# The Distributor

# Orange County Model A Ford Club Our 50th Year

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"Model A Motoring Menu Mania" Tour January 22, 2011

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# **President's Letter** February 2011

This is the first month into our 50th anniversary year and IT'S HAPPENING. The flowers and trees are still dormant but OCMAFC is coming alive with the best participation in years. New members and reticent old members have discovered what has been missing in their life.

The January 8th breakfast meeting attracted 24 members who milled around the parking lot for an hour.

Last Saturday, Don's roving brunch brought out an amazing 24 Model A's and 57 warm bodies. We drank coffee, ate breakfast and enjoyed a great car collection before finishing the tour at a crepe cafe. We laughed, ate, quaffed root beer and drove our Model A's. Who could ask for anything more? Everyone with a known e-mail address was notified of the above events. It seems to have been very effective. Please call your activity director, Don Ratzlaff, to be added to the list.

The Distributor will be sent to all members with e-mail addresses starting this month. You will receive it 4 or 5 days earlier and the pictures are in color. You can easily print it out on your printer. We may have a mini seminar to teach you.

Members without e-mail addresses will receive their paper copy the same as always. Those receiving *The Distributor* by e-mail are encouraged to drop their paper copy. It will save Pete Hyland a lot of work and the chapter will realize a big savings in printing and mailing costs. Save a tree.

The signup sheets for the pancake breakfast will be out at the general meeting. It's very important to sign up early so we can plan for the big day instead of trying to put together work parties in the early hours of the event. With only 6 weeks to go we are gearing up, taking inventories, assessing workloads and cutting raffle tickets. The raffle prizes are arriving, the food ordered, and permits applied for.

Club activities are abundant with our meetings, local tours, seminars and social gatherings in addition to regional events like CCRG, NCRG, Wings and Wheels and a MARC national meet in San Diego in June. Your president, is planning to drive the MAFCA national tour, "The Natchez trace" April 9th. Nashville TN to Natchez MS. We'd love to have company. Drive your modern plushmobile if you like.

Check your Distributor carefully. You will find reports on past and future activities and maybe a picture of yourself. Study the calendar, look at the ad's, read the minutes, checkout the new members. They may live around the corner from you. Attend the Feb 12th seminar. Take pictures and send them to Pete Hyland.

See you at the meeting 7:30 sharp or better yet 7:00 for telling friends of tall tales and adventure.

Richard



# Activity Schedule

# NEXT MEETING: Feb 10, 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

**Feb 3rd (THURS) Board Meeting- 7:30PM** at the home of Richard & Jeanne Parrish. Open to all interested members. Please call so we know how many are attending

Feb 5th (SAT) The Morning Model A Meeting. Spiro's Restaurant at 513 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, CA at 8:00AM. See article on Page 7.

**Feb 12th (SAT) Bell Housing Seminar starting at 9:00AM** at **Tom Endy's** 5881 Iroquois Rd. Westminster, CA 92683. 714-897-5861

March 27<sup>th</sup> (SUN) Orange County 2011 Pancake Breakfast---Mark the date and plan to be there for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration!!!

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**

Feb 13th (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet at Long Beach veterans Stadium

Mar 13th (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

More Activity Information on page 11

#### Technical (Gerry O'Brian/Bob Jefferies) (Don Ratzlaff)

Phil Joujon-Roche had requested a little help/advice concerning a few irregularities on his Model A400 left front

fender. In response, Gerry, Bob, Dominic and Don journeyed to Phil's abode in the canyons of Anaheim Hills Friday morning, Jan 21. Turns out, Phil had coffee and donuts (heart pills) waiting; tough job but someone

has to do it. Finally, we examined the fender and found it wanting; the



prescription was to remove the paint and old body-filler and deftly

apply hammer and dolly to straighten those little irregularities. It's good to have a plan but some thought should be given to execution. After

