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President's Letter September 2011

The August Pot Luck meeting proved to be just as successful as the July pot luck. I was encouraged to start the meeting as soon as we finished eating. Sorry if you missed anything.

The 4th Thursday breakfast at Schooner was a beautiful venue with all the boats just across the side walk. I brought 3 new friends from Australia Lawrie, Hayden and Les Kite. They loved it and fit right in with the group. I then took them down to coast to Surf City, Balboa, and Newport, including the ferry, the Back Bay, and Silverado Café in the canyon. I made Lawrie drive my Model A 73 miles. I was given a jar of genuine Bonneville Salt collected early in the week.

The 1st Saturday "BS" breakfast at Carrows in Orange is coming up with some great technical discussions. You are missing some fantastic eating & socializing if you aren't attending.

Remember: October 22nd, The Presidents tour and Poker Run to Oak Glen. This is the first after a 10 year hiatus. Maybe this could be your 1st tour? Bring the kids, grand kids, friends and neighbors. Change your oil, pump the tires, charge the battery, set the timing, adjust the brakes and fill up with gas. Don't be nervous, we'll get you and your car there and home safe.

FLASH: Art & Olive have volunteered their home and Arts unbelievable "man cave" for the poker card tally and a dessert of apple pie. Olive is sure to give you a tour of her famous "gourd art".

There will be several poker hand winners but we will ALL be winners having driven the fabled Oak Glen Tour.

Congratulations to Tissy & Bill Hatcher and their crew for a most enjoyable 50th anniversary, reunion/luau at Garden Grove Elks Lodge. A wonderful time was had by current and past members and their guests. There were miles of smiles and full bellies and a chance to learn the hula. One of your most reluctant members was drafted.

A big Thank You to Bob & Patty Ferazzi for their donation of two \$50 cash prizes. They now live in Hawaii. Andy & Lu Saez, 1967 president now live in Durango Colorado and they celebrated their 62nd anniversary with us at the party.

Come to the meeting to hear the final count of attendees and see slides of the event.

Richard



Activity Schedule

NEXT MEETING: September 8, 2011 7: 30 PM at CHOC

Deadline for next *Distributor is* Sept 20, 2011

Type or write all articles and ads and e-mail to:

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Or mail to: 244 No Goldenspur Way,

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2011/12 TOUR/ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Sep 4(SUN) We have been invited to bring our Model A's to the **Lyons Museum** on Sunday, September 4th, to be showcased in an event titled "Cars and Cockpits". A brief description of the event is given on Page 4.

Sep 10 (SAT) Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar, CA (Sign up sheet at meeting night

Sep 10 (SAT) International Model A Day—Be sure to drive your Model A!!!

SWAP MEETS

Sep 11 (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet at Long Beach Veterans Stadium

Oct 9 (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet at Long Beach Veterans Stadium

Sep 25 (SUN) Paradise Swap Meet at Western Regional Little League Regional Head-quarters, 6707 Little League Drive, San Bernadino, CA. Info? Call 909-875-4545 or 909-232-9514

Sep 17 (SAT) Progressive

Brunch will begin at 10:00 AM with appetizers at the home of Jerry & Cathy O'Brien, 5340 Los Altos Lane, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. We will then journey to the home of Sheila Plotkin, 9371 Portsmouth Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 for the main course. Our last stop will be at Bruce & Joanie Harris' 12862 Spur Lane, Rossmoor, CA 90720 for desert. Please sign up and pay by Sept 7. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Sheila provided directions to each location but we simply did not have room to print them. Questions??? Please call Sheila Plotkin at 714-962-2117.

Oct 22 (SAT) The Presidents tour and Poker Run to Oak

Glen, not Julian as previously advertised. This is the first time in 10 years. Don't miss it. You have 2 ½ months to prepare. Maybe this could be your 1st tour? Bring the kids, grand kids, friends and neighbors. For further information please see "The Presidents Letter" In this issue. More information will flow in the next two months.

Nov 19 (SAT) Coast Guard Mu-

seum at Port Hueneme, CA.

Dec 10 (SAT) Late afternoon and evening tour to the "Mission Inn" in Riverside, CA.

Dec 18 (Sun) Installation Banquet

Claim Jumper Restaurant Fountain Valley
Social Hour 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00PM More info. later

Aug 4-26, 2012 Early Ford Tour to the Baltic Countries. Info: email Lee Chase at modeltchase@yahoo.com or call him at: 323-938-4601. See Information on Page 8.

