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Terry & Mel



Fourth Thursday Breakfast at “Chez Collings” and what a marvelous breakfast it was. The delicious food, good company and great setting was wonderful!

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Notes from Your President

Mark Schwing. . .



September 2010

President's Letter

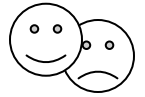
Nominations for the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer are due at the October meeting. Please give this some thought and volunteer to help out your club. Board meetings are at 6 PM on club meeting evenings. A little of your time and expertise goes a long way toward keeping OCMAFC the great chapter that it is. If you would like to volunteer for an office or would like to be re-elected, please see Kathie McCall.

Speaking of offices, most of you know that I have volunteered to run for the MAFCA board of directors. There are seven candidates including two incumbents running for five seats. I would appreciate your consideration when casting your ballot. Ballots must be post marked by October 15th to be counted.

International Model A Ford Day is Saturday, September 18th this year.

Our 50th annual pancake breakfast is coming up next spring. We would like to get a kick-off meeting going some time in September in order to make this a very special event. Volunteers are needed to head the sub-committees in the following areas: park reservation/permits, parking/registration, purchase of food/beverage supplies, T-shirt and special emblem design, solicitors of raffle prizes, setup/run the raffle, car trophies, kitchen operation, advertising, etc. There will be discussion and sign-up sheets at the September club meeting.

Sunshine & Sorrow



By Jeanne Parrish

Wedding bells rang recently for **Melinda Marsh (Bev's daughter)** and **Keith Austin** in Dumas, Texas. They were united in marriage on Sat. 8/28/10. Congratulations to both of you! May you have many happy years together.

Good news from the **Barker** family! **Cliff** is home! If you remember our last writing, he had a stroke on July 18th. He is making great progress on his recovery, after 6 weeks in acute care facility and therapy. With **Joanne** as his care-giver, along with periodic help from their 4 grown children, he is working very hard. **Cliff**, keep up the good work and you'll be driving that Model A in no time!! We hope to see you and **Joanne** at a Model A meeting in the near future. If you would like to keep up on **Cliff's** progress, look up: www.cliffordbarker.blogspot.com.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Tom Marshall (Doris and Drain's son)**. He has recently been diagnosed with leukemia. He is still undergoing many doctor appointments and tests to decide on the right mode of treatment. Thinking of you, Tom, and wishing you well.

Sure was nice to see old members, **Jill and Larry McDonald**, (moved to Eugene, OR) and current members "at large" **Patty and Bob Ferazzi** (moved to Hawaii), at the Model A International Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada.



Activity Schedule

(NOTE: * = UPDATED INFORMATION)

**NEXT MEETING: Sep 9, 2010
7:30 PM at CHOC**

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

August 30, 2010 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**

2010 TOUR/ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

**Sept 18th (SAT) International Model A Day
celebration picnic To be discussed at
the next meeting.**

Sep 25 (SAT) Cruisin' for a Cure 11th Year Anniversary

Pre-registrations are flowing in daily so don't miss out on the first 1,500 pre-registered Meguiar's Goody bags and Budnik wheel drawing. Watch for our brand new GOLF CART give away graciously donated with the help of Larry Volk of BEST GOLF Inc. We will also give away a ZZ4 Deluxe Motor from Connell next year, plus many, many more great prizes. For information please visit www.cruisinforacure.com

Oct 2 (SAT) Progressive Brunch.

Start time is 10:00 am

Cost is \$5.00 per person

Appetizers are at Gerald and Cathy O'Brien

5340 Los Altos Lane

Yorba Linda, CA 92886

714-777-0771

Main Course is at Sheila Plotkin

9371 Portsmouth Drive

Huntington Beach, CA 92646

714-962-2117

Dessert is at Bruce and Joanie Harris

12862 Spur Lane

Rossmoor, CA 90720

562-431-1225

Reservations and payment are required (as we need an accurate head count) and are due by: September 17, 2010. Pay either at the September meeting or mail a check to Sheila Plotkin.

Added bonus: Attend all 3 courses and you will be refunded your \$5 at Joanie's home.

Thank you and if you have any questions please contact Sheila Plotkin at (714)962-2117

Oct 9 Old Ridge Route Tour This tour is being planned by Drain Marshall. Details will be forthcoming as they are developed.