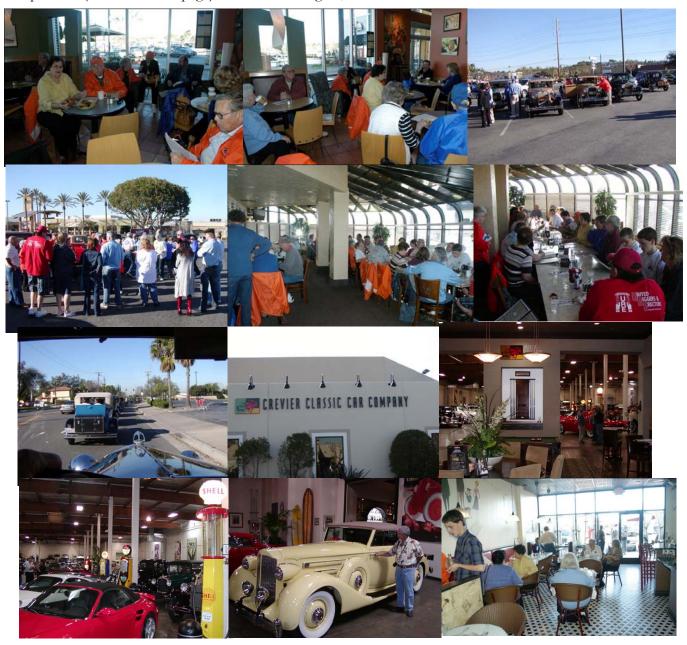
much pounding and discussion the session was declared ended however; a second visit was deemed necessary.

A few pictures are shown, semper fi.

#### Jan 22, 2011 "Model A Motoring Menu Mania" Tour (Don Ratzlaff)

Well now, tour's over! We want to express our appreciation for the response received; it was awesome! As far as I know Saturday's local tour with stops for a morning coffee, a breakfast meal, a classic car display and finally, a sweet snack, was a success. There were 54 happy participants, with 24 Model A's and 3 modern cars traveling down the local streets and enjoying the ambiance of the stops noted above. Once again the Model A's, on tour, proved their functional reliability with no mechanical difficulties noted. The tour encompassed a, one-way, driving distance of 18 miles. This did not include the distance driven to arrive at the starting point or that required to return home after the event. It was reported that one Model A failed to make it to the starting point due to mechanical difficulties however; the driver substituted his modern car and joined us at the start.

It was suggested that a critique of the event could be of value. It would be difficult to ask all of the participants to physically meet somewhere for this purpose so I'll solicit comments via email. A couple of items noted are: 1) I neglected to post my Cell Phone number on the map-hand-out and, 2) I allowed the procession to become too far separated due to traffic lights and speed. We will do better in the future. And now (drum roll please) a few pictures (also see cover page) of the event. Again, thanks to all!



