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President's Letter

January 2011

Happy New Year to all in this 50th anniversary year of Orange County Model A Club. Hopefully Santa brought you all the Model A parts you need to keep you on the road?

We owe a big thanks to Mark Schwing and our board for leading the club these past 4 years, our treasury is in good shape, we have an excellent meeting facility and your new board is already planning a year with exciting tours, seminars, meetings, our famous pancake breakfast and end of year banquet.

With an amazing 190 members we are disappointed so many of you aren't receiving your maximum enjoyment from the club. Please join us more often in this New Year.

Dick Smith has agreed to serve again as our historian and Charles Cohen has graciously agreed to take on the meeting raffle.

Our 50th pancake breakfast is coming up fast on March 27th and we need all of you to sign up early to make it a gala to remember, even greater than our past 49. We know you are there each year to help, but please come to our next meeting to select your favorite task so we can do some advance planning. We've got 1200 anxious Model A fans out there warming up their engines.

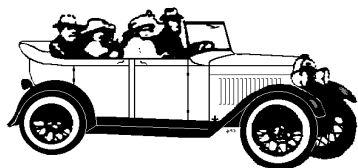
Many of you have a Model A story to tell and maybe some pictures. Why not send them to Pete Hyland to share with us in The Distributor? Your first Model A, First date in Model A, Funny thing that happened in Model A, We'd like to read about it.

Some of you have a Model A in the garage that needs "so little" to be joining us on tours. Call our technical director and he'll get someone over there to check out the problem and maybe even correct it.

Some of your cars need a LOT of work or maybe you don't even own a Model A. Don't let that stop you. Hop in the family car and join us on a tour or maybe even an overnigher. We're friendly people and would like you to join us for fun and camaraderie.

We're looking forward to seeing you at CHOC hospital on Thursday January 13th for the meeting 7:30 sharp, or come early at 7:00 and meet the family.

Richard



Activity Schedule

NEXT MEETING: Jan 13, 2011

7: 30 PM at CHOC

Deadline for next *Distributor* is January 30, 2011

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

2011 TOUR/ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

*Indicates Change

Jan 8th (SAT) Special Breakfast Meeting
Spiro's Restaurant, 513 East Chapman Ave,
Orange at 8:00AM Please see article on
page 8. A good opportunity to express your
thoughts!

Jan 13 (THURS) MAFFI Workshop at Bob &
Martha Trousil's home, 8535 Lubec Street, Downey, CA
90240

Feb 12th (SAT) Bell Housing Seminar at Tom
Endy's (See article on Page XXX)

March 27th (SUN) **Orange County 2011**
Pancake Breakfast---Mark the date and plan
to be there for our 50th Anniversary celebra-
tion!!!

Apr 7th-10th (THURS-SUN) Laughlin Tour

May 27th-30th NCRG For details please call
Bev Marsh

Jun 27th-Jul 1st ((MON-FRI) MARC Meet
in San Diego

SWAP MEETS

JAN 9th (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet
at Long Beach veterans Stadium

Jan 29th-30th (SAT_SUN) Turlock Swap
Meet

JAN 30th (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet
at Long Beach veterans Stadium

Sep 25th-26th ((SUN_MON) Paradise
Swap Meet at Western Regional Little
League Field in Devore

MODEL A MOTORING **MENUE MANIA**

(by Don Ratzlaff)

Meet at the starting point, tour to a
Coffee Stop for coffee and muffin,
tour to a restaurant for early lunch
or late breakfast, tour to a final stop
for a sweet snack. There will be a
sign-up sheet at the Jan. meeting.

MEMBER E-MAIL ADDRESSES (by Don Ratzlaff)

In the future, notifications of activity
changes or cancellations will be pro-
vided via email. Please provide the ac-
tivity chairman with your current email
address. If you do not wish to have it
listed in the roster, please make that
known.

