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Progressive Brunch

September 12, 2009

Notes From Your President Mark Schwing. . .



October 2009
President's Letter

Saturday, September 26th was the official International Model A Ford day with a rain date on Sunday, the 27th. There were numerous reports on www.fordbarn.com, many with pictures of the events across the country. Looks like many of the clubs in the northeast celebrated on Saturday even in the rain. Here in southern California, the event was on Sunday at Sante Fe Dam. For those that attended, a good time was had by all. If you didn't attend, you missed a fun day. Model A's had free admission to the park and the Southern California Region paid for the lunch too. Please put it on your calendar for 2010.

OCMAFC had a number of members in both Model A's and moderns attend. We hosted a stop over the target gymkhana that is actually much harder to do than it looks. Twenty some cars participated. Each had a vertical pointer attached to their front and rear bumpers with the goal being to stop the front bumper over a bull's eye and then pull forward and stop the rear bumper over a line. Most who tried missed the bulls eye altogether and most stopped long past the rear bumper line. Thanks to Don Miller for coming up with the event and the key equipment to do it. Also thanks to Don and Carolyn Ratzlaff for the event trophies. Many thanks to all of our members who stood on the hot parking lot for over an hour explaining the event to each driver and keeping the scores.

The Santa Anita A's were the host chapter and did a great job. The raffle had something for everyone. I was a little lucky and won a set of four of Mel Gross's cast iron brake drums. Now all I need a four hubs and twenty studs. If you have some used hubs, please let me know.

October is nominating month for VP/Activities Director and Technical Director. Step up and volunteer. Our club is the sum of all our efforts. Your help and efforts are needed and appreciated by all the members.

Orange or Blue ball caps with the embroidered club logo are now back in stock and available for \$9.25. Sample knit polo shirts in both orange and blue will be available at the October meeting. Shirt prices are \$25. I hope to have sample pocket polo shirts by the October meeting too. The pocket polo shirt price will be announced at the meeting. I also have a sample orange windbreaker with the club logo embroidered on the left breast. Price is \$28.50. I'll be taking orders for shirts and jackets to be delivered at the November meeting. These shirts and jackets are top quality and make excellent holiday gifts

Remember the installation banquet on Sunday, December 13th at the Fountain Valley Claim Jumper.

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

This Month's Cover Photo



Photo by a neighbor of
Don & Colleen Schmidt

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NEXT MEETING: Oct 8, 2009
7:30 PM at CHOC

✓ **Deadline for next *Distributor* is: October 30 2009** Type or write all articles and ads and e-mail to:
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2009 TOUR/ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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 (formerly known as Fairview State Hospital).50th Anniversary Celebration Parade. Contact Tina Lineberger (714-957-5085 if you are not already signed up.) Pete Hyland and Dale Mc Call are meeting at In & Out on Chapman Ave. in Orange @ 10:30 am if you want to caravan with them. Costa Mesa needs a few Model A's for a noontime 50th anniversary parade. It will be a short parade around the grounds. They will be staging the parade from 11:00 am-12:15pm so that the parade can start promptly at 12:30 pm

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 18 (SUN) Pumpkin Patch Tour to be led by Karen and Jeremy Gaynor. All the details are included in a flyer on Page 8.

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. We will leave from Denny's at Tustin Street & Lincoln Ave, Orange at 9:30am on Thursday

Nov.7-8 (SAT-SUN) Old Towne Preservation Associations 2009 Home Tour in Orange. Sign up at the next meeting

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

SWAP MEETS

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

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

Nov 29 (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet at Veterans Stadium

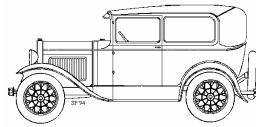
Richard & Jeanne Parish and Their Cross Country trip



Here they are in Portland, Maine. "The Portland Head light house is old and beautiful. It's easy to see the need for it on this rugged coast." That is a quote from his email.