Orange County Model Ford A Club

#### OCMAFC General Meeting Minutes December 9, 2010 Tissy Hatcher

The meeting was called to order by **Richard Parrish**, President at 7:30 PM, followed by a flag salute led by Walter Otto. There were 56 members in attendance Visitors - Doris Marshall welcomed guests Erin and Brad Kaplan, who want to get involved in the restoration of their 1929 closed cab pickup. Brad has worked on Model A's since he was 12 years old. They also have a 1931 deluxe delivery truck. *Introductions* – Richard Parrish introduced the 2011-2012 Board to the membership. The first board meeting was held on 1/6/11 at Richard's home. The next meeting will be on 2/3/11 and everyone is welcome to attend. If you should like to host the board meeting, let Richard know. Charles Cohen has taken over the monthly raffle. We have had 190 members signed up so far. Richard encouraged members to suggest ideas for tours and activities. He also suggested members bring their friends and families to the monthly meetings. *Treasurer* – The treasury is in good shape. Pancake Breakfast - In addition to the regular raffle for the Pancake Breakfast, there is also going to be a premium raffle table with more expensive tickets (3 tickets for \$10) where prizes will include four 19" black wall tires, four 21" Goodyear tires, a Snyder high compression head, an EZ-steer steering box and maybe a couple other premium prizes. Tours and Activities - Don Ratzlaff advised of a tour (Model A Motoring Menu Mania) on 1/22 aimed at the new members and people who don't have a lot of confidence with their Model A cars. Everyone will meet about 9am at the Panera Bread at the Village Mall/Orange Mall. From there, we will drive to the Katella Grill at 10am, then to Crevier Motors Classic Cars to see their collection. Dessert will be at Paris Crepes in Irvine. The tour is expected to end about 2pm. Driving your Model A is encouraged but not necessary. Don is circulating a signup sheet for possible tours from January-December. Please sign up if you would like to organize a tour. Colleen Schmidt advised Christine Gunst is the exhibit representative for the Youth Expo at the OC Fairgrounds. The club can reserve a booth for our cars for April 8-10, 2011. She feels this is a good way to promote interest in the Model A Club. To participate, we have to sign up by 2/15. We will need volunteers. This would be a great time to pitch our scholarship to potential younger club members. *Model A Problem Sessions* – Don Ratzlaff had a meeting last Saturday of the newly formed Mode A Problem meetings and had 24 people in attendance. He encourages anyone with questions or information to share to attend the meetings. Ladies are welcome! We will be talking about solutions and then follow that up with a technical seminar. Reminder: we need your current email address so you can be notified of changes *Technical* – A get-together is scheduled for 2/12 at Tom Endy's to rebuild a bell housing. Jerry O'Brien is working on future technical seminars. Upcoming ones include: re-doing Mark Schwing brakes and Bob Jeffries has a car that needs painting. Monthly Breakfast - Terry Collings announced the next breakfast meeting will be on 1/27 at Polly's Pies in Orange at 8:30am. This is a great chance for new people to get to know other club members. *Scholarship* - Nothing to report. Merchandise - Jerry O'Brien received a shipment of hats. Distributor/Roster - Starting February every member with an e-mail address will receive The Distributor by e-mail. They will be encouraged to drop the paper mailed copy to save costs. Members without e-mail address will continue to receive The Distributor by mail, as always. The costs associated with mailing the Distributor to members run about \$200 a month. Reminder – your annual dues are due today. Your name may not be in roster if you don't pay today. Roster Drawing - The winners for January were Rick & Kelly Daniel. Unfortunately, they were not at the meeting, so the money rolls over to February. The next drawing will be for \$60. 50th Anniversary Party – Bev Marsh announced the party will be on 8/27/11 at the Garden Grove Elks. Mark your calendars as this is a free event for all current members of the club. It will include dinner and entertainment. <u>Southern California Regional</u> – The meeting will be at **Sheila Plotkin's** on 2/12. All are welcome. 13 chapters were represented at the last meeting. You can find the calendar in the paper. Sunshine and Sorrow – Sharon Johnson had a problem with her dogs that required she receive 68 stitches on her leg. She is doing much better. John Goodlad's cancer has spread to his shoulder. Please keep him in your prayers. Jeanne Parrish wishes everyone a healthy new year. Hard <u>Luck Trophy</u> – The trophy was presented to Charles Cohen. <u>Refreshments</u> – Colleen Schmidt still has openings for people who would like to bring refreshments. Miscellaneous - Greg Earhart saw the MAFFI car in Downey. He felt representation was pretty thin but that they are focused on the roof and frame. The car will ultimately end up at the Ford Model A museum. If you want to get together as a group and volunteer, let Greg know. There is still a lot of work to be done. There is a want and need parts list at the front table. Charles Cohen brought DMV materials to share with the club. Rick Hall told of his experience with the DMV and trying to register a 1931 Victoria that hadn't been registered since 1954 (with no pink slip). He felt the DMV provided great service, even if the cost was more than expected. A suggestion was made from the floor that a procedure be instituted either in the newsletter or website where someone could post questions regarding how to do something or fix something on their Model A? The response was simple: "Come to the meetings. People are here to help one another."

Meeting concluded at 9pm

# Huntington!

by Tom Endy

The name Huntington conjures up thoughts of Huntington Beach, Huntington Park, and the Huntington Library in San Moreno. Actually there were two men of historic proportion named Huntington. The first was Collis P. Huntington; the second was his nephew Henry E. Huntington.

