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Notes from Your President

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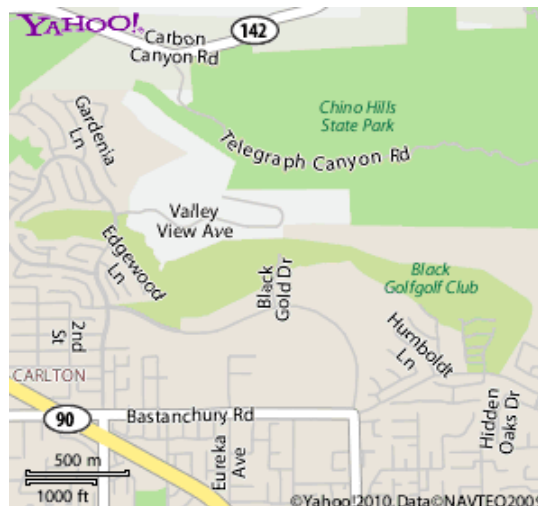


December 2010

President's Letter

This newsletter marks my last column as your president for the past four years. I have enjoyed serving the club for that time. I thank each of you for the trust you placed in me. I would also like to personally thank each of the board and committee members who have served with me. To each of you a job well done.

I have asked Pete to include a map in this newsletter to the Yorba Linda Black Gold Golf Club, 17681 Lakeview Drive, Tel: 714-961-0060 for our Sunday, December 5th Installation Banquet. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. It promises to be an interesting evening with an excellent buffet, good fellowship and door prizes. If you get lost on the way, please call my cell phone at 714-272-4378 and I'll give you additional directions.



Are we the last of the breed? I have had the opportunity to attend several MAFCA and MARC national meets as

well as local and regional events over the past years. One observation I have made is that the majority of our members were born in the Thirties, Forties and Fifties. We remember the days when Model A's were still in daily use. I drove my '31 Coupe on a 40 mile round trip daily to my summer job as a lifeguard at a popular swimming lake in Pennsylvania in the Fifties. It was not uncommon to see a Model A at the supermarket or parked near the hardware store. They were still common in those days. Even the local service stations carried parts such as point and spark plugs for them.

Our generation remembers the first Corvette in 1953, the first of the Thunderbirds in 1955. We remember the hot rod Mercury's of '49 to '51. I'll bet most of us still remember the drive-in restaurants and drive-in movies of our era. We remember automobile names such as Studebaker, Packard, Nash, Henry J, Corvair and more recently Mercury, Oldsmobile, Pontiac and Saturn that have disappeared from the market place.

We were still young when Detroit cranked out a series of muscle cars in the Sixties including Pontiac Firebirds and Chevrolet Camaros and Chevelles. I recall knowing the location the off-site storage garage used by the local Chevrolet dealer to hide the new models each year before the public unveiling. We would go by for a sneak preview through one of the dirty windows. I can still tell you the year of each Chevrolet in the years of 1955 to 1965 by getting just a quick view of the car from any angle.

I remember seeing the first VW in town. Do you remember the split rear window? How about those neat British sports cars like the MG TC and the Austin-Healy? Remember the bug-eyed Sprite?

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Activity Schedule

NEXT MEETING: Dec. 9, 2010

7:30 PM at CHOC

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

December 30, 2010 Type or write all articles and ads
and e-mail to: newsletter@ocmafc.org
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***Indicates Change**

2010 TOUR/ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Dec 4th (SAT) Petersen Automotive

Museum is having a garage sale and swap meet. Part of the article states—"If you are looking for that hard to find part, a unique Christmas gift for the car enthusiast in your life...." For all details go to: www.petersen.org, click on Calendar, select date (Dec 4, 2010) then click on Garage Sale and Swap Meet. Hope you find a treasure or two.

Jan 8th (SAT) Special Breakfast Meeting

Spiro's Restaurant, 513 East Chapman Ave, Orange at 8:00AM Please see article on page 8.