Oct 24 (SUN) Rancho Los Alamitos / Historic Long Beach Tour

We will rally at Rancho Los Alamitos to display our cars. Those going on the Long Beach Tour would travel an historic trip through Long Beach with required stops. The rally would end back at the Rancho for dinner. Dinner will be provided for the drivers who take one or more guest passengers on the tour. There will be 6 to 8 (total) guest passengers that need a ride in our cars. Dinner for others not taking passengers on the tour would be available for purchase. This is a fund raising event for Rancho Los Alamitos and the guest passengers are the winners of a raffle drawing. Contact Wayne and/or Martie Wiedle for details.

Oct 30 (SAT) 6:30 p.m. Shiver me timbers, it's a PIRATE PARTY!

What: Potluck & Costume Party – Aye mates, dress in your pirate attire.

Where: 5022 Woodcrest Dr., Yorba Linda.
(Please see flyer on Pages 9 & 10)

Nov 4th-6th (THURS-SAT) Palm Springs Follies. (See mini-flyer on Page 8)

Last chance to sign up for the Palm Spring Follies! Pay Bev the \$49 each to attend the P.S. Follies on Nov. 6th. at the September meeting. Drop-dead cutoff date is Oct. 1st. We will be staying at the Royal Sun Inn (800) 619-4786. Tour will be leaving Fri. Nov. 5th. at 9:30. That should put us at Billy Reed's in time for lunch. If anyone plans on going on Thursday, let Bev know and we can set up a tour.

•Seminar!

By Tom Endy

Model A Electrical System:

A classroom type seminar will be presented at the CHOC hospital on **Saturday, October 16, 2010 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM**. The subject will be the Model A electrical system and will be presented by Tom Endy. Several of our neighboring Model A clubs have been invited to attend the seminar. The presentation will specifically take into consideration people who do not have a background in electrical technology.

Handouts of the Model A electrical system will be provided. There will also be a dynamic display device presented that operates from a 6-volt power source that has a Model A coil, condenser, and spark plug. The display visually fires the spark plug such as would an engine operating at 1,000 RPM.

The seminar will cover all aspects of the electrical system including the battery circuit, the generator and cut-out circuit, the light circuit, horn circuit, and the ignition circuit. It will also cover 6-volt to 12-volt conversion.

Emphasis will be placed on the several peculiarities of Henry Ford's unique electrical system and some of the side effects caused by modern electrical system modifications available to hobbyist today.

For guests of neighboring clubs, CHOC hospital is located at the address below. From Main Street turn east on Providence Ave. and immediately, on your right, enter the parking structure and proceed to the 2nd level. The classroom is adjacent to, and is accessible, from the parking structure. ☺

Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC)
455 S. Main Street
Orange, CA

Election Time

It's that time again. **Don't make me beg!!**

Thankfully there are only 2 positions to be filled. Mark Schwing will be completing 4 years as our very capable President and this provides a great opportunity for a special someone to be placed on the ballot. The position of Vice President/Activities was never filled for the 2009-11 term; therefore, this election will only require a one year commitment.

Having the position vacant all year did not in any way diminish our activities or tours, many of you filled in and your efforts are appreciated. However, this left a vacancy on the governing board.

Tissy (Secretary) and Joe (Treasurer) will complete the 2nd year of those positions, and Technical Director (Team) will also complete the 2nd year.

So, let me know of your interest in the positions of President and Vice President, or convince another member how rewarding leadership can be to keep our club active. **WE NEED TO HAVE THESE POSITIONS FILLED AND YOU CAN GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS BEING A LEADER IN OUR CLUB'S 50TH YEAR.**

I am also seeking help with the nominating committee.

Kathie Mc Call (Election Chairperson)

OCMAFC General Meeting

July 8, 2010

Tissy Hatcher

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Time: 7:32 pm **Location:** Children's Hospital of Orange County, Wade Education Center, 38 members in attendance The meeting was called to order and the flag salute led by Joe Goff, Treasurer and Acting President.

Visitors: There were no visitors this month.

Minutes: Approved as printed in the Distributor without comment.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Goff presented the Treasurer's report.

Sunshine & Sorrow: Mel Gross should be coming home soon. He has been in the hospital for two months with a flesh eating disease. Jackie says he is very depressed; please send him cards. His address is in the national roster. He has done so much for our club. Don Schmidt had stitches on his head when he fell, and later found he had cracked his tailbone. Dale McCall has been in and out of the hospital, but is on the mend.

Technical Directors: Jerry O'Brien said the monthly meeting was cancelled.

