminar with his usual humor and expertise. There was discussion on the quality and price of head gaskets, since he is now in need of one due to an unfortunate event.

Sunshine and Sorrow: Jeannie Parrish reported on Louise Hall, recovery from surgery and Christine Cote'. Flowers were sent to the family of Jack Mc Millian who recently passed away.

Merchandise: Mark reported that a chairperson is still needed for this position. In the meantime he is attempting to identify needs and place orders as indicated. He will be modeling an orange shirt and jacket with club logo at the next meeting.

Monthly breakfast: Terry Collings is absent. The breakfast will be Thursday, August 27th at "Schooner or Later" in Long Beach.

Scholarship: Dorothy Knox announced that two very qualified young men had applied for the scholarships. Upon review she recommended that both be approved. A motion was made, and unanimously approved. The recipients are Matthew Plotkin (grandson of Sheila Plotkin) and Keith Munson (grandson of Richard/Jeannie Parrish), each of who will receive \$1,000.00 in 2 installments.

Installation Banquet: Sunday 12/13 at the Claim Jumper. Help is needed with menu selection and decorations. Contact Mark.

New Business: Charles Cohen has donated a unique picture for an ongoing "silent auction", with proceeds going to the club. Charles also modeled a silk print T-shirt with a picture of his car and headshot of himself. He has a contact if members are interested in having one of their own car.

Announcements: Hubley Derby discussion for a future meeting, possibly October or November. Richard Parrish announced the cross-country trip he and Jeanne are planning for September and October with the goal of arriving in Hershey, Pa for the huge annual swap meet. He is seeking others to come along.

Hard Luck Trophy. Don Ratzlaff is the proud recipient this month in recognition of his "fire in the dome light" incident on the way home from Wings N Wheels and for his Non-functioning head gasket issue.



Sunshine & Sorrow

By Jeannie Parrish

We would like to extend our condolences to Doris Marshall with the loss of her sister, Donna. Please keep Doris and family in your prayers.

We had a special visitor to our August monthly meeting....a very brave young lady, Christine Coté. Hoping all of you met and talked to her. Christy, we want you to know you have a large cheering section of very special prayers.

Thinking of and missing Vince and Joan Mariola, Louise Hall, Tom Endy and Lynn Neal, Mel Collings, Jeremy and Karen Gaynor, Doc and Darlene Ingwerson, and Gerry and Sherry Reid. Hoping to see all of you "Back on the Road" with s real soon.

Bonny & Clyde!

Fact & Fiction

by Tom Endy

Most people living today have a conception of the life and times of Bonny Parker and Clyde Barrow based on the 1967 Hollywood movie "*Bonny & Clyde*". The movie starred Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway. Both actors were tall and beautiful; the real Bonny & Clyde were anything but that. Their two-year reign of terror was depicted as adventurous, when in fact they endured a dreary, painful existence until they were finally put out of their misery. The movie is good entertainment, but certainly not factual. The ambush scene comes the closest to the actual truth.

A third character in the movie was that of C. W. Moss (played by Michael J. Pollard), a somewhat goofy teenager cast as part of the Barrow gang. The character is fictional and was a melding of two factual people who were members of the gang at different times. The first was W. D. Jones, just 16-years old when he joined the gang. The second was Henry Methvin, a hardened criminal in his early 20's. It was Methvin's father who in fact set up Bonny & Clyde for the ambush in return for a pardon for his son Henry. Today there is an antique auto parts store in the City of Orange in Southern California that goes by the name C. W. Moss.

The 1934 V8 Ford Bonny & Clyde were ambushed in is still around. The car was stolen from Ruth Warren of Topeka, Kansas on April 29, 1934. After the ambush Ms. Warren filed a Federal lawsuit to regain custody of the car. She eventually sold it to Charles W. Stanley who toured the country with it until the early 1950's. Today the car is on display at a gambling casino at Stateline, Nevada.

The ambush took place on May 23, 1934 outside of the small town of Gibsland, Louisiana. Today the town thrives on a Bonny & Clyde tourist industry. Six law enforcement officers lay in wait on a lonely road. The disabled truck of Henry Methvin's father was set up as a decoy along the road. When Clyde Barrow stopped to offer assistance the officers opened up with a barrage from high-powered automatic rifles, including several BAR's. They were no more than 30 feet away. The first burst hit Clyde in the head and he was killed instantly. All six officers continued pouring fire into the vehicle and essentially shot the occupants to pieces. Texas Ranger Frank Hamer, the officer in charge, walked around to the

passenger side of car and fired several more rounds point blank into Bonny's lifeless body. He could clearly see that Clyde was already dead.