March 27th (SUN) Orange County

2011 Pancake Breakfast---Mark the date and plan to be there for our 50th Anniversary celebration!!!

SWAP MEETS

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

President's Letter (con't)

To us, a car became a means of freedom. We car pooled to high school. No longer were we limited to our neighborhoods and small towns. We could travel when and where we wanted. Today, life without a car is nearly unheard of.

The generations that have followed us don't have those same nostalgic memories. They have coveted the muscle cars of the Sixties and the big chromed convertibles that came out in the Seventies but they don't recall seeing the Model A's in daily use or recall the hot rods of the late Forties and early Fifties. Today the younger generations are enamored with the latest video games and just maybe a Honda tuner car.

What will happen to our Model A's as our generation fades away? Will they find their way to a new generation of antique car lovers? Will some become museum pieces? Will they disappear into a garage only to be rediscovered covered in dust and filled with nesting mice thirty years in the future. Only time will tell and none of us knows the answer. All we can do is try to get a younger person interested in our hobby. Please make that one of your resolutions for the New Year.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to one and all.

POSSIBLE DECEMBER TOUR

The possibility exists for touring over to the Mission Inn of Riverside, CA for the purpose of viewing the Christmas decorations. The tour would not involve any freeway driving and would be approximately 40 miles one way (Sears parking lot in Anaheim to the Mission). It would take you through Carbon Canyon up to Chino and then roughly parallel the 60 freeway to Riverside. We would leave from the Sears parking lot at 8am either on Saturday December 18th or on Tuesday December 28th. We should arrive at the mission at approximately 10am. This would give us a couple hours to explore the area, have lunch and head back about 1pm. The tour will be discussed at the December club meeting and if there is enough interest a date will be selected. If you are unable to attend December's meeting but would like to join the tour please call 714/529-5062.

From Richard Parrish:

A participant on Ford Barn directed all of us to go the early V8 section and read an article by Tim Ayers. I did so and found it very well written and a possible insight on how to encourage kids and parents to "bond" and establish family activities and traditions. It isn't specific to Model A's or even cars but might stimulate some thought on why we do what we do and how it would interest youth in our Model A's and what activities might be a real "blast" for the kids. They would pick up some history along the way, see how life was 80 years ago and learn to interact and enjoy different generations.

Notes from the Principal

Tim Ayers

Some of you may know how every October I spend a few days at a car show held in Hershey, PA. If you aren't familiar with this event, it really is something to behold. Literally thousands of like-minded folks from around the globe amass on the quiet town of Hershey as if led to this mystical place much like migratory birds flying south in winter or how salmon instinctively swim back upstream to their birthplace. To exemplify this compulsion to get out to Hershey every October, I will be 40 years old this year and this past show was the 33rd time I've attended this event.

I do believe a portion of my primordial drive to get to Hershey every October is genetic. You see my father is someone who can literally fix anything that does not have a computer chip in it. Instructions, what are those? At the age of 15, my dad had a full time job as a mechanic at the local Sinclair station in East Brunswick, NJ. He did everything from brake jobs to complete engine rebuilds without ever being "formally" trained. He would rebuild engines in the sand-lined floors of the pits old time mechanics worked in before OSHA (and, really, common sense) put the kibosh on them.

I can trace my obsession with old cars to when I was a young boy. Two of my earliest childhood memories were standing in my parent's garage and being awestruck by the sound and smell of the mildly hopped up flathead V8 rumbling away in his 1932 Ford as it sat there warming up before we were going to take it out for a ride. The smell, the sound, and really everything about that day still remains as vivid as if it had happened just yesterday.

My second memory was when we were driving down to the Dairy Queen in his '51 F-1 pick-up. The sun had just set and the radio was tuned to WCBS AM. Wolf Man Jack was howling at us live from the studio. I can still recall how the dashboard lights dimly lit up the inside of the cab and the unique way the 6 volt, tube-powered radio sounded as it played. This is another memory I often conjure up whenever I'm driving around at dusk.