Monthly Raffles: Not done.

Activities Report: Drain Marshall will be doing a tour of the Old Ridge Route on 10/9/10. Walt Otto brought his green roadster to the meeting. He purchased it about a week ago, having sold his 1932 roadster at the show in San Clemente. Walt went to San Luis Obispo and bought the new roadster. Driving home on Highway 1 was a very trying experience and took him 13 hours to arrive home. It was a very long day.

Future Activities: The Palm Springs Follies will need the deposit by 11/6/10. Members should have purchased their tickets for the event by the August-September meetings. We are trying to plan a tour for that Saturday. It may be cancelled if we don't have enough people attend. The Crystals will be the headliners. 30 tickets have been reserved. This will be a very enjoyable event.

Wayne Wiedle is planning a tour of Rancho Los Alamitos by Long Beach State College. 3-4 cars will take passengers to historic areas for drivers and guests. A date will be announced in the future, but probably in September/October.

The 4th Thursday breakfast will be held on 7/22/10 at Alice's in the Park in Huntington Beach.

Colleen Schmidt thanked the members for bringing dishes for the potluck. For August, everyone in the A-M group will bring main dishes, and N-Z will bring dessert.

A date for the Progressive brunch will be set soon. We are looking for someone to do a course between Colleen Schmidt and Sheila Plotkin. The \$5 cost is refunded when you attend.

New Business: Mark Schwing is running for the MAFCA Board. There are badges at the front of the meeting to support him.

Pete Hyland shared a very interesting story of Larry Mortensen and his accomplishments in life and they were many. It's surprising how well you think you know someone but how little you really know.

Our club is looking for suggestions for patches or medallion to acknowledge our 50th anniversary. Some members suggested other items, such as license plate frames or a cookbook of members' favorite recipes.

Adjourned: 8:04 pm

OCMAFC General Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2010 Tissy Hatcher

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mark Schwing, President, with the flag salute led by Drain Marshall. There were 58 members in attendance. Visitors: Karl Kreutziger and his two grandsons (Kohl and Konner) are working on a 1929 standard coupe. Dick and Ruth Blosser bought a 1930 Model A coupe. Don and Pam Chiapparine have a late 1931 coupe and a closed cab pickup. Everett Pearce has returned after a long absence. Bob and Patty Ferazzi, long time members from Hawaii are visiting tonight. Guest Louise Hicks is visiting from Rancho Los Alamitos. Lisa Bannister and her brother are working on a 1930 coupe.

Minutes: Not printed in the Distributor. July & August will be in the September issue.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Goff presented the Treasurer's report.

New Business: Diamond Tread sent a thank you note for the donation. The MAFFI restored car is delayed.

Future Activities: Bev Marsh has requested those planning to attend the Palm Springs Follies pay by September (\$49). Tom Endy will be doing an electrical seminar at CHOC on October 16th.

Progressive Brunch – appetizers are being done by the O'Brien's. Your \$5 will be returned at the main course. Joanie and Bruce Harris are doing the dessert. The committee is looking for someone to host the main course. The budget for the event is \$250.

International Model A Day will be held on either September 18th or 19th.

Wayne Wiedle will lead the Oct. 24th Rancho Los Alamitos tour. Louise Hicks explained the annual fund raiser will have antique cars with a timed rally through certain destinations. There will be a prize for the winning rally car. They will be providing dinner for all drivers. The plan is that the Model A's will drive though Long Beach with drivers taking passengers. The adobe ranch and gardens are over 200 years old. Visitors will be given an education on the history of California and the hidden jewel of Long Beach. Glenn Johnson participated in the fine point judging and won first and second in some events. He also won best Hubley car. Congratulations.

On August 21st at 9am there will be a small car show at the Long Beach Airport. Booths will have food. The carnival is presented as a charity for the Special Olympics.

Technical Directors: Bob Jeffries is going to have a top replacement on a Tudor sedan in Placentia on 8/21 at 9am. Come for donuts and coffee.

Merchandise: Jerry O'Brien had denim caps made with the 50th anniversary embroidered on the back. They will be sold for \$13.50/each to members and possibly \$15/each at the Pancake Breakfast.

Monthly Breakfast: The breakfast will be held at Terry Collings home on August 26th at 8:30am and will be hosted by the club.

Southern California Regional: No report.

MAFCA Board of Directors: Tom Rut sent a letter requesting support. Mark Schwing is also running for Director. There are five seats up, with seven people running for these seats. Look for the ballot in the Distributor. Reminder: must be postmarked by October 15th.

