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December 2009

President's Letter

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year to you all.

Speaking of the holiday season, our annual Installation Banquet will be held at the Claim Jumper in Fountain Valley on Sunday, December 13th. The no-host bar opens at 6 PM and dinner will begin at 7 PM. Since the November meeting, we have made a change in the menu for the dinner. It will now be their famous Motherlode Dinner Buffet with Rotisserie Chicken, Baby Back Pork Ribs and Hickory Roasted Prime Rib. Salad choices will be Caesar Salad or Candied Walnut & Asian Pear Salad, a Baked Potato, Fresh Steamed Vegetables, Crusty Sourdough Rolls and a choice of Chocolate Walnut Brownies, Carrot Cake or Cream Cheese Pie for Dessert. Cost is \$25 per person and I need your commitment by our club meeting on Thursday, December 10th as we have to provide a head count the very next day. We can always add but we can't reduce the count after submittal. OCMAFC is picking up a portion of the dinner costs so please sign-up, come out and enjoy the good food and fine fellowship. There will be plenty of door prizes too. **There is a flyer on page 10 in this newsletter.** You can mail a check to me made out to OCMAFC or bring it to the December 10th meeting.

Thanks to all the many volunteers who participated in the Pancake Breakfast last March. With each of you helping in many, many ways the event was as always a fantastic success. To those of you who served on the board or on one of the committees such as refreshments and raffles, I give you my special thanks.

Once more, as we approach the year end, I would ask you to consider a tax deductible donation to the Model A Youth Restoration Award or Model A Youth Scholarship programs. We need to do as much as we can to encourage a new generation to join our Model A hobby.

I'll be attending the MAFCA national membership meeting in Wisconsin December 2-6. I'll have a full report in the next newsletter.

Hoping to see all of you on December 13th at the Claim Jumper.

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

This Month's Cover Photo





Activity Schedule

John Riggs
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(NOTE: * = UPDATED INFORMATION)

**NEXT MEETING: Dec 10, 2009
7:30 PM at CHOC**

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

Dec 13 (SUN) Installation Banquet

Our annual banquet will be the Claim Jumper in Fountain Valley—the same location as last year. Please see the flyer on page 10 for all the details.

Dec 18 (FRI) Tour to Rancho Los

Alamitos Christmas Holiday Event. Tour will meet at Coco's in Garden Grove on Valley View near the 22 freeway at 9:00 a.m. We will **NOT** be traveling on the freeway. We will have a guided tour of the beautiful gardens and the restored Adobe home built back in the time of Native Americans. The barns include a working blacksmith shop and ancient farm machinery. It will be it's holiday presentation. It is located near Cal State L.B. After a docent-led tour, we will travel to nearby Los Altos for lunch at Ecco's Pizza. They serve a wide variety of Italian food. We will have our own room and separate checks. Let Bev Marsh know, if you are interested. This should be a very special treat, drive your A if you can, or else bring your modern.

**THIS IS OUR LAST TOUR OF THE
YEAR AND IT SHOULD BE A GOOD
ONE!**

SWAP MEETS

Dec 13 {SUN} Long Beach Swap Meet at
Veterans Stadium

**Jan 30-31 (SAT-SUN) Modesto A's 44th
Annual SWAP MEET** will be at the Stanislaus
County Fairgrounds, Turlock CA. There will be a
flyer at the November meeting. For any information
please call Gwen Barber at (209) 526-191 or visit their
web site at: www.TurlockSwapmeet.com

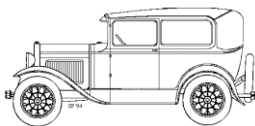
MAFCA 2009 Membership Meeting

will be from December 2nd to December 5th in
Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Come join your fellow
MAFCA members and experience the wonderful
social and educational attractions Milwaukee has to
offer.

Please see your July/August issue of "The Restorer"
for complete details, or visit the club web site at
www.mafca.com for more information. The deadline
for registration is November 15, 2009 so there is not
much time left if you plan to be there.

