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Orange County Model A Ford Club

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Happy New Year



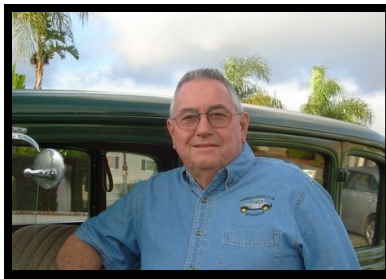
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President's Letter January 2012

I wish you another very Happy New Year participating in the club with your friends.

2011 proved to be quite successful as our club celebrated our 50th anniversary. Member of the year, Don Ratzlaff kept us on the go with tours every month and his famous BS breakfast each month. Mark Schwing led us through the pancake breakfast with a “River running through it”. Tissy Smith presented our 50th anniversary gala. Jeanne Parrish produced our Christmas / awards banquet and I led you on your longest, most challenging poker run, manifold cooking and tour to Apple Country of the year.

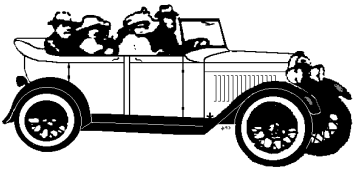
I welcome new board members Rick Hall as technical director and Walt Otto / Frank Mowrer our vice president / tour director team.

Only last week we were approved by the city of Orange to put on our 51st pancake breakfast. The tentative date is April 15th about 3 weeks later than usual, hopefully to avoid the rain problem of 2011. We are starting very late so need to move quickly.

We urgently need a chairperson and committee chairpersons to produce our 2012 Model A event of the year. We need new people. THAT'S YOU. The same small group of people have been doing this for untold years and are available to train you and pass the torch. We need new blood with new ideas.

SEND IN YOUR DUES NOW! Only half of you have mailed in your dues for 2012 and you won't be in the roster. Do it now!

Richard



Activity Schedule

NEXT MEETING:

January 12, 2012

Deadline for next *Distributor* is Jan 30, 2012

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

newsletter@ocmafc.com or prhyland@att.net

Or mail to: 244 No Goldenspur Way,
Orange, CA 92869-4422

2011 TOUR/ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Jan 7(SAT) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session- Spiro's on Chapman Ave in Orange.

Jan 10 (TUES) Work Party for the Maffi Sedan Restoration at 9:00AM at Bob Trousil's home, 8635 Lubec St., Downey, CA 562-861-7469

Jan 28 (Sat) Technical Seminar "Brake Adjustment" 10:00 a.m. Location: Rick Hall's home

3532 E. Marywood Dr. Orange, CA 92867

714-282-0499

Rain Date: Saturday, February 11, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Free brake adjustment tool available to the first 10 participants

***Feb 11 (SAT) SCR Meeting at the Bartlett's** 10:00 AM , 1625 Fletcher Drive, So. Pasadena, CA 91030 626-799-6338

***Mar 23 -25 (FRI- SAT- SUN) Laughlin Tour**

***Apr 1 (SUN) CCRG Meet**

Apr 15 (SUN) Orange County 51st Pancake Breakfast at Hart Part in the City of Orange-Details later but mark the date!!!

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***Jun 11-15 (MON-FRI) MARC Meet in Wisconsin**

***Jun 24 (SUN) Henry Ford Picnic in Santa Fe Springs**

(We should try to attend other club's functions)

***Jul 13-15 (FRI-SUN) Wings and Wheels in Solvang** This will probably be the last year for this event. Do come and make this a great "farewell" event!!!

Please note: For all those events preceded by an asterisk (*) please call Bev Marsh 714-373-9769 for any and all details.