More photos from the Anniversary Party. All photos by Don Ratzlaff, Richard Parrish and Pete Hyland





















Join us for good food and great company...

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch September 22--8:30 a.m.

LuLu's Creperie Cafe

24781 Alicia Parkway--Suite E Laguna Hills 92653 (Behind the Laguna Hills Car Wash) (949) 855-2222



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









Can you find your self in these photos as well as the ones on the front cover? If not, then you probably were not there.

A great amount of work was done during the past year to make this the wonderful success that it was. Thanks to all who gave so willingly—we appreciate it very much.

Orange County Model A Ford Club

A California Nonprofit Public Benefits Corporation General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2011

Time: 7:20pm

Location: Children's Hospital of Orange County

Wade Education Center

55 in attendance

The meeting was called to order by Richard Parrish with the flag salute led by Charles Cohen.

<u>Visitors</u>: Doris Marshall announced we have no guests or new members tonight.

Minutes: Progressive lunch date was wrong.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

New Members Badges: See Rick Hall for badges.

<u>Merchandise</u>: Jerry O'Brien says current inventory is the same as last month.

Technical: Jerry O'Brien has a sign up sheet for a seminar on installation of tires.

<u>Hard Luck Trophy</u>: Awarded to Charles Cohen.

Sunshine and Sorrow: Jeanne Parrish announced Doris and Drain Marshall's 60th anniversary will be 8/12. The family of Warren Hogan (1923-2011) sent a thank you note following his funeral service.

Monthly Roster Drawing: Don Ratzlaff said there will be no roster drawing tonight, but \$60 will roll over to the next meeting.

Tours/Activities: The Saturday morning BS session is an open invitation for all to take part. Fullerton Airport has an event where you can park your car on the tarmac next to an antique airplane. Don't forget the 50th Anniversary party on 8/27. Marconi Automotive Museum is having a free event on 8/13. If enough members sign up, we will have lunch in Old Tustin. The Lyon Museum will showcase Model A's with an \$8 admission. Following that we will go to Crevier Classic Car Museum, a free event. The Progressive brunch will be on 9/17. Get your check (for \$5/each) to Sheila Plotkin by 9/7. This is a particularly fun event for meeting members. Please look at the sign up sheets. The 10/22 poker run will be going to Oak Glen. We are looking at going to the Mission Inn located in Riverside in December. Cost for tickets to tour the mission are \$15/each. They have a restaurant in the mission, however it is quite pricy. A restaurant named Phood is within walking distance and reasonably priced. Don asked if anyone has an interest in having a speaker from High Zinc Oil come to pass along info about zinc in oil.

<u>New Business:</u> MAFCA members will soon receive their ballots. Ann Neely-Beck from Augusta, Georgia has requested support in her candidacy for the Board of Directors of MAFCA. She has never been on the board before. Dale McCall displayed his brand new tires with powder coated rims.

Newsletter: Pete Hyland has some extra rosters. Deadline for the Distributor will be the end of the month.

4th Thursday Breakfast: The breakfast will be on 8/25 at Schooner or Later Restaurant in Long Beach at 8:30am. If you have a suggestion for a good place for a future breakfast, let Terry Collings know.

Election Chairperson: Kathie McCall reviewed board slots that will become available. President, Secretary and Treasurer expire in even years, Vice-President and Technical Director in odd years. Kathie will discuss more in September, but please think about a position you might be interested in taking over. Technical can consist of 2-3 people and you don't have to be a "technical" person.

50th Anniversary Party: Come and just have fun. We can still take reservations through this week.

AUGUST ROSTER DRAWING (Don R) No roster drawing was conducted at the August meeting. However, the September meeting is just around the corner and we will be having a "roster drawing"; the prize will be \$60. Will you be the lucky winner? Remember, you can't be a winner if you aren't present; see ya.