Henry Methvin was given a pardon by the states of Texas and Louisiana as promised. However, the state of Oklahoma had made no such agreement. Henry was extradited to Oklahoma and convicted of murder and sentenced to death. The sentence was later commuted to life in prison and he was paroled after 8 years. He was shot to death some years later.

Articles written about Bonny & Clyde during their life, and for a number of years after, were in many cases exaggerated, contained inaccuracies, and in some cases downright untrue. Even articles written later by surviving family members are suspect, as many of them were covering their own involvement in harboring the two fugitives. Clyde Barrow is said to have murdered more than a dozen people.

A recent book, "*Go Down Together*" by Jeff Guinn, published in 2009, is a well-documented and factual book about the true existence of Bonny & Clyde. (ISBN-13: 978-1-4165-5706-7) ☺



Bonny & Clyde pose by a stolen 1932 V8 Ford



The death car, a 1934 V8 Ford

Historian Article

In 1988, Paul Steed joined the club and became active and involved. He had an auto repair shop in La Habra which most of us immediately adopted as our personal smog testing station.

With his mechanical expertise he obviously became technical director and soon president. His daughter Alison attended most meetings and tours. Diane, his “ex”, often joined him, and Alison, at club events, which brings me to the object of this, reminisce.

Paul bought “the club phaeton” from Glenn Johnson which in later years changed hands to become the John Knox phaeton, hence my moniker for the car. Paul put it in excellent mechanical shape and drove it far and wide on club tours, even in other states.

Paul, being even more devious than your author came up with a plan which we, his friends, were privy to but Diane was excluded. The Laughlin tour was approaching and he made arrangements to “remarry” Diane that weekend, if she accepted his proposal. Of course the proposal still hadn’t been made.

A large entourage accompanied the prospective bride and groom, the bride being blissfully unaware of the scheme Paul and his conspirators were plotting.

We can’t attest to the details of engagement but, he asked and she accepted. The engagement was to last about 16 hours with the wedding party assembling on top of Davis Dam only inches inside the state of Arizona where the minister was to perform the nuptials.

The minister dramatically arrived in a small motor home adorned with the prophetic words “Matrimony- mobile”. From inside emerged the reverend lady minister who reunited the two as one. It was a beautiful day in the great outdoors spanning two states.

Laughlin will forever be remembered as a happy moment of reunion and love in the clubs history. I’m sure you will agree that: **This was the best “dam wedding”**, ever.

Prolog: A lot of water has flowed over the dam. Paul is retired. Diane will do so at the end of this school year. Alison is an accomplished scholar and college graduate.

Paul and Diane have bought a house on “the big island” in Hawaii.

Agent Orange

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

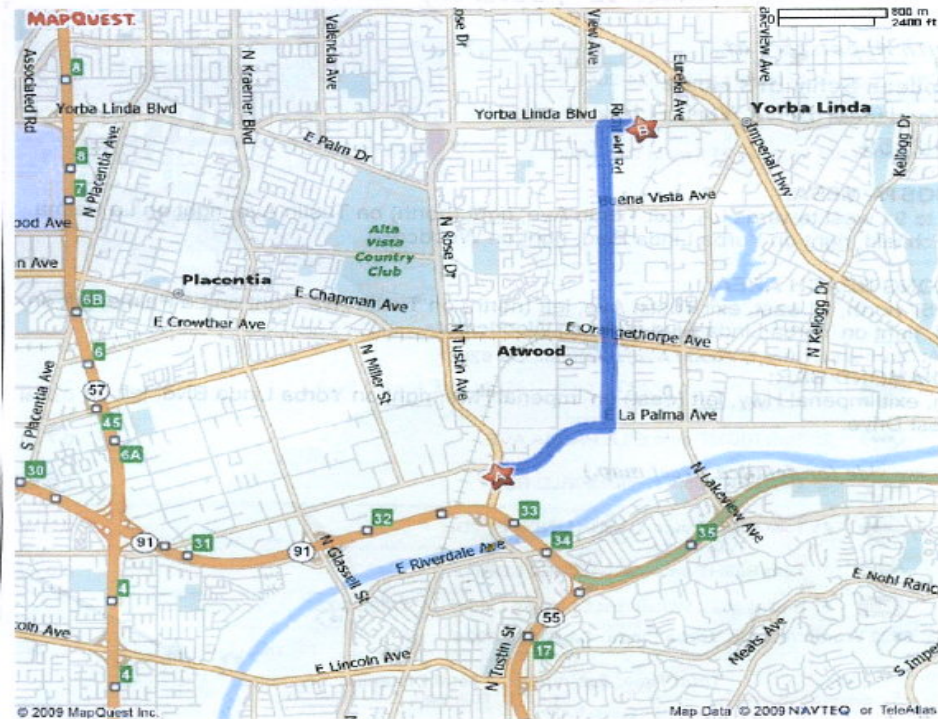
It's not too soon to begin thinking about leadership positions for our club. Don Ratzlaff has done a fabulous job as **TECHNICAL DIRECTOR** for the past 2 years and is eager to mentor someone else to step into this role. In addition, the position of **VICE PRESIDENT/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR** has been very aptly handled by Don Miller with his sidekick Bev Marsh. Both are looking forward to turning over the position to someone who will step in and pick up where they leave off. Many tours and events are already pre-planned, they just need a gatekeeper. **WHO WILL IT BE?** The election of officers will take place in November, but please save me a lot of phone calls by letting me know of your interest as soon as possible. Don R, Don M and Bev will be happy to discuss the roles and responsibilities also.

The positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer will be open next year.

Kathie Mc Call,
Election Chairperson
(Contact information is in the Directory and Newsletter).

FIRST STOP FOR THE PROGRESSIVE BRUNCH ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

Directions are from the 91 fwy at the Tustin Ave. exit, between the 57 & 55 fwys.



- | | | |
|--|--|--------|
| | 1: Start out going NORTH on N TUSTIN AVE toward E LA PALMA AVE. | 0.0 mi |
| | 2: Turn RIGHT onto E LA PALMA AVE. | 0.7 mi |
| | 3: Turn LEFT onto N RICHFIELD RD. | 2.0 mi |
| | 4: Turn RIGHT onto YORBA LINDA BLVD. | 0.2 mi |
| | 5: Turn RIGHT onto WOODCREST DR. | 0.0 mi |
| | 6: 5022 WOODCREST DR is on the LEFT. | 0.0 mi |

B: 5022 Woodcrest Dr, Yorba Linda, CA 92886-3924



Southern Cal Region presents International **FORD FUN DAY**

CELEBRATING THE 1929 MODEL A FORD

HOSTED BY
SANTA ANITA A'S



CHANCE FOR EACH MODEL A PRESENT
TO WIN \$100 CASH PRIZE



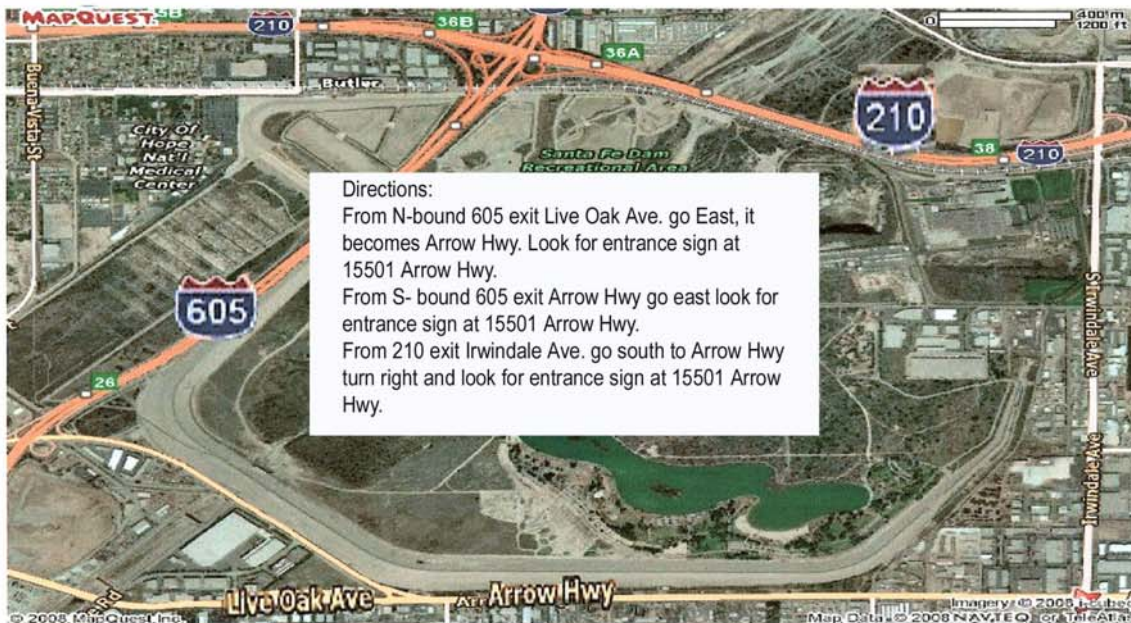
SEPTEMBER 27, 2009
SANTA FE DAM, IRWINDALE
15501 ARROW HWY.