TECHNICAL 2009

By Don Ratzlaff



September - October Technical Session

Ahooga! Ahooga! Let's get technical

September Technical Session

Well, we did it. We met on Tuesday morning at Gerry O'Brien's home in Yorba Linda. Did not have a big crowd; Myself, Gerry, Frank Mower, Bob Jefferies and Curtis Buck made up the attendees. Gerry has a 1929 Model A Coupe that had issues with the door alignment. To establish a reliable baseline, we first replaced all the rubber pads (shims) between the body and frame. At this point additional shims were placed using a "trial and error" sequence of assembly repetitions. At the end of the session we had reduced the alignment errors by about 50%.

Curtis Buck brought his 1930 4-door sedan having issues with the fit of the windshield to the body. The problem was that the windshield rubbed against the cowl at the right side. It was discovered that the windshield frame was not adequately fastened to the body header and in addition the windshield glass was not fully seated within the frame, resulting in a longer edge at the right side. We were able to correct the attachment at the frame header however, the windshield frame and glass need to be disassembled and have new seating material installed.

As always, coffee and donut disposal activities went well.

October Technical Session

Well, I've had a couple inquire concerning front end alignments and tie rod ball joints, etc. Perhaps it is a good time to arrange to put the cars up on a hoist and do a front end inspection and a look-see about the general vehicle safety. John Knox has volunteered his hoist and yard for Saturday, the 24th of October beginning at 9am. John's address is:

1146 N. Puente St. Brea, CA

We'll make it open to general problem solving with a focus on safety if that sounds good to you model A'ers. See you there.

Technical Clue (for those of us that are clueless)

This month's clue is taken from the Sept, 2009 newsletter published by the Old Dominion Model A Club of Virginia.

The article is summarized herein and concerns the benefits of the Model A Engine Pans. If you are not familiar with engine pans they are the formed sheet metal parts mounted on both sides of your engine between the engine and the vehicle frame. They mount on two oil pan bolts on the each side of the engine and three bolts through the frame. The benefits derived from having the pans installed are the following: First, they serve to keep road dirt thrown up by your front tires from entering your engine compartment and being drawn into the carburetor. Second, they serve as an electrical grounding path between the engine and frame and are therefore an important part of the vehicles electrical system. Third, they actually improve air flow through the engine compartment thus improving the efficiency of the radiator.

Besides the above benefits, you will find that they make your engine compartment appear finished. They also provide a path for coolant drained from the petcock on the driver's side into a container placed at the pan's rear edge.

If you do not have these pans on your vehicle you should seriously consider installing them. After-market pans, are available from most Model A part suppliers.

OCMAFCA General Meeting

September 10 2009

Submitted by Kathie Mc Call

President **Mark Schwing** led the group in the salute to the flag, acknowledging the 9/11 tragedies for our country, especially those who gave their lives and the ones who worked so hard to restore order from chaos.

The minutes were approved as printed in the club newsletter, with no corrections.

Treasurer Report: Pam Heiland reported on the financial status of the club and records were available to members to review.

Activities: Bev Marsh presented updates on the International Ford Fun Day planned for 9/27. OCMAFC will be hosting a gymkhana event, volunteers still needed to help.

A Hubley Derby is planned for the November meeting. Bev discussed the rules and displayed her own Hubley as an example.

Don Miller announced the Fairview Developmental Center's plans for their 50th anniversary celebration on 10/7. Several members will participate in a short parade around the grounds. FDC was formerly known as Fairview State Hospital.

Don is seeking more members and friends to sign up for the Palm Springs Follies in November. Currently 16 are registered; however, a minimum of 20 is required for the discounted price. Action Item: **John Riggs** made a motion for the club to finance the difference if 20 people do not register; motion was seconded and approved by majority.

Don asked for volunteers to participate in the City of Orange annual Old Town Historical Society Home Tour. Cars are needed to park all day at various homes in return for free tickets to the event. The date is November 7 and 8, 2009.