Upcoming Raffle, Silent Auction & Shoe Box Sale

OK everyone. You put me in charge of the Raffle, so it's time to make some real money for our club. At the next meeting on September 8th, we will have a Raffle plus a SILENT AUCTION. The auction will consist new Model A parts for 1928-1931 Fords. Bring your check books or cash. I know you have been asking for Model A parts and this is the time and the place. Later in the year I will have gifts for the holidays. Richard Parrish is trying to put together s SHOE BOX SALE for the near future. This is when we bring in our unwanted Model A parts for sale and we get to keep the money. Let's try for this in the month of October. Tell me what you think about the SHOE BOX SALE at the September 8th meeting

Thanks,

Charles Cohen

LYONS AIR MUSEUM Sun Sep 4th

I want to remind you of the upcoming event taking place at on Sunday Morning, September 4th from 10am to noon. It is a "Model A Only" event. We will have parking in front of the museum; admission has been reduced if you wish to view their displays. Please see the attachments. Our Club Bylaw Statement of Purpose reads: "The exhibition of Model A Fords as a traveling museum or as a static display"; this event seems tailor made for this purpose. The Museum has asked me how many Model A's might be expected so, would you please let me know if you will be attending; I would appreciate your support. As an added event there will be a "no-cost" tour of Crevier Classic Motors I have reserved seating at a nearby Acapulco Restaurant for those of us wanting to stop for lunch before heading home. (Model A not road-able? I'm sure you could drive your modern and just join in on the socializing and subsequent lunch activities.)

The museum web page is http://www.lyonairmuseum.org/news/

"Lyon Air Museum, a premier Southern California showcase for vintage military aircraft and automobiles, is inviting select car clubs such as yours to play host for a "Cars & Cockpits Day," These events are scheduled for the first Sunday of each month and limited to 50 exhibit cars. The past few months have been huge successes, the first Sunday in September can now be reserved for the Model "A" club. For Sunday September 4th you and your group will receive a reduced rate to visit the amazing Lyon Air Museum. Entrance will be \$9 instead of \$12 that is what we offer all of the car clubs. Additionally, there will be coffee and donuts; also we are offering a special tour of Crevier Classic Cars. Please have your group arrive between 9 & 10 (9:30am) and they can leave at 11:30 or you are welcome to stay as long as you want."



We need YOU!

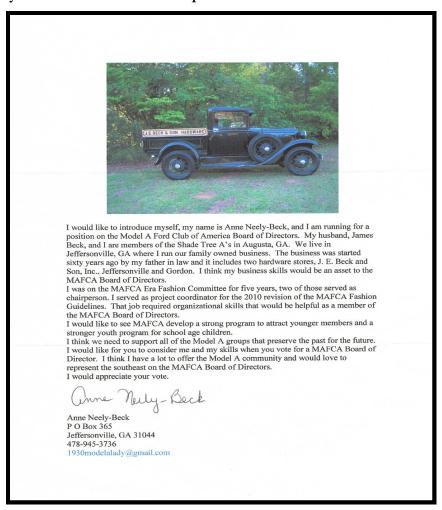
Are you interested in a leadership position in our club? You can have an influence and a vote to promote interest, education and socialization in the Model A hobby.

This year we will be electing the Vice President/Activities Director and Technical Director. Final nominations will be made at the October meeting and ballots will be mailed with the November newsletter.

The VP/Activities Director serves in the absence of the President, but the main responsibilities are planning and coordination of the Club activities and tours. This also includes keeping track of mileage and tour participant records. Important to note is that this person may (and should) appoint and encourage other tour coordinators to assist with and to lead activities and tours. In other words, the ability to delegate is definitely an asset.

The Technical Director arranges the technical seminars. Again, this does not need to be done alone. A committee is encouraged with one person serving on the Board. Duties include writing occasional articles for the newsletter and maintaining records of the various seminars. For both of these positions mentors are available to come alongside with expertise and support.

Anne Nealy-Beck is a candidate for a position on the MAFCA Board of Directors



Early Ford Tour to the Baltic Countries

Invitation to owners of all Ford Cars through 1931

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August 4 to 26, 2012

Tour Package Includes:

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- Car Liability Insurance
- All Hotels
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- Entertainment

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Vena de Belarus Belarus

New Member

Jerry & Patti Neat

7662 Alberta Drive

Huntington Beach, CA 92648

(H) 714-841-0345

(C) 562-884-5013

Email: iamneat@yahoo.com 1930 155C Town Sedan (Murray)

Returning Members

Dennis Mielke

2023 Flamingo Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626

(H) 714-751-3948

email: drmielke@ca.rr.com

Address Correction

Larry & Jill McDonald

3877 N. Shasta Loop Eugene, OR 97405

(Correction is home number only)

PATCHES FOR THE BACK OF YOUR JACKET

Cathy O'Brien presented these 8 inch diameter patches as requested by several club members. They have been receive and will be available at the next general meeting at a cost of \$15.00 each. Questions—Please call Cathy at: 714-777-0771

Antique Aircraft Display Days

Just a reminder that on the second Sunday of every month visitors are invited to view the display of classic aircraft at the Fullerton Municipal Airport, and owners of classic aircraft are invited to display their aircraft in the "Transient" parking area just north of the terminal building. Viewing times are: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

HISTORIANS CORNER

Dick Smith, Club Historian 9/2011

In this and the coming months ahead, the "Historians Corner" will honor many long time & past members and occasionally some very special Model "A"s, by inviting their owners or previous owners to share their stories, these members and their cars have made this club what it is today. This month we are revisiting an article from The Restorer Volume 35 issue 4, Nov-Dec 1990.