TECHNICAL CLUE (FOR THOSE OF US THAT DO NOT HAVE A CLUE) (by Don Ratzlaff)

Do you have excessive vibration at speeds in the area of 45 mph? You have corrected all the normal sources and still haven't reduced the vibration? Have you checked the run-out between the fly-wheel housing and the end of the crank shaft? The specified allowance for this run-out is .006" maximum. If your engine is installed in the car check to see if the two .010" shims are installed at the two top bolts of the housing to engine block attachment. If the shims are missing, it is likely your source of vibration. If shims are present why not verify the thickness and replace as necessary; perhaps some experimentation with thickness variations would favorably affect the vibration levels.

BRASS AGE TOUR (by Don Ratzlaff)

On December 26th, The Horseless Carriage Club of Southern California staged their 55th annual "Brass Age" touring event. The start/register location was 3035 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, CA. The event was recommended by Gerry O'Brien and proved to be well worth the early "get-up" and travel time. There were many Pre-1932 era cars on display, some rare and some not-so rare. The awesome part was watching them all drive off on their tour of the local area. If you have never watched a Stanley Steamer drive off, leaving a cloud of steam in its wake, consider attending in December of 2011. Below are a couple pictures of the cars that we saw.



DECEMBER ROSTER DRAWING (by Don Ratzlaff)

The excitement builds, the room quiets, a name is drawn; the prize is \$40. Do we have a winner? Let's see, the name drawn was **Lloyd and Barbara Massey** and NO; they were **not present** to claim the prize. It would have been a great way to end the year however; it is an even better way to start the New Year. As you know the prize will roll over and grow to \$50 for the January meeting. Come to the meeting; keep your eye on the prize, and Happy New Year!

OCMAFC General Meeting Minutes December 9, 2010 Tissy Hatcher

The meeting was called to order by Mark Schwing, President, at 7:30 PM with a flag salute led by Joe Goff. There were 56 members in attendance.

Visitors – **Doris Marshall** announced no new visitors, however she did mention **Darlene Womack's** grand daughter's name is **Amethyst**.

Minutes – Approved as printed in the Distributor without comment.

Treasurer's Report - **Joe Goff** presented the Treasurer's report.

Member of the Year - Kathie McCall presented the Member of the Year Award to **Peter and Ana Hyland**.

Distributor – **Pete Hyland** advised articles are due by the 30th. Please pay for membership ASAP so we can print the roster.

Activities Director – **Don Ratzlaff** is offering a possible tour this month to the Mission Inn in Riverside. It is a 39-mile drive. We would leave at 2pm on Saturday, 12/18 from the Sears parking lot in Orange. Don had a request for a Model A roadster to be used at a wedding. The event is asking for a nice looking Model A to be parked by the church for guests to walk by, admire and the driver to answer questions. It will be a 2-3 hour stint. Don has the contact info for the wedding planner. A notebook is being passed around with possible tours for the year. Please mark any tours you might be interested in attending. **Colleen Schmidt** brought in a flyer for the Youth Expo Experience 2011 at the Orange County Fairgrounds. It is a 3-day event from 4/8/11-4/10/11. Reserving a booth for this event would present an opportunity for our club to stimulate the interest of youth of all ages in the Model A Ford. Hot August Nights is having an event from 8/3/11-8/6/11 in Long Beach. Information is at the front of the room. **Don Ratzlaff** advised there will be a meeting on 1/8/11 at Spiro's Restaurant where enthusiasts will have an opportunity to meet, discuss issues and ask questions about their Model A's.

Sunshine and Sorrow – **Jeanne Parrish** announced **Vince Mariola** was injured when he fell. Please call or send a card. **Eileen Schwing's** stepfather passed away, with a funeral the day before Thanksgiving. **Dale Frontzak's** mother passed away in Chicago about three months ago. Dale thanked the club for the flowers.

Merchandise – **Gerry O'Brien** says we have new jackets in.

Monthly Drawing – The prize for this month is \$40. **Lloyd and Barbara Massey** lost out because you must be present to win. Next month, the prize will be \$50.

Hard Luck Trophy – The award was presented to **Dale McCall** for his hard luck as he went up the Ridge Route.

Refreshments - **Colleen Schmidt** is looking for people to sign up for refreshments.