Technical: Don Ratzlaff is off on a trip. **Gerry O'Brien** announced a technical seminar at his home on 9/22 @ 8:00 am at his home in Yorba Linda.

Sunshine/Sorrow: Jeanne Parrish is absent (off with Richard on a cross country trek in their Tudor with their final destination Hershey, Pa for the annual swap meet and car rally).

Merchandise: Chairperson still needed.

Newsletter: Pete Hyland is absent (off on a trip with Ana to Australia, but not in their Model A). 4th Thursday Breakfast will be at Watson's Drugs on Chapman in Orange 9/24.

Announcements: Mark announced that the San Diego and Harbor Chapters are considering the possibility of a national meet to be held in the San Diego area for 2011 and asked for OCMAFC support. No decision, informational only.

The October meeting will feature **John & Dorothy Knox** and their recent cross-country trip.

The November meeting will be a Hubley Derby.

Charles Cohen provided information on silk engraved T-shirts with the club logo on the back and picture of individual's cars on the front. These can be e-mailed to Charles @ candhcohen@roadrunner.com with a jpeg attachment. The price is approximately \$20.00.

Charles also has a contact for bodywork such as dents, paint touch ups, etc. Charles is a member of the Knights of Pythius, a philanthropic organization that will be hosting a charity event on 9/26 and will be giving away safety helmets to children.

Old Business: Kathie Mc Call (Election Chairperson) announced the resignations of Pam Heiland as Treasurer and Alan Perlmutter as Secretary. Both of these positions have one year remaining and the BOD may appoint volunteers. Immediately **Joe Goff** volunteered to serve as Treasurer to complete Pam's term beginning in January 2010. Kathie will serve as secretary for the remainder of the 2009-year since Alan's resignation is effective immediately.

Nominations will be considered during the October and November meetings with the final votes at the conclusion of the November meeting. Open positions will be for Activities/Vice President, Technical Director, and Secretary (if still vacant). Volunteers are also needed for the merchandise coordinator, raffle co-chair and scholarship chair. **Wayne Weidle** provided samples of a special type of oil.

Cars of the Month. **Gerry O'Brien** had his 1929 roadster on display outside, as well as **Bob Jeffries'** '29.

Bill and Tissie Hatcher conducted the monthly raffle.

Some great people provided refreshments, but I neglected to get their names...

No Hard Luck Trophy this time.

Orange County Then & Now

Santa Ana



The old Santa Ana Courthouse looking northeast from the corner of Sixth Street and Broadway. The courthouse was built in 1900; the photo was taken in 1906. The bell tower was destroyed in the 1933 earthquake and never replaced. Sixth Street was later changed to Santa Ana Blvd.

Photo from the historical collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California #664



The same view in 1993. The courthouse is designated an historic landmark. It is currently used as a museum and record storage facility.

Photo by Tom Endy #664

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).

2010 Dues

Membership dues for 2010 are now due and payable and we urge that you remit as soon as possible to your Treasurer. To make it easy we are including a "DUES STATEMENT" along with a preaddressed envelope. All it needs is your check and a stamp!!

Also, please take this opportunity to check your Roster listing so that it reflects your information accurately such as address, telephone number, e-mail etc.

For those who receive "THE DISTRIBUTOR" electronically—do not worry! We will mail an invoice to you separately.

Thank you very much for your early remittance!!

International Ford Fun Day

by Bev Marsh

This was a very special celebration that was also for the birthday of the 1929 Model A Ford. Our club had a good number attend the festivities held at the Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale on Sunday, Sept 27th. Those attending in "As" were: Don and Carolyn Ratzlaff, Gary and Marilyn Chambers, Greg and Fran Earhart, Doris and Drain Marshall, Don and Sally Miller and Bob and Patty Jeffries. The other members attending were: Bev Marsh, Mark and Eileen Schwing, Don and Colleen Schmidt, Dale and Kathie McCall and Bruce and Joanie Harris. The group from Garden Grove had a minor mishap on the way to the park. The gas cap flew off of Don Miller's A and smashed into the windshield of Gary Chambers A !