By the time I was three, my dad had already owned some really neat old Fords. In the late '60's and early '70's, reproduction parts were not readily available. There still was an abundance of good used and new old stock parts around to support the car restoration hobby. The internet wasn't even a thought in Al Gore's teenage mind so the burgeoning swap meets like Hershey became a place for old car nuts to meet other like minded folks to either buy or trade parts for their cars or projects.

So by the time I was 6, my dad had been making the trek out to Hershey for sometime. I also started to become aware of what was going on in that magical place in Pennsylvania and started to nag my dad to take me with him that following year. After about a year of almost daily nagging my dad agreed to take me with him. I started out looking for cool Matchbox cars and have graduated to, let's just say, toys that are tad bit more expensive.

Our tradition still stands today. My dad and I still go out looking for those rare "jewels" that we just can't live without (my wife refers to these "gems" with much less glamorous terms). Our October tradition and his willing to share his passion for all things mechanical did have a hand in leading me to start my own collection of old Fords.

I wish I could say that my car is currently on the road and my two sons have experienced the same, mind altering experience as I did, but I'm working on getting close. They do enjoy sitting in the mock-up of my '28 roadster as it patiently sits waiting to be turned into a late '40's-style California hot rod.

The moral of this long-winded story is to encourage you all to create your own traditions with your children. Your tradition doesn't have to be restoring a car or something that involved. It could also be going pumpkin or apple picking, making a big Thanksgiving dinner or something little like making pancakes on Saturday mornings. The time spent doing something "special" with your children is something they will remember forever. Even though it is something they may not brag about to their friends or talk about endlessly, it is something they will look forward to and hopefully, pass it along once they have children of their own. Memories can be very powerful. Right now you can take advantage and make the most of your opportunity to make some great ones with your children.

THE YEAR IS 1910
1910 Ford Model R



Here are some statistics from the year 1910:

- * The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
- * Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.
- * Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
- * Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
- * There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- * The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- * The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
- * The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.
- * The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- * A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year; a dentist \$2,500 per year; a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year; and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
- * More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.
- * Ninety percent of all doctors had **NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!** Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as substandard.
- * Sugar cost four cents a pound.
- * Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
- * Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
- * Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- * Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.
- * The American flag had 45 stars.
- * The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30!
- * Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
- * There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
- * Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.
- * Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores.
- * Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.



The 1933 Earthquake Long Beach, California

by Tom Endy

The magnitude 6.4 earthquake struck the city of Long Beach at 5:55 PM on March 10, 1933. Damage was widespread as many of the unreinforced brick buildings were destroyed. The official death toll was reported to be at 120, though it is believed by many that it ranged well into the hundreds. Had the earthquake struck earlier in the day the death toll among children would have been catastrophic as most of the city's school buildings collapsed. The U.S. Navy was brought in to patrol the streets to prevent looting. Building codes, especially for schools, were vastly improved in California as a result of the 1933 earthquake.



Destruction was widespread



Many of the city's building collapsed



A Model A Ford did not survive the earthquake



The U.S. Navy patrolled the streets



Many believe the death toll was in the hundreds

A REMINDER 2011 Dues

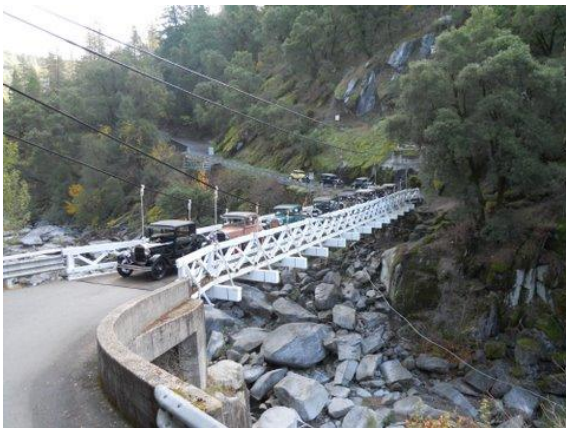
Membership dues for 2011 are now due and payable and we urge that you remit as soon as possible to your Treasurer. Also, please take this opportunity to check your Roster listing so that it reflects your information accurately such as address, telephone number, e-mail etc.