Aug 4-26, 2012 Early Ford Tour to the Baltic Countries. Info: email Lee Chase at modeltchase@yahoo.com

SWAP MEETS

Jan 8 (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet at Long Beach Veterans Stadium. This Swap meet doesn't have many Model A parts, but it's a great place to pick up tools, paint and polishing products, fasteners and electrical items

Jan 28-29 (SAT-SUN) Turlock Swap meet

FEB 24, 25, 26 (FRI, SAT, SUN) Big Three Parts Exchange at Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego. This is the biggest and best swap meet in California. If you need parts for your "A", this is the place to find them

Tips from Rick

Technical Advisor

Alternator Alignment

Many of us with “touring” Model “A’s” have installed alternators for improved lighting, reliability and faster starting. There are many suppliers of kits for installing a Delco (GM) 6 volt or 12 volt alternator on a Model “A”, but the kits do not insure proper alignment of the pulley with the water pump and crank shaft pulley. An alternator out of alignment can cause failure of the fan belt and bearings in the water pump and alternator.

I experienced this problem when I installed a 12 volt alternator in my Victoria. I noticed that the alignment was off a little, but figured that the belt would “adjust” for it. Within 300 miles, my new fan belt began to shred and I was getting occasional bearing squeal from the alternator. That’s when I knew I had to do something!

Most alternator kits come with an “H” bracket to mount the unit to your front timing gear cover. One company offers an offset bracket, but it is expensive and may not provide the offset you need. An easy and free fix is to remove your alternator and turn it bottom side up. The bottom of the case has a hump which contains a tube that the mounting bolt goes through. You can easily cut off one end of the tube, depending on which way your unit needs to move to provide for proper alignment. Use a cut-off wheel or even a hack saw - case is aluminum and cuts easily. I cut off about 3/8” to put mine back in alignment. Save the piece you cut off and put it on the other end of the tube along with a thin washer. That way, your alternator will stay where it’s supposed to when you reinstall it in the “H” bracket on your engine. This process worked perfectly on my car.

If you have not installed an alternator, but would like to, refer to Les Andrews’ Model “A” Mechanics Handbook, Vol. II for complete instructions. If you would like to install it with a bunch of old guys eating donuts and offering suggestions, call me and I will set up a technical seminar.

I know of a source for an alternator kit with a lifetime warranty for less the \$100. If you go with a 12 volt system, you’ll also need a 12 volt battery, coil and new 12 v light bulbs. No new wiring is required. This is an easily installed improvement!

Rick Hall



THE JOURNEY

By Jerry Neat (with encouragement from Patti)

It's been a long journey, but I'll condense to just a few paragraphs.

Sometime in 1930, my great-grandfather, Willis S. Harris, decided to buy a new car. Ford was the obvious choice, and a Fordor Town Sedan with a Murray body looked pretty good, so he bought the contraption.



My great-grandfather, Willis S. Harris, with the “A” about 1935

Fast forward to the early fifties. My great-grandparents lived in a very nice area called Willowbrook, near Watts. My folks would take me and my brother over to visit every couple of months. We'd play cowboys on wooden sawhorses and chase the chickens around the yard. Eventually, Great Grandpa would grab a chicken and wring its neck, and we'd have fried chicken for dinner. While dinner was cooking, my brother and I would sneak out to the garage and run our toy cars on the fender of the “A” down to the running board. We'd get caught, get yelled at a little, then go inside for dinner.

Both my great grandparents passed away in the mid-fifties. They had three children: Willis, Charlie and Mildred, my grandmother. When my dad was helping clean out the house and settle the estate, he asked the brothers what they were going to do with the “A”. At that time, Model A's were a dime a dozen, and they told my dad they didn't want the darn thing. So they sold it to him for \$45.00. I remember going with my dad to pick up the car. Our neighbor went with us and towed the “A” home with nothing more than a sturdy chain. It was fun riding in the car while my dad steered the dead weight back to Whittier.

The car sat in our garage for a few years, and my dad finally got it running when we were in high school. So we wound up driving it to school every day, until my brother took it to college in Santa Barbara for a year or two. Then he got married and moved to Chicago, and I got married a year later. My dad passed away in 1972, and my mom kept the car registered until 1978, but never drove it.

About that time, I told my mom I'd like to restore it, so I towed it over to my house and put it in the garage. It went with me through three houses and one divorce. Life just happened, and I never had the time or money to do anything to it. So there it sat, collecting lots of dust. Every couple of years I'd push it out of the garage, wash it and think, "I'd sure like to drive this again." It continued to sleep in the garage.