NEW CLUB MILEAGE RECORD SYSTEM

At the last meeting the membership decided that
mileage credit for each member will now be given by
recording the odometer reading for each members
Model A on January 1st of each year. Be sure to turn
your mileage as soon as possible after the first of
January. Mileage should be turned in to the
VP/Activities or whosoever is designated



TECHNICAL 2009

By Don Ratzlaff

November-December Technical Session

Technically speaking the activity for the period in question was more general or perhaps a bit loose and disorganized.

November Technical Session

I was visiting family in Maple Valley, Washington during the first 3 weeks of November and as a result did not schedule a technical session for the month. I forgot my scuba gear so spent most of the time indoors; perhaps I should mention that it rained, and rained, while we were there.

Before Thanksgiving we did manage to look in on Dominic Cimarusti and attempted to resuscitate the engine that he acquired from R. Parrish. What we have here is a rolling chassis with radiator, engine, transmission and rear end installed. After lashing up the fuel and electrical we determine we are ready to engage the starter and listen to the sweet sound of a running Model A engine. Three – two - one, engage! Sounds like the starter isn't fully engaging, you can hear it bouncing off the ring-gear; however the engine is turning over so maybe it will start? Nope, didn't start and now the starter won't engage at all, just spins away when activated. So now we pull the starter and guess what; one of the bolts attaching the Bendix spring has sheared. Gloom sets in and we decide to call it a day; besides we didn't even provide for coffee and donuts, bummer. Maybe things will look better after Thanksgiving. Sure enough, on Sunday following Thanksgiving we revisited the scene with a new starter and a new attitude and things went better. The engine started and ran well, semper fi.



December Technical Session

Well Thanksgiving has passed and we have now entered the count-down to Christmas; as I write this note I am reminded that there are 25 days 14 hours and 33 minutes until Christmas but who's counting. Hope you are all well into the Christmas Spirit!

Since this is the acknowledged Holiday season where time is precious and committed, there will be no formal technical session scheduled. Don't forget the club coronation, err, installation banquet that is scheduled for the 13th of December. It is set for the Claim Jumper in Garden Grove starting at 7pm and is partially subsidized by the club treasury. If you are planning on going, be sure to contact Mark Schwing for your reservation.

Technical Clue (for those of us that are clueless)

Hand cranking your Model A

Let's assume your model A has been running but now has a dead battery for whatever reason. You have looked around and there is no one to give you a push and you aren't parked on a hill so, you may be able to start the engine using the hand crank. Of course you must have a crank in the car or all is lost. Having found the crank you will note that at one end there is a pin protruding from the crank diameter. You must insert the pinned end of the crank into the opening at the bottom of the radiator shell at the front of the car. When the crank is fully inserted you will note it will engage the engine if rotated clockwise. Check to make sure the parking brake is fully applied; the spark lever in full retard, the throttle lever advanced a slight amount and the ignition key in the OFF position. Now using the hand crank rotate the engine a couple revolutions in preparation for starting, leaving the crank handle in the down position (below the radiator). Now turn the ignition switch to the ON position. You are now ready to try starting the engine. When holding the crank handle, **NEVER place your thumb around the handle**. Rotate the crank clockwise by pulling up (**never push down**) in a quick motion. You may have to repeat this several times before the engine starts. Don't forget to remove and replace the crank in its proper place within the car.

OCMAFCA General Meeting

November 12, 2009

Submitted by: **Kathie Mc Call**

The meeting began with the flag salute led by **President Mark Schwing**, remembering Veterans' Day and in recognition of those who serve and have served our country.

Doris Marshall introduced visitors: **Jon Pocock** who owns a 1930 coupe, **John Williams** and **Kevin Shaner**. Of course we endured a couple of her famous jokes as well.

The Minutes were approved as printed in the **Distributor**. No discussion.

Activities: **Don Miller** deferred to the calendar in the newsletter; with special attention to the Palm Springs Follies tour this month and the Los Alamitos Tour Dec. 18th.

The Mc Calls and **Hylands** participated in the Old Towne Orange Home Tour in November.