Upcoming Events - **Sheila Plotkin** announced the Progressive Brunch next year will be either the first or second weekend of September. We want to make sure people will participate. **Bev Marsh** advised the MAFFI Museum is being put together by MAFFCA with restored Model A's in Michigan. Riverside donated \$4,000. There will be a workshop in January at **Bob Trousil's** in Downey. Southern California Region donated \$1,000. There are already seven cars.

Miscellaneous - **Charles Cohen** has a friend that has collected Beanie Babies for years. She offered to make them available to our members for sale, with the proceeds to be given to CHOC Hospital.

Carolyn Ratzlaff went through the distributors to find all the tours. She compiled a list of the tours. The list will be circulated at the meeting. Please mark any tours you have attended.

Don Ratzlaff has the name tags for new members.

This is the last meeting **Mark Schwing** will conduct. **Richard Parrish** introduced next year's board.

Old Business – None.

Education - No formal program tonight.

Orange County Gambling

by Tom Endy

Gambling in California was outlawed many years ago. However, it always seems to find a way to revitalize itself. Off-shore gambling ships were in vogue right after World War Two. Today it is Indian casinos and state lotteries.

In the 1930's my uncle, Paul Endy (my father's older brother), owned a gambling equipment manufacturing company located near Ninth & Flower in downtown Los Angeles that went by the name of King & Company. In the late 1960's the business was moved to Las Vegas and the name was changed to Paulson & Company. My uncle's sons continued the business up until 2006.

One of the business activities of King & Company in the 1930's was that of playing card refurbishment. Playing cards did not last long and had to be taken out of service because they became dog-eared, dirty, and damp from sweaty hands. My uncle had devised a system for cleaning and restoring the decks to a serviceable condition.

My parents, Tom & Irene Endy, came out to California from Philadelphia in 1933, and for a time my mother worked for King & Company. My mother later told me about the various aspects of the business. In particular was the card refurbishment procedure, which was one of her jobs.

One of my uncle's customers for refurbished cards and other supplies was a casino located just across the Orange County line in Seal Beach. My mother indicated that the fact it was outside of Los Angeles County gave it some kind of legal status. Many years later my mother pointed out the location of the establishment. The remains of it are still visible today. It was located at the northeast junction of the San Gabriel River and Pacific Coast Highway. The San Gabriel River is the county line.

The area today is mostly undisturbed and it is where fisherman and bicycle enthusiasts pass by every day. For a number of years I was a bicycle enthusiast and on most weekends I was up early in the morning riding the various Orange County bike trails. I passed by the remains of the gambling casino many times. On a number of occasions I would stop and walk through it and wonder how many people beside myself had

knowledge of what this establishment had been.

The state of California owns the property today and the area is fenced off. After the building was demolished years ago there was no attempt made to remove the foundations. The remains are still there today. ☺



The 1930's casino was among the palm trees



The foundations are still there today



The San Gabriel River is the county line

A FINAL 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. Please be aware that the Bylaws of the Club state that "dues payable by members shall be payable in advance of the first day of January each year, and not later than the regular January meeting."

**Join us for good food
and great company...**

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

January 27 8:30 a.m.

Polly's Bakery Cafe

2660 N. Main Street

Santa Ana 92705

(714) 547-9681

R.S.V.P.--Terry Collings...714 970-7194



A SPECIAL INVITATION

Art Goldstrom has invited all club members to tour his museum in Las Vegas when they are visiting that great city.

The address is: 5375 Cameron Street # M, Las Vegas NV 89118

Office telephone is: 702-876-3652.

"Just call if you are in town"

Thanks, Art!!!

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Our thanks to all the Members for the honor bestowed upon us with the Member of the Year award. We thought you might like to see the award. (Better in Color)



Your newsletter has a new look for our 50th Anniversary-we hope you enjoy it. It is, after all, your newsletter and we like to publish good information for all. In that vein, please feel free to send articles, stories or pictures at any time and we will try to include all of them.

Thanks again

Ana & Pete

BITS AND PIECES

New Members

Welcome—we are glad you could join us!