50th Anniversary of Club: The club is looking to do something like a patch or license plate as a memento. We will be getting some pricing. The Mc Calls showed the medallions they received at another club event. We are also thinking of possibly a radiator emblem.

Monthly Raffle: Terry Collings won the \$40 pot.

Pancake Breakfast: John Knox would like to have a meeting towards the end of September to set up committees for food, kitchen, setup, and parking.

Miscellaneous: The Mc Calls attended the Vancouver meeting. There were 800 people attending, with about 300 Model A cars touring Vancouver Island. They also had Hubley races. Mark Schwing showed pictures of the cars. The awards banquet was held at the Sheraton because they needed a larger facility with 460 registrations. Red Sickman bought Jim Nichols' car tonight. It was converted to 12 volt, but is 95% stock. That is the way he wants to leave it. Ed Cote brought his truck. He has worn out three sets of tires. It runs well and is fun and calls it "Our Forever Car". Don Ratzlaff volunteered to teach Lisa to drive her Model A. Education: Annual Preparation Tour video watched.

Orange County Then & Now

Santa Ana



The old Santa Ana Hospital, located on Wellington near Lacy Street is seen in the above photo taken about 1930. Note the elegant arched main entrance. The vintage cars are from left to right a 1926 Nash 2-dr sedan, a 1928 Dodge Brothers Standard Series 41 4-dr sedan, and a 1929 Model A Ford Sports Coupe.

Photo from the historical collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California #5314



The hospital in 1996 is part of the Western Medical Center with a new main entrance on the opposite side the building. The elegant arched main entrance to the old side of the building has been sealed off. Remnants of the arch is still visible behind the trees just in front of the car in the center of the photo. Photo by Tom Endy #5314

BITS AND PIECES

New Members-July

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(F) 714-322-2723

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1929 Pickup

Dick & Ruth Blosser

3037 Lakeview Terrace
Fullerton, CA 92835
(H) 714-871-7997
(C) 714-408-6003
(F) 714-526-5285
"Looking and need advice
On purchase"

Douglas & Marti DiTonto

20945 Castlerock Road
Yorba Linda, CA 92886
(H) 714-777-5738
Email: douglas.ditonto@sce.com
1930 Roadster (Standard)

Douglas & Kristi Bannister

Lisa Bannister
305 17th Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
(O) 714-536-6086
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1930 Roadster

Darwin & Pamela Kibby

5660 Avenida Antigua
Yorba Linda, CA 92887
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(C) 310-938-6872
1931 Pickup (WIP)

New Members-August

Don & Susan Goodwin

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Cypress, CA 90630
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(F) 714-952-3373

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1931 Slant Window Town Sedan

Daniel & Sherian Mejia

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Don & Pam Chiapparine

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(C) 714-837-7731
(F) 714-897-7682
Email: dchiap@hotmail.com
1931 45-B Deluxe Coupe (WIP)
1931 82-B Closed Cab Pickup (WIP)

Karl G. Kreutziger

6455 E. Oakview Lane
Anaheim, CA 92807
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Email: k-bakreutziger@sbcglobal.net
1929 Standard Coupe

**Welcome to all and we are glad you
could join us.**

**(Please look at your entry on this
page and on the address label of this
newsletter to be sure that the
information I recorded is correct-if
not please let me know right away.**

Thanks—your editor)

Join us for good food and great
company...

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

Thursday, September 23, 8:30 a.m.

Kimmie's Coffee Cup

2099 E. Orangethorpe Avenue

(corner of Lakeview and

Orangethorpe)

Placentia 92870

(714) 223-5850

Info: Terry Collings...714 970-7194

SWAP MEETS

Sep 12th (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet at
Veterans Stadium

Oct 10th (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet at
Veterans Stadium

ROSTER NAME DRAWING

(By Don Ratzlaff)

Okay now, did you know that on meeting night, we draw a members name from the club roster to be the recipient of a cash prize? Of course to actually receive this "cash" you must be **PRESENT AT THE MEETING**, otherwise the cash "rolls over" to be added to the next months drawing. The prize starts out at ten dollars and grows by ten dollars each month until claimed. The lucky winners of the \$40 August drawing were Mel and Terry Collings who were present to claim their prize. That means the cash prize will again start at ten dollars for the September meeting. Doesn't this make you want to attend the meeting?