Collis P. Huntington (1821-1900) came from the east as a young man and made his fortune as a merchant in San Francisco. He later formed a partnership with three other men of historic proportion, Leland Stanford, Mark Hopkins, and Charles Crocker. Known in California as "The Big Four", they founded the Central Pacific Railroad. On May 10, 1869 at Promontory, Utah their railroad connected with the Union Pacific Railroad coming from the east, forming the first Transcontinental Railroad. Collis P. Huntington became an extremely wealthy man.

Henry E. Huntington (1850-1927), Collis' nephew, worked for his uncle for a number of years. Upon the death of Collis in 1900, Henry not only inherited much of his uncle's wealth, he also married his uncle's widow, Arabella (1850-1924).

Henry Huntington moved to Los Angeles and constructed a trolley system in downtown Los Angeles. Later he developed Pacific Electric, the big red cars, that were a suburban train system that ran throughout the greater Los Angeles area to as far east as San Bernardino. He is credited with causing the establishment of many of the communities and the demographics connected by his rail system. Henry also became an extremely wealthy man and owned a great deal of real estate in the Los Angeles area.

Henry Huntington became a world-renowned art collector. The Huntington Library today houses that collection. His wife Arabella created the botanical gardens at the library. The cities of Huntington Beach and Huntington Park are named after him. ©

Henry E. Huntington





The Huntington Mansion in San Marino 1915



The Huntington Library



The city of Huntington Beach about 1935

#### JANUARY ROSTER DRAWING

Well, the January drawing of a name from the 190 member roster has been performed. There is good news and bad news; first the bad news:, Rick Daniel & Kelli Gollihugh Daniel had their names drawn but they were **not present** to receive the \$50 prize (boo hoo). Now, the good news: the February prize grows to \$60 (hoorah). So now, keep your eye on the prize and, we'll see you at the February meeting. (Don Ratzlaff)

#### 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!!!

#### The Morning Model A BS (Breakfast Scuttlebutt) Meeting (Don Ratzlaff)

I know that was a reach but couldn't think of a better definition for BS. Anyway, the FIRST monthly meeting providing breakfast and a forum for Model A Topic discussions was held. The date was January 8th and the place was SPIRO's Restaurant in Orange, CA. The attendance was a surprise to me and to the restaurant with 24 guys and one classy lady present and accounted for. The subject matter was varied, the only requirement being that it pertains to Model A problems, solutions and innovations. There were several lively discussions noted during the time spent. We encouraged those with specific problems or topics to take the floor and present their issues; I'm not sure we succeeded. We need to do better at the next and future meetings. If you would give me a note with your name and topic title, I'll try to introduce you and your topic. That way, we'll have a loose agenda set up at the next gathering. With that in mind, remember; the next meeting will be February 5, 2011 at 8am in SPIROS at 513 East Chapman Avenue., Orange, CA. Unless otherwise noted we'll try to do this monthly on the first Saturday of the month. And now a couple pictures of those in attendance, enjoying their breakfast and scuttlebutt. Thanks to you all.









#### **New Members**

Welcome—we are glad you could join us!

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#### MORE MODEL A MOTORING MENUE MANIA TOUR

(Lisa Bannister)

What a beautiful day for a drive in the A!

Was it the beautiful sunny and crisp day? Was it the great contact and advertising? Was it the email reminders? Was it the opportunity to drive locally? Was it the chance to spend time with great club members with a short drive between 3 eateries and a museum? Was it simply time for a pre-spring outing? Whatever the reason, it was great fun and we're so glad to see so many members out driving with their family and friends in their Model A's.