Our club hosted the "Bull's Eye" event which was constructed and coordinated by Don Miller. His staunch helpers were: Mark Schwing, Don Ratzlaff, Gary Chambers and Don Schmidt. During the gymkhana, we were treated to coffee and popcorn and BINGO! There was a wonderful array of raffle prizes and a 50-25-25 money raffle. After the games, we were treated to a good box lunch (For free, thanks to the So.Cal. Region.) Then came the



trophies for the car games. OUR TROPHIES WERE THE BEST OF ALL, thanks to the ingenuity and skill and teamwork of DON AND CAROLYN RATZLAFF, The trophies were great. I guess none of our members won any trophies because they were having too much fun conducting the "Bull's Eye"??? The event was a huge success with about 108 Model A's attending. Things all went well and the weather even cooperated!



Pumpkin Patch Tour



Don't be a scary cat!



Come help us brew up some fun!



As we haunt a pumpkin patch or two, looking for the Great Pumpkin!

We'll carve up some pumpkins,



And do what the Model A's do best - eat.

We'll meet at the Villages at Orange at 10:00am on Sunday, October 18th.
No freeway driving.

Bring the kids and grandkids.

We'll be visiting a pumpkin patch to find that perfect pumpkin, enjoying a potluck lunch with friends, and then digging into a pumpkin carving / decorating contest.

Prizes for the best carved / decorated pumpkin.

To finish off the day, we'll have homemade Pumpkin pie & whipped cream for dessert.



PROGRESSIVE BRUNCH

By Joanie Harris

Photos by Don & Colleen Schmidt's neighbor
and Joanie Harris

What a perfect day for a Progressive Brunch Tour. The weather was so accommodating..... smile

Our first stop was for appetizers at Don and Colleen Schmidts in Yorba Linda. The

appetizers were prepared by Colleen and Chris, with helpers Don and Dale. (Good job)

We had strawberries and bananas that could be dipped in a chocolate sauce from a fountain (made by Chris) or eaten as is... Yummy

We also had a great cheese and pepper casserole, bagels with cream cheese (toaster available for toasting) donuts, O.J. and coffee.

The back yard was set up so nicely and the perfect place for eating, visiting, and more eating... You all did an excellent job.....

Next stop was in Huntington Beach at Ed and Susan Heins' wonderful clubhouse at their home location. It was all set up and ready for the main course.

Dishes served were a mushroom/spinach, and cheese/broccoli quiche. Delicious.... We also enjoyed chili/cheese, hamburger/potato and sausage baked casseroles. Sooooo good... All of this and a great apple/walnut salad. These dishes were all so appetizing and made to perfection with TLC by Susan and Ed. Great job you two....

Onward to our last stop for desserts at Sheila Plotkin's home in Huntington Beach, not too far from Ed and Susan's.(all of us were moving a little more slowly to accommodate for our full stomachs).

We arrived to a wonderful spread prepared by Sheila, Bev Marsh and Karen Gaynor. Served were root beer floats (oh boy) fudge sundaes, (Yesss) a strawberry dessert, homemade brownies and a fantastic peach cobbler. Everything was so good and very enjoyable.

5 Smiles to all you great "dessert ladies"

We wish to thank all our hosts and hostesses for going the extra mile for all of us who attended, in preparing all of the awesome, excellent foods and for their gracious hospitality.

You all deserve #1 performance stars..... Thank you so much.....

Thought for the day:

Remember Smiles Are Day Brighteners



2009 POKER RUN WAS GREAT FUN

Our theme was “Morning in the Museum” It highlighted eight of the wonderful museums we have in Orange County.