Thank you very much for your
December remittance!!

NO December Model "A" Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch...

No Breakfast Bunch this month!
Stay home! Be good!

Get ready for Santa's arrival



Attached is a picture of some of our Hangtown As, on the new, one lane, Mosquito Road wooden bridge, across a deep rocky canyon a few miles North of Placerville. (Photo from Glenn & Sharon Johnson)

Borg Warner overdrive for sale

This is a very well constructed modification for a Model A Ford. I completely disassembled it and thoroughly cleaned and inspected everything. The front and rear overdrive bearings were replaced with sealed bearings. The front and rear seals, along with the solenoid seal and the shift lever seal were replaced. The operating controls come with it and a 6 or 12 volt solenoid is included. The front and rear housing tubes were bead blaster and repainted. The unit has been bench checked under power and it works perfectly and can be demonstrated.



Borg Warner overdrive modified for a Model A

I can also build up a rear end with all new bearings and seals, and with the choice of a good serviceable 378 or 411 ring & pinion and with serviceable axles, and attach the overdrive to it. The proper pre-loads and the backlash will also be set. Or I can rebuild your rear end in the same manner and attach the overdrive.

The price of the overdrive by itself is \$900. With it attached to either rear end option above, the total price is \$1600. The price does not include installation in a car.

Like everything else I rebuild and offer for sale it comes with a money back guarantee.

Tom Endy 714-897-5861

tendy@socal.rr.com

Westminster, CA

(local pick up only).

BITS AND PIECES

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1928 55-A Tudor (WIP)

**Welcome—we are glad you could
join us!**

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Lew & Joan Lewis

(H) 417-443-1942

**Please mark your rosters-it will be a while before
the 2011 edition appears on the scene**

Sunshine & Sorrow



By Jeanne Parrish

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers as they have recently lost loved ones. To Ted and Helen Loeffler with the passing of Ted's younger brother in October.

To Kristie and Doug Bannister with the passing of Kristie's Dad earlier this month.

Keeping John Graves in our thoughts as he is undergoing some tests. Hoping you will be back with us, very soon, John.

NOVEMBER ROSTER DRAWING

Okay, the name drawn for the \$30 November prize was Tom Stehly but; he was not present sooo, the prize money rolls over and the December drawing will be for \$40.00. Now, keep your eyes on the prize and we will see you at the December meeting; good luck!

SOMETHING NEW FOR 2011

How about a monthly breakfast meeting where the topic of discussion would be "Model A's; problems, solutions, suggestions, etc.?" The purpose would be to provide insight into member needs and perhaps increase the general knowledge concerning the "care and feeding" of your particular Model A. It's an "open gathering"; no pre-conditions. For starters let's meet at Spiro's Restaurant, centrally located at 513 East Chapman, Orange, CA. Let's make it for 8am on the first Saturday in January; 1/8/2011. We can work out a preferable time and place during this first session. Hope to see you there!

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY



Everett Pierce celebrated his 87th birthday at a surprise party given by friends and neighbors.

The party was held at the Neuport 17 Restaurant in Orange, CA. Happy Birthday EV from all of us at OCMAFC!