Discussion was held regarding mileage records when members drive their cars other than club-sponsored events. It is noted that mileage accumulated can be reported to MAFCA for national recognition; however, currently only club-sponsored tours are recorded for club mileage. Recently John/Dorothy Knox and Richard/Jeanne Parrish traveled in excess of 7,000 miles, which would not be recognized for club miles. Action: Motion was made by **Don Miller** with 2nd by **John Knox** to begin keeping annual miles starting January 2010 with odometer reading, read Discussion was held, general membership voted in favor.

Technical Director: Absent, no November seminar.

Sunshine/Sorrow: **Jeanne Parrish** reported on the progress of **Jim Nichols** in his treatment regime and a new diagnosis of serious illness with Bill Robinson. Jeanne announced that she will be taking over as raffle chairperson for club meetings and is seeking ideas from members. Jeanne also presented a sample of Model A fabric designed by a woman she met at the Hershey Swap meet and can be ordered through www.modelafabric.com (\$37.00 for 3 yards).

Merchandise: The new blue shirts with embroidered club logo were available for sale:

Collar shirt without pocket: \$23.00, without pocket and heavier fabric \$25.00. The orange jackets can be pre-ordered for \$28.50. **Cathy O'Brien** will take over as merchandise coordinator at the January meeting. Refreshments: **Chris Foster** announced her resignation as chairperson after 7 years and already **Colleen Schmidt** has agreed to take over this responsibility

Announcements: Reminder of the annual holiday/installation banquet to be held December 13 at a cost to members of \$25.00.

The regular club meeting will be held on December 10th, with a final opportunity to volunteer for the 2 vacant board positions of Vice President/Activities and Technical Director.

Mark read a letter from the Model T Club announcing dissolution of the partnership with our club for the annual swap meet due to declining participation. A note was also read from the Fairview Developmental Center for club participation in their 50th anniversary. The Hard Luck Trophy was enthusiastically presented to Richard and Jeanne Parrish following the introductory lecture of their journey across the U.S. and the various issues all along the way. Richard will continue with the story next month, and what a story it is.

Following the break, refreshments and tire kicking, the Hubley Derby was held. This was pretty informal and mostly fun as several members displayed their cars and tried to outdo each other.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

No Breakfast Bunch this month!

Stay home!

Get ready for Santa's arrival!

Orange County Then & Now

Laguna Beach



A view looking south along Coast Highway in Laguna Beach toward Broadway and Main Beach. The photo appears to have been taken about 1931. The Spanish style building at left appears to be fairly new. A Ford dealership is at right. Photo from the historical collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California #1531



The same location in 1993. The Spanish style building at left is little changed. The Ford dealership is gone. Photo by Tom Endy #1531

2010 Dues

REMINDER

Membership dues for 2010 are now due and payable and we urge that you remit as soon as possible to your Treasurer. Also, please take this opportunity to check your Roster listing so that it reflects your information accurately such as address, telephone

Thank you very much for Sending your Dues in as soon as you can!!

It really helps in getting the roster done on a timely basis!

LAST TIME TO VOTE FOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR:

Send your vote via e-mail to Kathie Mc Call (dkmccall@socal.rr.com) or immediately by snail mail to:
588 Glenrose Drive, Orange 92869.

FROM YOUR EDITORS

To all we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as well as an abundance of health and happiness surrounded by family and friends at this special time of year.

See you in 2010.

Ana & Pete



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Fifteenth Annual Victorian Twelfth Night Celebration

Riverside, CA – November 1, 2009- The Old Riverside Foundation, a non-profit organization for historic preservation, is planning it's 15th Annual Victorian Twelfth Night Celebration for Friday, January 8th and Saturday, January 9th, 2010. The evening will include a four-course progressive dinner hosted in some of the Heritage Square Historic District's most illustrious vintage homes with transportation between the homes provided by horse-drawn carriages. Seating will be at 6:30pm or 8:30pm. Make your reservations early, as Saturday tickets sell quickly! Tickets are \$85 per person. Proceeds benefit historic preservation in Riverside and the Inland Empire.