Thirty two people finished the 45 mile Poker Run this year. We had 10 Model As and a few moderns. Several visitors rode in the back seats of the As. People in As included Diana Stewart & Bill Douglas and their guests David and Karen Bustamanti, John Graves and guest Aneice Douglas (mother of Bill), Richard Bolls & Malei Duff (who announced they were getting married in Hawaii in January) Ed Heins, James and Chris Bush, Don and Sally Miller with Joanie and Bruce Harris in the back seat, Frank Mower, Don and Colleen Schmidt, and their daughter Chris and her husband Dale, as well as Pam Heiland and her son Chris, and Curtis and Linda Buck. Those in their moderns were Mark Schwing, Red and Mimi Sickman, Pete and Harriet Pavidis, and John and Dorothy Knox:

We ended our run at the Citrus Café in Tustin for lunch and tally. Winners were: 4th place James Bush, 3rd place Don Miller, 2nd place Colleen Schmidt and 1st place Diana Stewart with an Ace High full house. Out of 40 dealt hands there were only 2 full house hands, 1 flush 2 straights, 3 only of 3 of a kind. The rest were 2 pair or less.

We did a “green” run and only had clues to answer and each correct answer earned you a card that was dealt at the lunch. That saved buying 12 decks and hundreds on envelopes. It was easier on the leaders as they did not need to do an early morning run to distribute the cards.

“A good time was had by all.”

John and Dorothy Knox, organizers

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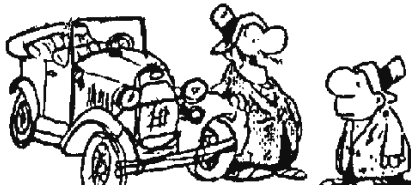
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Additional Photos from International Ford Fun Day Photos by Don Ratzlaff





CAR BARN SPECIALS

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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 \$1,000.00 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 09/09

FOR SALE: 1931 Sport Coupe

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

\$15,000.00

09/09

Jim Bailey

949-642-3353



FOR SALE

Restored-Rebuilt Zenith Carburetor:

Castings bead blasted to bare metal and painted with black paint impervious to fuel. Passageways checked clean and open. Throttle shaft good. Viton tip float valve installed and float level set on a test stand. All four jets have been re-sized and flow checked. Flow rates recorded. Road tested on 29 coupe, runs excellent, no stalling, no leaks. \$195.00 Money back guarantee.

10/09

Tom Endy 714-897-5861 tendy@socal.rr.com

Join us for good food and good company...

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

October 22...8:30 a.m.

Tartuffles @ Fullerton Airport

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Fullerton 92833

714 870-9235

Info: Terry Collings--714 970-7194



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General Meeting

7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

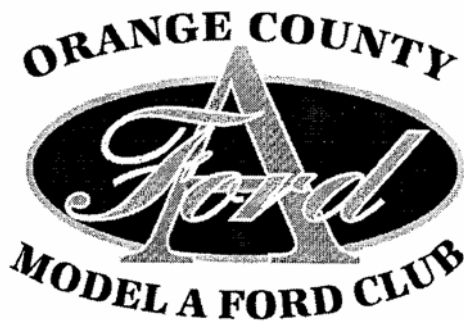
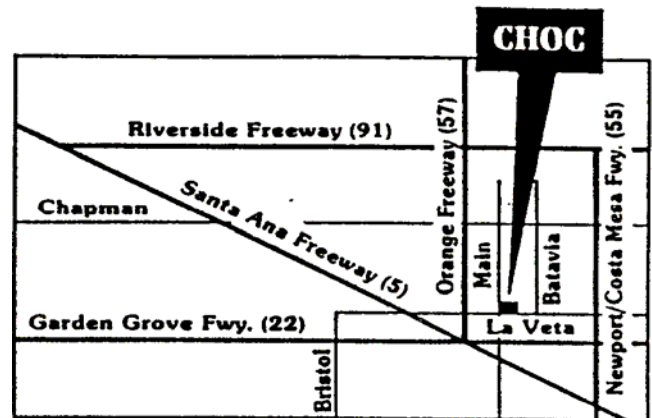
[Board Meeting at 6:00 PM]

October 8, 2009

CHOC Hospital Complex

455 South Main St. Orange CA

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