Kent J & Carol L Wilken

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Newport Beach, CA 92660

(H) 949-723-6323

Email: kwilken@kentermedical.com

1931 A-400 Driver (Built in Argentina in Spring of 1932

Arthur T. Wright

P. O. Box 1227

Tustin, CA 92781

(C) 714-878-6538

(O) 714-731-4964

(P) Email: Arthur@marathonatm.com

1931 45-B deluxe Coupe

New address

Greg Carcerano

8411 Heil Ave

Westminster, CA 92683

New email

Bob & Patty Jeffries

bpjeffries@att.net

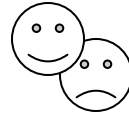
Corrections

Don & Karen Geisen—Note correction!
It is the last name spelling .

Cyndy Mortensen—Correction of
email address: cyndyquilt@aol.com

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

Sunshine & Sorrow



By Jeanne Parrish

Well wishes go out to Sharon Johnson up in Camino. You all know how Sharon is our animal lover, especially dogs. Her daughter's dog and her dog got in a fight. It seems after throwing water on them and dishes at them, Sharon tried to kick them and stuck her leg between them! Both dogs latched onto her leg. She ended up at the hospital with 34 stitches on each side of her left leg in the calf. She is recuperating at home and doctor says it is most important she does not get an infection. Take care, Sharon. We are all thinking of you. In early December, Gerry O'Brien had an unexpected trip to the hospital, after a visit to a cardiologist. Doctor says he is a lucky guy, for a heart attack was lurking in the very near future. He received 2 stents and is now feeling good.

"HAPPY NEW YEAR" TO ALL!

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 preconditions. For starters let's meet at **Spiro's Restaurant**, centrally located at **513 East Chapman Avenue, Orange, CA**. Let's make it for **8:00am** on the first Saturday in **January**; which is the **8th**. We can work out a preferable time and place during this first session. Hope to see you there!

Southern California Region Meeting

by Bev Marsh

The latest meeting was held in Temecula on Nov. 13th. There were 14 chapters represented. Marlin Perry gave a report on the MAFFI museum that will be located at the Gilmore's in Michigan. The '29 fordor sedan that the SCR is restoring is coming along, although, some parts are still needed. We need more help from club members. The next workshop will be held at Bob and Martha Trousil's home on January 13, 2011. Their address is 8535 Lubec St. Downey, 90240. Their phone number is (562) 861-7469. Seven cars are all ready to be moved to the museum. There are some other car museums there already and more are planned. Santa Anita A's volunteered to host the Ford Fun Day. Calendar dates announced were: Jan. 29-30 Turlock Swap meet, March 27 Orange County's Pancake Breakfast, April 7-10 Laughlin Tour, NCRG May 27-30, June 27-July1 MARC Meet in San Diego, Sept.25-26 Paradise Swap meet at Western Regional Little League Field in Devore. The next region's meeting will be held at Sheila Plotkin's on Feb. 12th. As usual, all club members are invited to attend.

DECEMBER TOUR TO MISSION INN AT RIVERSIDE, CA (by Don Ratzlaff)

As you all know the tour was cancelled due to rain, rain, rain. I'm truly sorry but; their Christmas decoration and celebration is an annual thing so we'll plan on it next December. Carolyn and I had scouted the location and below are a couple pictures of what we would have seen if the weather had cooperated. (More Photos on page 11)



Technical Seminar

by Tom Endy

A seminar will be held Saturday February 12th at my house beginning at 9 AM. The subject will be the restoration of the Model A Ford bell housing. A rusty cruddy bell housing will be disassembled by the attendees. A second bell housing that has been cleaned and painted will be used for assembly with new parts.



Documentation will be the article that appeared on page 8 of the November\December 2010 issue of the *Restorer*. Copies will be made available to those who are not a member of MAFCA.

For those who wish to restore their own bell housing, bring it to the seminar (it has to have been removed from the car). You will need the following new parts (Bratton's part numbers).