Palm Springs Follies

By: C. Schmidt

On Friday morning, Nov. 5, three cars met at the Village of Orange to head for Palm Springs. They were Bev Marsh & Sheila Plotkin, the Radtclaffs, and the Schmidts; all driving modern cars. We attempted to caravan, but it's much easier said than done. Does anyone know how many light colored cars there are on the freeway?...tooo many. Model A's are much easier to keep track of. We never saw Bev after leaving the parking lot until we got to Billy Reed's for lunch, where we met up with the Farnes from San Fernando Valley, the Cohens, and the Goffs. After checking in at the motel, several of us went to the Palm Springs Art Museum where we saw many beautiful and interesting works of art along with some exhibits that left you wondering. In the evening, the Hatchers, O'Briens, and Sandy Norris & friend from San Fernando Valley joined the rest of us for Happy Hour around the pool.

Saturday a group of us visited Cabot's Pueblo Museum. The 5,000 sq ft Hopi style pueblo, built entirely of recycled materials, has 35 room, 150 windows, and 65 doors...no two alike. It is an amazing place filled with secret rooms, passages, and hiding places. Some of the ladies purchased hand crafted collectables at the trading post while others relaxed in the courtyard. It was a beautiful day with beautiful scenery. In the afternoon Chris Gunst, Dale Frontzak, and their friends the Larsons settled in. Later we all met at the Rock Garden Cafe where Karen & Jeremy Gaynor joined us for an early dinner. Then it was off to the Follies, featuring "The Crystals." Afterward we gathered at Ruby's for dessert...make mine Hot Fudge Sundae.

Sunday morning we all headed back home our separate ways. No more caravan attempts for us. We'd probably still be wondering what happened to Bev & Sheila.



Shiver Me Timbers Pirate Party

By: Bold Britches Colleen

Blow me down, there were quite a gathering of Buccaneers, Scallywags, Wenches, and Buxom Beauties, along with a few Landlubbers at the home of Cap'n Slappy Don (Schmidt). All were very leery as they passed through the old graveyard. Food and grog was served at the local "Salty Sea Dog Inn" run by Bold Britches Colleen, Sister of the Sea Chris (Gunst), and Red Beard Dale (Frontzak). Everyone conjured up some mighty fine grub to share. Some ate by the pools where a pirate skeleton drifted afloat searching for land. Others feasted down amongst the ghosts of spirits past and the cobwebs and spiders that had taken over the old mansion. Them thar pirates err a mighty rowdy bunch. We managed to keep Jelly Bones Bev from slitting anyone's throat but Richard the Ruthless somehow lost his mighty beard and mustache. Me thinks he must have been in a dual.

Prizes for Costumes went to:

Best couple...Cap'n Richie and his 1st Mate MaiMai (Malei) (Bolls)

Best Scurvy Dog...Barnacle Breath Bob (Jeffries)

Best Buccaneer...Cap'n Richard the Ruthless (Parrish)

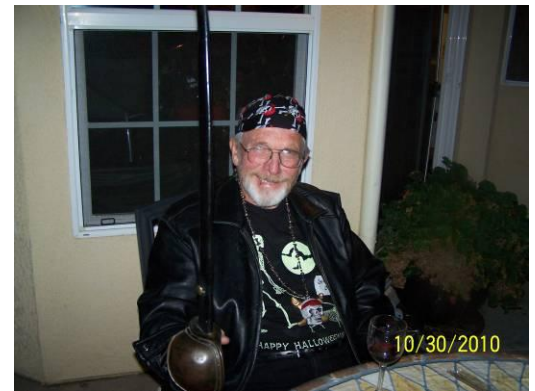
Best Wench...Jelly Bones Bev (Marsh)

Buxom Beauty...Queen of the Sea Natalie (Weyand)

Scallywag...Dashing Dakota (Parrish)

Most Original...Mistress Sea Serpent Sally (Miller)

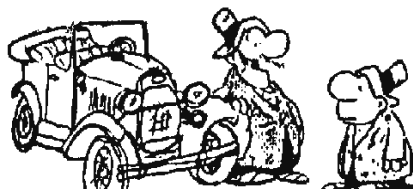
Talked Like a Pirate...Cap'n Richie (Bolls)



Prizes were also given for guessing how many skeletons there were and Bones Bingo.