Please check our web site or call for more information. Tickets may be purchased at www.olderiverside.org. If ordering by mail, send a check made out to "ORF" at Old Riverside Foundation, P.O. Box 601, Riverside, CA 92502.

For additional information contact:

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Henry Ford (little known facts) Henry Ford was most likely the father of John Dahlinger. Henry Ford was a National figure by 1908, introduction year of the T Ford Motor. Ford made a \$1 million in profit in 1907, the year before the Model T. Henry Ford was the World's first billionaire. He helped create over 1,000 millionaires, Dodge Brothers probably the biggest. Henry once held the Worlds Land Speed record at 91 MPH set on a frozen lake. In terms of environmental & race relations Henry held liberal beliefs. Henry Ford reached out to employ the disadvantaged and physically impaired. By 1919, 20 percent of the Ford workforce was people with a physical handicap. Henry once experimented with an "X-8" engine design to follow the Model T. Ford started engineering design work on the monobloc V-8 engine in 1929. Between 1921 & 1926 Henry Ford personally made over \$1 million per week!! Ford purchased Lincoln in 1922 in the bankruptcy court for \$8 million. Henry Ford never cared for luxury cars, personally owned Fords. In 1933 Clyde Barrow wrote Henry Ford a letter praising his cars. The letter is on display at the Henry Ford Museum. Henry Ford & friend Thomas Edison would not employ smokers or drinkers. Henry was a big believer in Soybeans and once made a car with Soybean panels. During the Depression Henry opened accounts in every bank in Michigan. After his death it took a team of people four years to close all the accounts. Henry Ford contributed indirectly to founding Cadillac. Henry Ford is credited with holding 161 patents. Henry Ford would not "loan" or give money to his siblings. In 1905 Henry was elected the first Vice President of the newly formed SAE. Henry Ford built the first hotel at an airport in the U.S. (Dearborn Inn). In 1938 Adolph Hitler award Henry the Grand Cross of the Supreme Order of the German Eagle American Jews began boycotting Ford products. The Magneto was the first item selected for mass production efficiency improvement One man took over 2.5 hours what 33 people could do in one minute. In the Model T days Henry employed 12,000 people to get 10,000 to work every day.

Bill Stout & Charles Lindberg developed Henry Ford's interest in aviation.

Ford produced 199 Tri-motor planes, 18 remain today, 6 operable

Ford produced 8,865 B-24 Liberator bombers during WWII (10 per day)

On August 31, 1944 they produced 432 on a single day!!

Willow Run plant was 89 acres under roof!!

Before WWII Willow Run was one of Henry Ford's many farms

Willow Run was 1,500 acres total including the runways. The 1914 Announcement of \$5 per day was not completely true. Employees received half now, other half "maybe later."

Henry Ford was famous for his summer vacations to the UP of Michigan and included friends Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone & sitting U.S. Presidents. The Ford security team was known as the "Service Department"

Henry Ford was respected and liked among most of his employees. In 1941 Ford was last of the "Big Three" companies to unionize. He was frequently seen on the assembly lines talking to employees. Henry treated his employees well but kept tight control on suppliers. He insisted that his top employees live in mansions or mini-mansions

The sign of a Ford House was a Slate Roof.

C. Harold Wills (Wills Sainte Claire car) was Ford employee number 1. Henry proudly served as Best Man at Harold Wills wedding to Mary Coyne In 1919. Henry Ford paid Wills \$1.9 million in severance pay.

Son Edsel died in 1943, four years before Henry. A devastated Henry died in 1947, the same year as William Durant & Al Capone. At time of his death Henry had over \$1 million in his personal checking account.