ONE MONTH TO GO

I'm still collecting mileage for the club but most of you seem to not be driving your A's. Either that or you have forgotten to give me your mileage. You can put it in the notebook at the meeting or send it to me at dcratzy@gmail.com.

Thank You!!

Carolyn Ratzlaff

Experience for yourself
**THE FABULOUS
PALM SPRINGS FOLLIES**
The **MOST** Fun You Can Have in Palm Springs!

This season, the Follies celebrates its extraordinary 20th anniversary—dedicated to the proposition of *Follies Forever!*—with over four decades of America's favorite music and dance. From Doo-Wop to Disco, it's going to be a fabulous party!

After all, our amazing cast grew up wearing bobby sox and go-go boots, and came down with many cases of *Saturday Night Fever*. Now, they're doing it all again ... in some instances, 70 years later!

Also, through Dec. 31, the Follies presents its annual salute to the holiday season. You surely won't want to miss *Yuletide ... Follies style!*

Featuring Guest Star ...
THE CRYSTALS
The Crystals are widely regarded as one of the defining "girl groups" of the 1960s. You'll fondly remember their many hits, including "Upstream," "He's A Rebel," "Then He Kissed Me" and "Da Doo Ron Ron." Inducted into The Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2005, their sound remains a touchstone to a beloved era.

FOLLIES FOREVER!
20th Anniversary
The Follies
For more info on the Follies and this season's show, log on to www.psfollies.com

Orange County Model "A" Ford Club
Palm Springs Tour
Sat., Nov. 6th, 7 p.m.
\$49
Bev Marsh (714) 373-9769 cell (714) 397-4593

We have a block of rooms set aside at the Royal Sun Hotel. There will be tours leaving on Thurs. and Fri. mornings. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MONEY TO BEV BY Oct. 1st**

IT'S A REAL STRETCH

(By Don Ratzlaff)

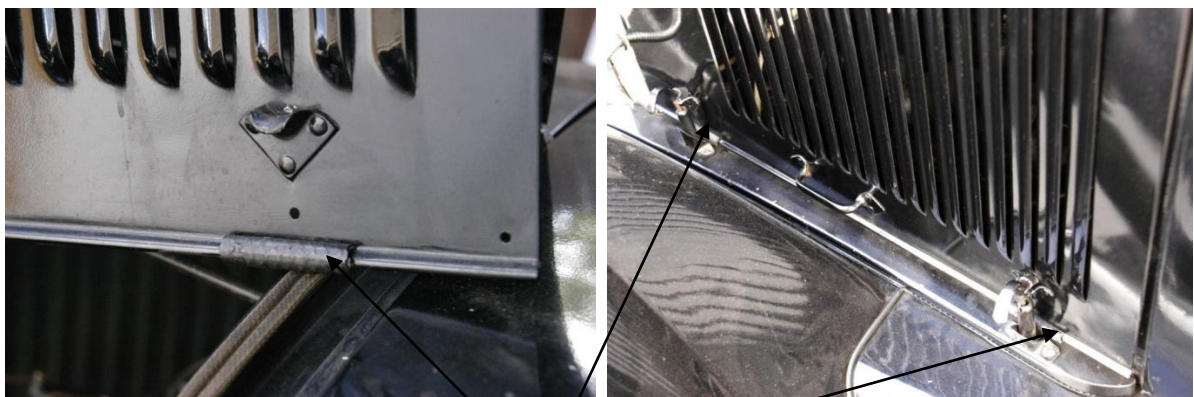
Can you TOP this? In the continuing ownership of a Model A, that question is bound to come up and while the answers vary, they are all stretched! Now Rick Hall has recently become aware that the next step in his Victoria restoration project was the installation of a top. Toward this end he enlisted the help of Wayne Wiedle and together they were able to “stretch” the project out a bit. Of course every project needs a gallery of bystanders which are able to provide endless suggestions for improvements. This function was readily provided by Bob Jefferies, Don Ratzlaff and Dom Cimarusti. All in all, the project went well and Rick's Vicky should be good in the rain on future tours.



Technical clue for those of us that are clueless.

(By Don Ratzlaff)

Alright, for some reason you want to look under the hood on your Model A. To do so you unlatch the hood fasteners and manage to raise it up and prop it on the cowl webbing (relying on friction to hold it in place). Now you decide to start up the motor and the engine vibration causes the hood to slip and come violently down to a closed position. By taking a short piece of 3/8th rubber hose, slit to accommodate sliding onto the rolled edge of the hood, as shown in the photo below, the problem of “hood collapse” is eliminated. In addition, if a second piece of rubber hose is added, they will function as anti-rattle bumpers for the hood latches, see the second photo.