In addition to the Scallywags listed above that were at the gathering were Terror of the Sea (Terry) & Cap'n Musket Ball Mel (Collings), Mistress Emerald Eileen & Mad Man Mark (Schwing), Beauty of the Sea Kathie & Dagger Dale (McCall), Edward the Executioner (Cote), Cap'n Dastardly Don & Land Lubber Carolyn (Ratzlaff), Ted the Terrible (Weyand), and Jingling Gypsy Jeannie (Parrish), along with a few traveling strangers and family.





CAR BARN SPECIALS

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For Sale

1984 Olds Cutlass Supreme Coupe with ES package

This car has been in storage and just recently inspected—has new brakes and is in good condition. 60,000 miles

Price: \$3,300.00

Please call Dr. Ball at 714-838-2303

09/10



FOR SALE: 1928 Phaeton. Restored about 20

years ago and hauled the family around to various events. We're all too big now plus kids are in college. Looking for the next family to take over. No

mechanical modifications done. Runs great.

\$23,000.00. Kevin Vidal, Huntington Beach. 714-310-9158. RKVIDAL@gmail.com

08/10



FOR SALE: 1930 Standard Coupe



If you're interested call Kenny in Long Beach at 562-234-4451. (No other details at this time except I have several other photos. Ed.)

08/10

FOR SALE: 1931 Model A Victoria.

Very nice condition. Older restoration.

Some minor mods to enhance driveability such as 600-16 Ford V8 wire wheels, electronic ignition. Last licensed in 2008. Was owned by my former father-in-law, Bill Post, of Post Ranch Inn at Big Sur, since 1986. Located in Big Sur at Post Ranch. Excellent interior, good tires, strong paint with minor cracking in places. Murray Body. Burgundy with black exterior color. I can supply many digital photos for anyone interested. Asking \$15,000.

Please contact Jeff Paley at jbpaley@cox.net or call at (805)687-6173

(ED Note---I have plenty of photos and will send if requested. I got this after the last newsletter was published so I suggest you call to be sure it is still for sale)

12/10

FOR SALE: 3.54 Ring & Pinion Gears—less than 1000 miles.

Asking \$150.00 OBO

Please call Bill Hefner at 714-892-4331

WANTED: By Glenn Johnson

I'm planning on going to Turlock and to San Diego for their swap meets next year. I have some things to sell and would like to share a space with someone. We could split the time manning the space so both of us could also have some time to shop the meet. Would you please put an ad in the Distributor for me asking if someone wants to share a space. They could call me at 530-644-1250 or email me at gsleasing@sbcglobal.net



- Merry Christmas & Happy New Year (from your editor)
- Deadline for next *Distributor*
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General Meeting

7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

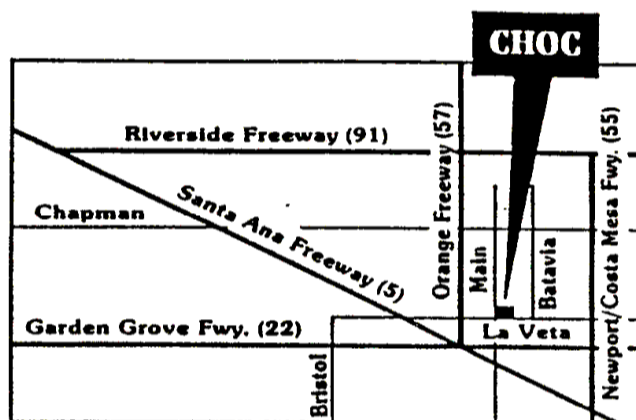
[Board Meeting at 6:00 PM]

December 9, 2010

CHOC Hospital Complex

455 South Main St. Orange CA

From Main Street, turn east on to Providence Ave. and immediately, on your right, enter the structure and park on the second level. Meeting room is accessible from the parking structure.



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