Have you ever wondered the history of your car? Who bought it new, & where? Who has owned it, why did they part with it? How many owners have there been? Who owns it now? The final question, why did I sell it?

We're going to trace the history of one of finest remaining original 1929 Murray bodied 155-A town sedans.

SWEETS" Part I of 2

On July 27, 1929 a family purchased 2 Model A's from Jennings & Burke Motor Co. in Bronx, NY. One was a roadster, the other a town sedan. He drove the roadster daily and kept the sedan for weekends with his wife. He kept the car until his death in 1958.

Their chauffer became the next owner, and upon his death, a local collector purchased the sedan from the estate. It remained a prized part of his collection until 1983. Long time Orange County Model A Club member, (since 1963), **Vince "The Godfather" Mariola**, purchased and shipped the car to California in a sealed trailer. Vince and Joan drove the car occasionally on weekend pleasure rides. Vince named his sedan "SWEETS". In 1987 storage became a problem, so the Model A was sold.

Terry Lucas, another club member had always dreamed of owning an "original un-restored" low mileage Model A Ford.

That dream was realized in March, 1987, when he purchased "SWEETS", his old, but new '29 town sedan with less than 14,000 original miles.

The following is an excerpt from, The Restorer Volume 35 issue 4, Nov-Dec 1990 in the author's words, Terry Lucas.

I have been a Model A enthusiast since the early '60's and this is the finest un-restored car I have ever found. The original black paint still shines like new with most of the pin stripping remaining. The original nickel plating is pit and scratch free and still polishes to a beautiful luster. The mohair interior is still soft and shows only minimal signs of wear. The tool kit includes the grease gun instructions and the original Ford script tire patch can. Under the hood every detail is still intact with original hoses, spark plugs, wiring and even an original Ford script fan belt (I had to remove the fan belt as it was brittle from age). She is crowned with an N.O.S. quail radiator ornament. Under the floor boards lies an original battery.

The real joy of this car is an occasional drive. First it sounds different than restored cars – the original muffler makes the difference. Next, it runs so smoothly and quietly you would swear it was balanced and counter balanced.

The brakes stop crisply; unlike any other authentic Model A that I have driven. This is not just my opinion, but also other local members who have driven Sweets agree – driving a low mileage original car is a unique experience.

Since I have owned the car I have search for and found a few select original parts that had been replaced over the years. The key part was the N.O.S. '29 quail radiator ornament that Dennis Griffin, a local member kindly allowed me to purchase for the car. A major project has been to thoroughly clean the car from top to bottom. Many original parts were very carefully disassembled, carefully cleaned then reassembled in the exact way as original. I added the California '29 license plates as well as many other N.O.S. parts, like valve stems and dust caps, battery and cables, wiring, pop-out switch with keys, fan belt, hoses and clamps, and an original set of Goodyear diamond tread tires. It has been a very unique and rewarding project.

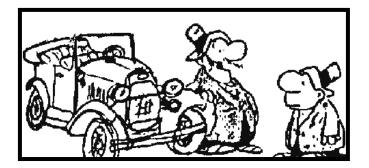
I had the car on display and watched as a number of Model A "experts" closely examined the car with the same interest as I have looked at so many cars. One enthusiast looked it all over and said, "nice car, who did the top?" When I replied, "Henry Ford", he stared back in disbelief. It is so nice, that it can be confused for a restored car by the casual onlooker. The car also does a great job of confirming the accuracy of the Judging Standards.

Sweets had its first showing at the MAFCA National Meet in July 1990, and received the MAFCA Award of Excellence and was judged Best Original car.

To be continued. "SWEETS", where is it now?

Thanks to the MAFCA Restorer Magazine, Vince and Joan Mariola, Terry and Joan Lucas.