1	11150	pedal shaft set	\$11.20
1	4620	bell housing felt	\$0.95

You will also need one of the following two clutch shafts, depending on early or late style bell housing. If you plan to bring a bell housing to the seminar contact me ahead of time so I can help you determine early\late and other options.

clutch release shaft (early)	11210	\$26.40
clutch release shaft (late)	11230	\$6.40

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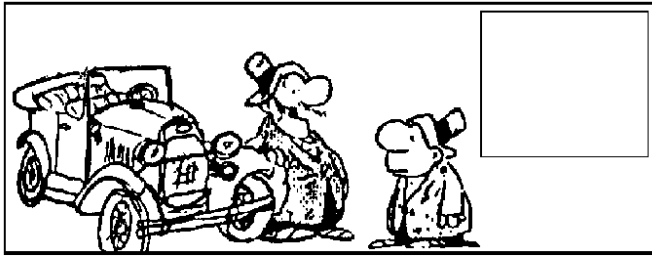
THE AMERICAN WOMAN IS SUPREME

Here is a particularly charming example of the dressmaker suit from Stein and Blaine, designed for those to whom the soft feminine treatment is more becoming. The bordered material is blue and white Pin-check with the darker blue band used to edge both coat and skirt. The belt is placed to suggest the higher waist-line. The white crepe blouse is sleeveless, with soft scarf collar and ragged shoulders.

The suit of light-weight woolen has a definite place in fashion to-day. The soft line and supple effect of this material flatters some women more than the mannish fabrics. This smart suit of brown ondemoussa is on the sports type. The unlined coat has a stitched standing collar and edges. The skirt is box-plaited across the front, with a yoke. The tuck-in blouse of yellow crepe de Chine buttons down the front. B. Alpan.

A suit from Hone! Bendel which effects a clever compromise between the conventional tailleur and the more feminine type. It is made of heavy gray coverd cloth with regulation collar and revers. Stitched bands are used to trim both skirt and jacket, and vertical pin-tucks above the hip-line furnish a modicum of fulness and soften the lines. The lapel flower, in matching tone, is a distinct gesture toward femininity.

From HARPER'S BAZAR, April 1930, page 122



CAR BARN SPECIALS

Member ads will run two months unless renewed.
 Non member ads will run one month unless renewed.
 All ads must be submitted in writing to: prhyland@att.net
 or OCMAFC Editors 244 No. Goldenspur Way,
 Orange, CA 92869-4422
 Visit MAFCA's Web Site:
www.mafca.com/classifieds.html

For Sale

FOR SALE: 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 (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: Pair of 1930/31 front fenders with wheel well in both. Restored and in primer, ready to paint.

\$700.00 for the pair or \$375.00 each

Mark Schwing

714-692-1393

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. If interested please call me at 530-644-1250 or email me at gsleasing@sbcglobal.net.



(Photos from Mission Inn
 Please see article on page 9)



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General Meeting

7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

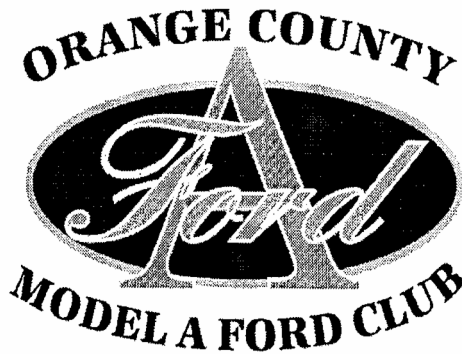
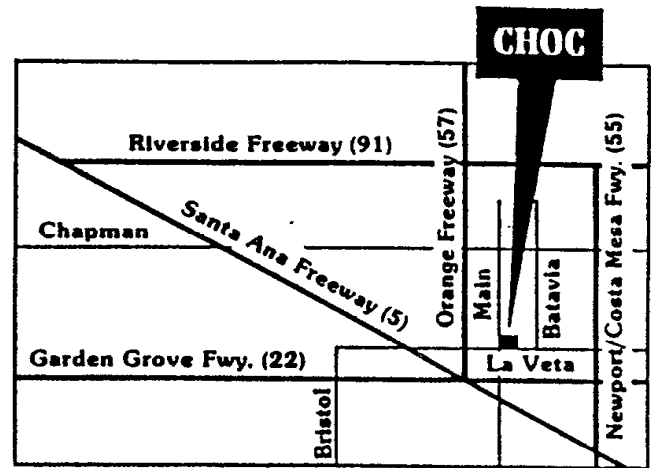
[Board Meeting at 6:00 PM]

January 13, 2011

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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