Don Ratzlaff was surprised and a little overwhelmed at the turn out for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tour of 2011! He originally expected 15 to 20 people; instead there were 24 Model A's and 54 people who joined the **MODEL A MOTORING MENUE** 

**MANIA** on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. Quite a sight to see those 24 cars driving along. Lots of heads turned, horns honked, and Ahooga's sounded. What a great view to see all those cars parked in the lots while we were inside enjoying our respite. Great first stop/start at Panera for a little bagel and coffee or tea, then off to the Katella Grill for a great breakfast or brunch. We took over the sun room with all of our members and overflowed in the main dining room. While we enjoyed our breakfasts and chats, so many were outside looking at our cars, taking photos by and around them, and coming back into the restaurant to ask us questions. Then it was back on the road to visit Crevier Motors car storage and museum. This warehouse had cars as early as the 1933 Hudson – a chassis with seat – to a beautiful modern Rolls Royce, and many other cars (and bicycles) in between, including a few Model A's. Then it was off to have lunch at the Paris Crepes in Irvine; and next, .... Heading home – happy car, happy tummy, happy day. What a pleasure!! Who could ask for more?? -We can – let's ALL do it again!!!

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

#### Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

February 24 8:30 a.m.

## Original Pancake House

1418 E. Lincoln AvenueAnaheim 92805(714) 535-9815

Info--Terry Collings...714 970-7194



#### Sunshine & Sorrow



#### By Jeanne Parrish

Get-well wishes go out to Wayne Wiedle who just received a hip-replacement & after approx. 2 weeks of recovery is using a walker and seems to be doing well. Way to go there, Wayne! You will be "Back on the Road" with us very soon. Wade & Stacey Ratzlaff are anxiously awaiting the birth of twins...a boy & a girl! They are due near Valentine's Day or even sooner. Grandparents, (again to be), Don & Carolyn Ratzlaff are also very, very excited! (That is putting it mildly!) We wish them all well. John Goodlad has just returned home from a nursing/rehab facility. He has been receiving treatment and medications for cancer which has spread to his shoulder, but he is in real good spirits & looking forward to getting back to his ole' self once again. We know you are built "Ford Tough", John and we sure send you our good wishes and prayers. Hope to see you real soon.

#### Historians Corner

By Dick Smith

#### **Historian Question?**

- (Q) Where & When did the Ford Script Blue oval appear?
- (A) The Ford oval trademark was first introduced in 1907. The 1928 Model A was the first vehicle to sport an early version of the Ford script in the oval badge. The dark blue back ground (known to designers as Pantone 294C). The Ford Script is credited to Child Harold Wills, Ford's first chief engineer and designer. The color blue with the white "Ford" script and white border became the Model A badge. Wills created a script in 1903 based on the one he used for his business cards. Today, the oval has evolved into a perfect oval with a width-to-height ratio of 8:3. The current Centennial Oval was introduced on June 17, 2003 as part of the 100th anniversary of Ford Motor Company.

Source info, Wikipedia.org

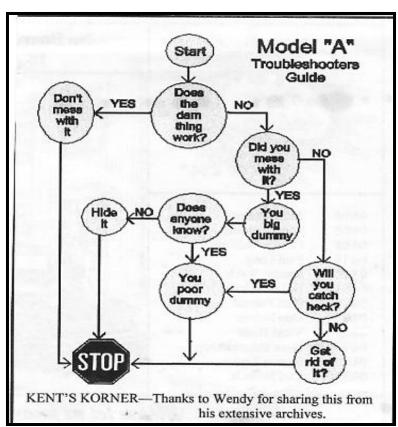
#### "Restorer" Collectors:

I currently have approximately 250+ Restorer magazines that have been donated by long time OCMAFC members. They have in the past been given to members to add to their collection, or maybe for pleasure reading, or to learn more about our Model As. Most issues are from mid 70's to the 2008s. Send me your desired issues or year and I will try to meet your needs.

If you would like to donate to this <u>source</u> collection, just call me and I'll arrange for pick up.

Vince & Joan Mariola previously donated approximately 55 "Restorers" for club members, many are still available. Doc & Darlene Ingwersen's collection will soon be added, along with Tom Endy's.

They are available at no cost to OCMAF members. First come basis!



Courtesy of The Hangtown A's via Dick Smith

#### **Beanie Babies**

A hearty thank you to Charles Cohen for providing an opportunity for members to purchase donated Beanie Babies to benefit Children's Hospital.