Hose lengths

Happy motoring, Don R.

Shiver Me Timbers, It's a Pirate Party!

*Avast ye lucky land lubbers, we bid ye
be there fer swashbuckling fun!*

When: Saturday, Oct 30th 6:30 p.m.

Where: 5022 Woodcrest Dr., Yorba Linda

*What: Potluck & Costume Party
Aye mates, dress in your pirate attire
and ye be ready fer plundering!*

*Hosted by: Cap'n Slappy Don Schmidt,
Bold Briches Colleen and
Sister of the Sea, Chris
(714) 524-2659*

Don't be late or ye'll walk the plank!

Talk like a Pirate

Important Piracy Words

Aft – short for “after.” Toward the rear of the ship.

Ahoy! – “Hello!”

Arr! / Argh / Arrgh! / Yarr! / Harr! etc. – a general piratical term. Can mean, variously, “yes,” “I agree,” “I’m happy,” “I’m enjoying this beer,”

Avast ye – stop and check this out or pay attention.

“Avast ye. The day tis ripe fer plundering!”

Aye – yes

Be – to be. “How be ye?”

Beauty – the best possible pirate address for a woman.

Always preceded by “me,” as in, “C’mere, me beauty,”

Blimey! – exhortation of surprise

Blow me down! – expression of shock of disbelief akin to “Holy Crap!”

Booty – treasure

Buccaneer – a pirate

Bucko – a buccaneer, a friend

Lad/Lass – a young man/woman

Landlubber or lubber – person who lives and works on land or an inexperienced sailor

Matey – sociable; friendly. “Ahoy matey!”

Me – my. “Me ship is the biggest brig in the port!”

Me hearty – my comrade. “Yo-ho me hearties!”

Pillage – rob, sack or plunder

Rum – pirate’s traditional alcoholic beverage

Sallywag – a deceitful and unreliable scoundrel

Scurvy dog – the pirate is talking directly to you with mild insult. . “Ye Scurvy Dogs!”

Scurvy Vile – mean; low; vulgar; contemptible

Seadog – old pirate or sailor. “Avast ye salty sea dog!”

Shiver me timbers! – an expression of surprise, comparable to “Holy Crap!”

Sink me! – an expression of surprise

Wench – female. Always preceded by appropriate modifier. “Yo-ho ye saucy wench!” or “sharp-tongued,” “buxom,” “loose-lipped,” etc.

Ye – you. “Ye be walking the plank!”

Yo-Ho – cheerful exhortation to demand attention

***Note** – Remember to use exaggerated vowel sounds.

More...

Cutlass – short heavy curved bladed sword used by pirates. “... or I be using me cutlass to take off yer head!”

Davy Jones' Locker – fabled, mythical place at the bottom of the ocean where the evil spirit of Davy Jones brings sailor and pirates to die

Dead men tell no tales – phrase indicating to leave no survivors

Gangway! – used to clear a passage through a crowded area

Grog – an alcoholic liquor, especially rum diluted with water

Hang 'im from the yardarm – punishment of those captured in battle

Head – the pirate ship's toilet

Heave Ho – give it some muscle and push it

Hornswaggle – to defraud or cheat out of money or belongings

Jacob's Ladder – the rope ladder one uses to climb aboard a sloop

Jolly Roger – pirate's flag including white skull and crossbones over a black field

Man-O-War – pirate's ship outfitted for battle

Old Salt – an experienced sailor

Pieces of eight – coins or found in pirate stashes

Poop deck – the part of the ship farthest to the back, which is usually above the captain's quarters. This is not the bathroom.

Savvy? – do you understand and do you agree?

Shark bait – will soon join Davy Jones' Locker

Shipshape – cleaned up and under control

Smartly – do something quickly.

Son of a Biscuit Eater – insult directed towards someone you don't like

Thar she blows! – Whale sighting

Three sheets to the wind – someone who is very drunk. One sheet is mildly drunk and four sheets is passed out.

Walk the plank – punishment in which person walks off a board jutting over the side of the ship while at sea. The consequence is drowning and a visit to Davy Jones' Locker.