Henry's final ride was in a Packard hearse

Ed Note: This article was "Borrowed" from "The Mohair Flyer" with thanks to the Santa Barbara Chapter of The Model A Ford Club of America

Orange County Model A Ford Club Annual Installation/Awards Banquet

When: Sunday, December 13, 2009

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

Time: 6 Pm No Host Bar
7 PM Dinner

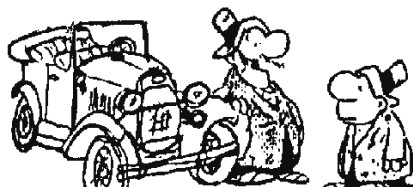
**Motherlode Dinner Buffet consisting of Rotisserie Chicken,
Baby Back Pork Ribs and Hickory Roasted Prime Rib**

---- Sign up at the December meeting

---- Pay at the meeting or mail checks to:

**Mark Schwing
21106 Via Canon
Yorba Linda, CA 92887-3411**

No later than Tuesday, December 10, 2009



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www.mafca.com/classifieds.html

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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: 1988 Fleetwood RV

39,000 miles, Ford 460 cubic inch engine, 80 gallon fuel tank (full), new refrigerator/freezer, Smog Test: September 2009. Excellent Condition, one owner RV

Price: \$5,000.00 Firm.

Please call 562-598-6326

10/09

FOR SALE:

19" Tires

4 used 4.75/5.00x19 white wall tires. These are to be used as spare or side mount only as they do not have DOT numbers so they are mid-70's manufacture. All have fair tread, side walls are yellowed but a few applications of "Bleach White" really brings out the white wall. Asking \$40 ea OBO + shipping from So Cal or pick up in Lake Forest. Additional photos of each tire on request.

Four excellent **Inner Tubes**, 4.75x5.00x19 long rubber stem. Bought news tubes to go with my new tires but when I dismounted my old tires I found that the tubes were in excellent condition but it was too late to return the new ones, good old procrastination!! Asking \$10 each plus shipping from So. Cal

Mike Watson

Lexopolis@cox.net

12/09

FOR SALE: Tee Bucket Street Rod

1928 Ford Model A Frame, 394 Oldsmobile V-8 Engine, 1940 Front End, 1922 Model T Body Ross Steering System All work done except wiring needs to be completed. I have all records of work done including names and addresses of companies. Asking \$25,000 or best offer

JoAnn Lawson 714/842-3655

10/09

FOR SALE: 1925 Roadster, 5 inch Buffalo wheels, \$12,500. 1916 Touring, 4 Buffalo wheels, Ruckstell, and Rocky Mountain brakes, \$16,000. Call Tom LeRoux @ 714/894-9603

11/09



FOR SALE: 1930 Phaeton, 458 miles on a flawless ground up restoration. Asking \$37,000

Joe Davis, 22400 Skyline Blvd. La Honda, CA 94020

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- **December 30, 2009**
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General Meeting

7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

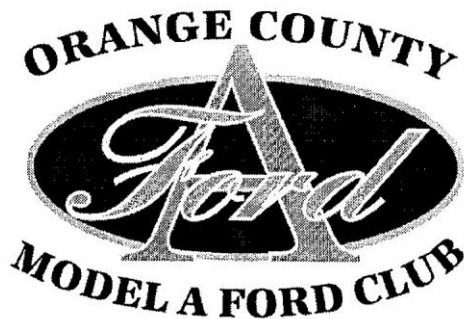
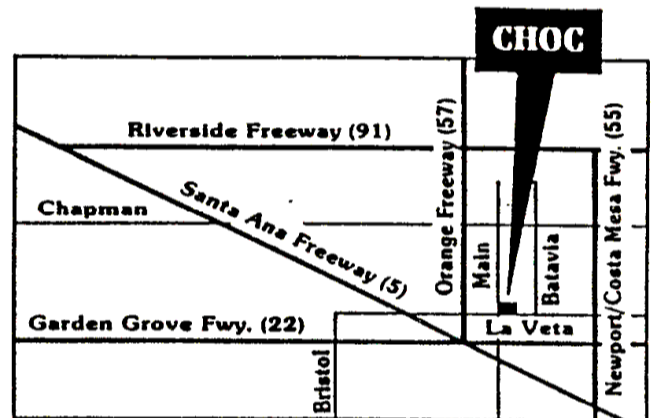
[Board Meeting at 6:00 PM]

December 10, 2009

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455 South Main St. Orange CA

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