The \$110.00 will be donated to the Reach Out and Read early literacy program for the Ambulatory Clinics staff to purchase and distribute board books for the physicians and staff to provide to babies and toddlers when they come in for their 'well' check ups. Many of these children do not have books in their homes and look forward to receiving a new book at each well exam visit.

Kathie Mc Call, RN (Co-Founder CHOC ROR).

## Overdrive Removing & Replacing

Thanks for the muscle, technical skills and time: Removing and replacing a defective overdrive can be a difficult task with physical limitations; therefore, a big thank you to Richard Parrish, Dominic Cimarusti, Don Ratzlaff and even Greg Earhart (supervision) this past month. Also special thanks to Richard for accompanying me to Carlsbad for the actual repair work.

Dale Mc Call

# Sunday, March 27, 2011 Rain or Shine 50th Anniversary County Model A Ford Club Orange County Model A Ford Club

Bring your Model A, your friends and your appetite for a morning of food, fun and fellowship

HART PARK, 701 S. GLASSELL ST, ORANGE

NEW PREMIUM RAFFLE THIS YEAR In addition to our usual great raffle

Breakfast 8am-11am Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & hot coffee

People's Choice Car Judging

4 Goodyear 21 in. Black Tires

4 Goodyear 19 in. Black Tires

**Trophies Awarded** 

**Snyder High Compression Head** 

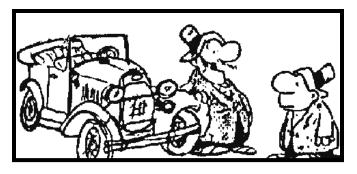
**Model A Trunk** 

Mitchell Overdrive

**NEW EZ Steer Steering Assembly** 

Donation: Adults \$5 Kids \$3 300+ Model A's on display

For more info contact Mark Schwing at (714) 970-1696



#### FOR SALE: 3.54 Ring & Pinion

**Gears**— less than 1000 miles. Asking \$150.00 OBO

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#### CAR BARN SPECIALS

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#### Visit MAFCA's Web Site:

www.mafca.com/classifieds.html

### For Sale

FOR SALE: 1928 AR Tudor Sedan

Extra parts with car. \$8,000.00 OBO **Al Walters** 949-290-6252 **02/11** 

FOR SALE: 1936 Ford Truck-Running

Gear—Complete

**Roy Weston** 805-968-1448 **02/11** 

#### FOR SALE: Many Items

Model 'A' front end, complete. Everything rebuilt, assembled and painted. \$750 Seven-tooth (28/29) Steering assembly. Completely rebuilt. \$175 Radiator, 30/31\$75 Modern Tube type Shock Absorber kit, new\$300 Oil filter system (like Mike's Affordable)\$100 Head, 28-31\$5 Fender, Right front, 30-31\$150 Fender, Left front, 30-31\$150

#### 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

Call Ron Ryker 805-967-3572

Mark Schwing

714-692-1393

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#### WANTED: By Glenn Johnson

I'm planning on going to to San Diego for their swap meet. 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.

#### **MORE ACTIVITIES**

**Activities:** A "Poker Run" is in the planning stages and will happen on Saturday Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be available at the General Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Of course we'll need help.

**Future Activities:** Since the Pancake Breakfast (50<sup>th</sup> year celebration) is planned for March; no additional tour-type activity is currently planned for that month. However, if someone would like to organize an activity for early in March, please do.

There are nine additional months (April through December) that need activity leaders/coordinators. We will have a sign-up for the respective months at the February general meeting. We have a resource book available if an idea is needed. Please step up and be the envy of your fellow OCMAFC members!

# Thanks Don Ratzlaff



- Deadline for next Distributor
- February 28, 2011
- Type or write all articles and advertisements and e-mail to: newsletter@ocmafc.org Or mail to: 244 No.Goldenspur Way, Orange, CA 92869-4422

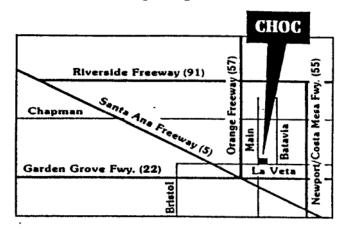
#### **General Meeting** 7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

# February 10, 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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