MORE CAR BARN SPECIALS

For Sale: Back Issues of "The Restorer"

I have back issues of
"The Restorer" and would like to
make them available to club members. Here's what I have:

Back issues of "The Restorer": Jan/Feb 1965 (Volume 9 Issue 5) through Nov/Dec 2000 (Volume 45 Issue 4) with only three issues missing (13-1, 34-2, 40-3). Will sell in ten year bundles but no single issues. Prefer selling as one lot (213 issues). If interested call Olive Moore (909) 982-7790.



For Sale: 1929 Tudor All original except for fiberglass fenders. It is located in Oregon. \$15,000. Call-Patrick 805-636-2848 09/11

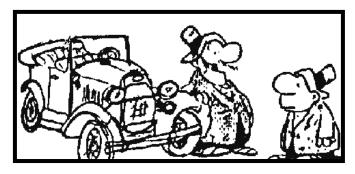
Do you collect the MAFCA Restorer magazines? If so, I have many copies from the mid-70's thru early 2000, that were donated by our members to be shared with our Orange County Model "A" members at no cost. Just contact me with the issues you desire. I also have older issues at a minimal cost available from a member from another club. Contact: Dick Smith, club historian at modeladick@yahoo.com or call 949-770-6847

This month we are supplying 5 issues to Bill Hoffman for his collection. He in turn donated a dozen copies to be shared with other members. Thanks Bill.

For Sale: . See attached pictures of the various fenders and hoods You will see that I found another rear that matches the likely 28 or 29 roadster pickup etc. The front fender is 30-31. As to the hoods, two are 28-29 in great shape, and one is 1930 in solid shape, but needing some work. I have done more research and have the rear fenders priced at \$125 each, or all 7 rears for \$700. The 30 front fender is priced at \$150. The 28-29 hoods are priced at \$200 each, and the 30 hood for \$135, or all three for \$450. Call Phil at



There are more photos available—see either Don or Pete or, better yet go see Phil 09/11



CAR BARN SPECIALS

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For Sale

FOR SALE: 31 Dix Tudor

Beautiful to look at, fantastic to drive, idles like a dream and horn has that wonderful Ahooga you're looking for.

It has base coat/clear coat paint, mohair interior, carpets, trunk, turn signals, stone guard and a working wiper.

Achieved a Blue Ribbon and Touring Marc of Excellence with 482 points at the MARC National Meet last month in San Diego. It was driven there and back. Show it off at local cruise nights, drive it on tours, enter MARC judging events and take home your own medallion. Call Richard at 714-393-8582 (Cell).

Car is garaged in Anaheim \$18,500.00 08/11

FOR SALE: Van Norman Model F valve

refacing grinder.

Reconditioned to original capability and does a very good job. \$225.00 Pick up at my home or I will deliver locally (OC?) Cannot ship commercially.

Cannot ship commercially. Bernie Marston

714-458-7102 wmarston@juno.com



09/11

FOR SALE: 1929 AA

Truck We're in San Luis Obispo county and are selling our 1929 Ford Model AA truck. It's a stake side and absolutely gorgeous. Our grandpa was a member of



the Model A club is Paso Robles, CA. We want this truck to go to a good home. This is a ton and 1/2 with Oak stakes. It has been in numerous parades and is really a crowd pleaser. It's in great condition on the inside and is beautiful outside. \$15,000.00

Christine & Patrick Conte

805-237-7509

08/11

FOR SALE: Parts for a 1930/31 Model A

- 1) Radiator. Re-cored and has a three year warranty \$350.00
- 2) Original Clutch pressure plate-used less than 1000 miles \$200.00

Please call Arthur Wright @ 714-878-6536 07/11

FOR SALE: 1930 Ford

Model A Roadster fully restored for sale. I have attached pictures and the car is located in Simi Valley.

Paul Giddings Phone: (805)581-6472



FOR SALE: 1931 AA Stakebed Fun short-

bed dually kept in standard garage. All there including four (4) new tires with less than 100 miles on them. Previous shop truck. Needs new top \$8,450.00/OBO Daniel Mejia 562-697-5486



WANTED Original

1931 radiator shell in restorable condition. No cracks or extra holes please. Email pictures to Glenn Johnson 530-644-1250 gsleasing@sbcglobal.net 08/11

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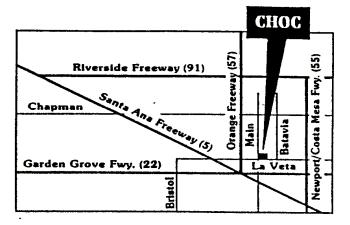
General Meeting 7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

September 8, 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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