The Rear End Saga

by Tom Endy

The MAFCA 2010 national meet was held this past August in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. It was my great pleasure to be able to attend. During any of these meets a number of cars usually come into the repair tent at the hotel in need of serious repair. I am always curious about Model A mechanical and electrical failures so I tend to drift past the repair tent each day to view the casualties.

One such car came in with the differential in trouble. The owner of the car was from Kansas and had driven his 31 coupe pulling a small trailer the entire distance of about 2,000 miles. He was traveling with a group of five other Model A's. About half way to the meet he heard a loud clunk coming from the rear end, but the car seemed to be moving ahead with no problem so they continued. About 20 miles from Vancouver there was a second loud clunk and the rear end locked up. The car was then brought to the repair tent by Triple A.

The first day I saw the car I noticed the owner and his Kansas buddies were in the process of pulling the rear end. They had a spring spreader obtained from the repair tent and were unhooking the shackles. They seemed to know what they were doing and were going about it in a safe manner. I thought it prudent not to bother them so I moved on.

The second day I drifted by and saw the rear end was out of the car and for some reason they had also removed the spring spreader and the spring itself. It seemed like additional work to me. I also noticed that the car did not have an overdrive or a four speed transmission. I still deemed it prudent to not comment, so I moved on.

The third day I drifted by and all progress seemed to have ceased. Several people I knew commented to me that the owner was in a dilemma and needed some assistance. He had no idea what was wrong with the rear end and was afraid to take it apart. One of the Vancouver hosts offered to sell him a complete rear end (of dubious condition) for \$2,500 (exchange). This seemed a little much to me. Another local offered to sell him a new 354 ring & pinion gear

set he had just recently bought from Snyder's for the same price he had paid for it.

This was certainly a reasonable and generous offer. However, the owner of the 31 coupe did not know how to go about installing it, and no one was offering to provide guidance. A new ring & pinion gear set currently sells for about \$500. Two years ago they sold for about \$250 until all the suppliers collectively doubled the price. Still, \$500 was better than \$2,500.

Several people I knew asked me to talk to the owner. I approached him and told him I have a cottage industry and have rebuilt more than 200 rear ends in the past 20 years. I suggested we disassemble the rear end and see what was going on inside. When we got it apart we found two teeth busted off the pinion gear and some collateral damage to the ring gear. I suspect the first clunk that was heard was the first tooth breaking off the pinion. The tooth apparently went quietly to sleep somewhere inside the banjo until the owner may have hit a bump and it woke up and jumped up and broke the second tooth off and jammed the rear end. Everything else inside the rear end looked reasonably serviceable. I suggested to the owner that he buy the offered ring & pinion set as I was certain I could get him back on the road again.

The owner was still in a dilemma as he did not know me, and for all he knew I was blowing a lot of hot air. Someone mentioned the \$2500 rear end had showed up at the hotel. However, I never did see it. The local who had the ring & pinion was busy judging cars and could not break free for several hours to go home and get it.

At this point I told the owner I was going to lunch and would stop back later and if he decided on the ring & pinion I would install it for him. While I was gone several people stopped by, including Art Moore and Marlin Perry, and told the owner to go with the ring & pinion and to trust me as I knew what I was talking about. It was a very nice compliment from both of them.

When I came back after lunch the owner had decided on the ring & pinion, however we would have to wait several more hours before it would arrive. With that decision made a massive clean up project was organized and the owner and all his Kansas buddies jumped in to help. We had

to clean out a lot of metal debris from inside the housings.

I noted two disturbing things I could not do anything about due to the nature of a pepper tree repair we were doing. One of the carrier bearings had spun on the carrier hub. Normally I would exchange the carrier for one that had been knurled. The other was severe wear to the bearing hub on one of the axle housings. There was easily 1\16" of wear off the bottom of the hub. This may have been a contributing factor to the ring & pinion failure. There was nothing I could do about that either. A replacement axle housing or a repair to the hub was not available under the circumstance.

Fortunately everything came apart without difficulty. The repair tent had a set of pinion wrenches and a section of pipe used for installing bearings. The only show stopper was the need to get the bottom bearing off the damaged pinion gear sleeve. A bearing puller and a press were needed and the repair tent had neither. A local Vancouverian was standing by observing and said he had both at home and offered to pull the bearing for us. Certainly a life saver and very generous. He was back within an hour with the removed bearing.