Program:

Registration & Welcome	8:30-9:30am	Bring your chairs & blankets
Ice Breaker & Youth fishing	9:30 am	Be open for something new
Gymkhana/Nature Center	10:00am	Car Fun at its best
Women's Bingo & Shade tree Seminar	11:00am	This will be awesome
Hosted Lunch for Club Members	11:30am	Thank your So-Cal Reg. Board for this one
Raffle & 50-25-25	12:30pm	Bring your wallet
Depart for Home	1:30pm	Have a safe drive home

FOR MODEL A'S ONLY -SO-CAL REGION
TO PAY \$8.00 PARK ENTRANCE FEE

ADVANCE REGISTRATION THROUGH YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER
REQUIRED FOR LUNCH AND PARK ENTRANCE FEE



¹ For Information or questions call Santa Anita A's Marlin Perry 626 443 0638 or John Emanuelli 626 286 5267

The History of APRONS

I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few, it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a pot-holder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.



Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.



“Borrowed” from The Diablo A’s with thanks!



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 Model A Ford Panel Delivery. Engine rebuilt by Taylor Engineering a number of years ago. Snyder head, electronic Ignition, Ryan overdrive. Very good condition, excellent interior, wood. Many extra parts included. The car is located in Hilo, Hawaii. Cost about \$1,000 to ship to Long Beach. \$27,000.00

Wayne Krug
808-962-6383

firechief17a@hawaii.rr.com 08/09



FREE: Whole box of copies of The Distributor dating back to 1994. Take one or all. If no one calls me in regard to these, I will bring them to the meeting and you can pick and choose.
Bev Marsh (714) 373-9769

FOR SALE: 1931 Sport Coupe

Older restoration, Always Garaged, Good Condition.
Includes: Dual Side Mounts and a Trunk

\$15,000.00

08/09

Jim Bailey



949-642-3353

Join us for good food and good company...

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

September 24...8:30 a.m.

Watson Drugs

116 E. Chapman Avenue

Orange 92866

(714) 532-6315

Info: Terry Collings--714 970-7194

Bits and Pieces

New Address, etc

Joan and Herman "Lew" Lewis

1431 S. Jameston Road

Springfield, MO 65809

Joan E-mail: nonnah@mchsi.com

Lew E-mail: hglewis@mchsi.com

Home (land-line) Tele: 417-368-0191
Cell phones (Verizon) remain the same:

Joan: 714-328-0199

Lew: 714-321-0574



- **Deadline for next *Distributor***
- **September 30, 2009**
- Type or write all articles and advertisements and e-mail to: newsletter@ocmafc.org
Or mail to: 244 No. Goldenspur Way,
Orange, CA 92869-4422

General Meeting

7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

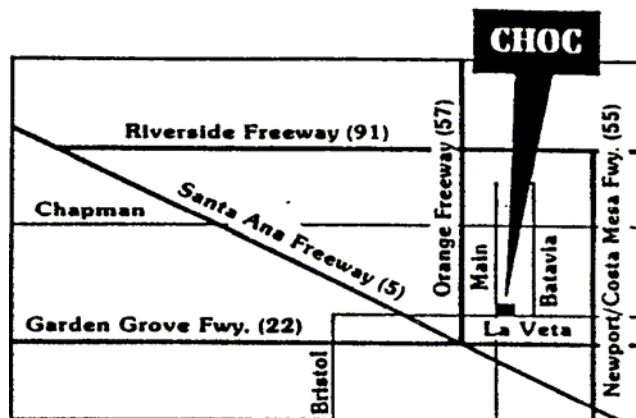
[Board Meeting at 6:00 PM]

September 10, 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.



Post Office Box 10595
Santa Ana, CA 92711

First Class Mail

Web Site: www.ocmafc.org