Later in the day the new ring & pinion appeared and the owner was pleased that it was a 354 ratio. The damaged set we removed was a 378. It was now time to proceed with the assembly. There had been ample time for us to clean up all the parts. We were under a shaded tent and there was a work bench with a vice attached. From here on it was a piece of cake to reassemble the differential.

I noticed that a number of people began showing up and were pulling up chairs to watch. A number of them had cameras and were taking pictures. A full blown seminar was in progress. Several prominent people including Mark Schwing and Steve Mitchell (of Mitchell overdrive fame) jumped in to help. Long before dark we had the rear end assembled. This was about where I came in. They did not need me anymore, so I left. The Kansas folks started installing the backing plates and by dark they had the full up rear end ready to go back in the car.

Early the next morning the Kansas folks had the rear end installed and were buttoning up the floor boards and putting the back wheels on when I stopped by. I advised the owner, his

name was Frank, that when he got home he should pull the rear end apart again and replace or repair both the carrier and the worn axle housing. He should also install a new set of bearings and seals and set all the pre-loads properly. He would know how to do it now since he had been through two thirds of the process. The rest he can get from the tutorial that is posted in the technical section on the Orange County web site (www.ocmafc.org).

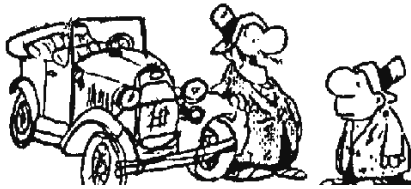
I had to leave before they had finished with the car as we were going on the traditional "grand tour". When we got back in the afternoon the 31 coupe was gone. I spoke with the repair tent custodian and he told me the car ran just fine and the owner was extremely pleased. I did not see any of the Kansas folks again as they were staying at a different hotel and they left the next morning.

The owner called me after we got back home and advised they all made it back to Kansas without a problem. It is always a good feeling when you can help another Model A'er who is having difficulty.

Fortunately for myself, I had no serious difficulty with my Model A. We drove the Victoria from home to Vancouver and back without a problem. I used about a pint of water and no oil. I did change the oil and filter while in Vancouver.

The two minor problems I had with the Victoria were that the ahooguh horn stopped ahooguhing about half way to Vancouver. I like to ahooguh all the cows I see alongside the road. They get funny looks on their faces. I believe they think the bull is coming back. At the next gas stop I adjusted the horn screw and the ahooguh returned to fine form. The last night of the return trip we stayed in Ridgecrest. The next morning I went to start the car and the Bendix jammed. I put the transmission in gear and rocked the car back and forth and the Bendix released.

We participated with John LaVoy's Model A Times tour group and traveled to the meet on Highway 101. We actually traveled with three other Model A's from the Palomar club, John & Dianne Frazee, Howard & Barbara Kruegel, and Bruce Howe & Jeannette Smith. On the trip home we traveled by ourselves as our traveling companions all went on the Alaska cruise. We came home on Highway 395 from Susanville. Our total mileage was 2,931 miles. We cruised between 55-60 mph, used about 165 gallons of gas, and averaged 17.5 mpg. ☺



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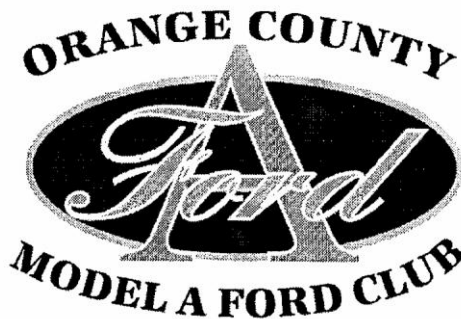
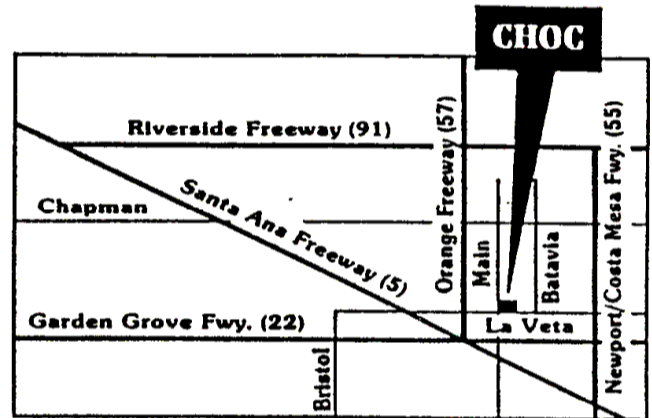
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