When Patti and I got married in 1996, she thought it was a pretty neat car. That's as far as we got. Then, when I retired in May of this year, Patti said "Get it running! Just do it!" When I reached the end of my budget, she sounded like a Nike commercial: "Just do it!"

With her encouragement and support I started looking into it. Then we joined OCMAFC, and the fire was lit. I started spending money like a drunk sailor, and managed to convince Richard Parrish to come over a few times and assist with his pretty impressive knowledge of the "A" and skills in putting the darn thing back together. I started working on it in July of 2011, got so many cuts and scrapes I felt like I was going to bleed to death before I got it running. I drove it out of the garage for the first time in over 40 years on December 21, 2011. Richard was at my house for the historic (or in my case, hysterical) moment, and my wife shot a short video. It may not be pretty right now, but beautification will come in the future. For now, I'm thrilled to be driving it for the first time since I was 17 years old.



For me, this has truly been a labor of love.

ROSTER DRAWING (Don R.)

What can I say? The New Year is here and the roster drawing has rolled over until the January prize totals \$90. Of course, if your name is drawn, you must be in attendance to claim the prize; pretty sneaky, huh! Well, whatever, we'll see you at the January meeting!

DECEMBER BS BREAKFAST (Don R.)

That's BS for Breakfast Scuttlebutt; of course you knew that, didn't you? In December we had a guest speaker representing A.P. Fischer Inc., a distributor of "classic car oil"; that's oil having a high zinc component specifically for "flat tappet-camshaft" engines such as the stock model A. The December breakfast was well attended by approximately 25 "shade tree" mechanics and even 4 or 5 classy ladies. That said, the January BS Breakfast will be on the 7th, 8am at Spiro's Restaurant, 513 E Chapman Ave Orange, CA. Hope to see you there!

MISSION INN TOUR (Don R.)

In a far away galaxy on a warm wintery day, several sleek rocket sleds gathered for the sole purpose of exploring the lost colony of..... No, wait, this isn't science fiction; this is a report on the December Tour to the Mission Inn in Riverside, Ca. Did you know the Mission Inn was never a "Mission"? Since its beginning in 1876, it has always functioned as a "guest house/hotel". But I'm digressing here; first let me set the scene. It's mid-morning on Saturday, December 10th and



one can see several Model A Fords parked at Panera Bread, North, Tustin St, Orange, CA. There the owners seem to be waiting for additional members to join their party. After a bit, Walt Otto and the Cote's arrive; seems they have been waiting behind Trader Joes, oops; thank goodness for cell phones. The "load 'em up and move 'em out" call is made and the hardy



band enters Tustin Street north. As they proceed they are joined by Arthur Wright and Cami making the total, 6 model A's and 4 "moderns". The route takes us up through Carbon Canyon to Chino Hills Parkway and to BJ's Restaurant and Brewery where we had reservations for lunch. Great lunch, slow service, but hey, it's Saturday in California. After lunch the McCalls and the Halls head back as originally planned and, the rest of us continue down the road eventually ending up going west on a street named Limonite. We traveled through dairy and horse country, interesting and scenic, ultimately ending up on Mission Drive into Riverside, CA. We parked in a Parking Garage a block or two from the Mission Inn and arrived just in time for our scheduled 4pm tour of the Inn. The tour lasted about 1&1/2 hours, proved to be interesting but, less informative than anticipated;

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guess you pay your fee and enjoy the show, regardless. At this point it was getting dark and the Mission Light Show was beginning; awesome, beautiful, Christmas Lights. The mall area in front of the Inn displayed an ice skating rink, live reindeer, and vendors of all types, very “Christmasy”. At this point Arthur Wright and Cami, Chris and Dale, Don and Colleen and Ester and Joe went off to explore before returning to Orange County. The Cote’s, the Parrish’s and the Ratzlaff’s elected to have a libation at the Inn’s very own Presidents Lounge. Things were now getting a bit crowded. About here, the cell phone rang; it was Fran and Greg Earhart reporting they had arrived and were outside the Inn but; couldn’t enter because “crowd control” was in effect. They decide it was a wrap and headed for home. The 3 couples mentioned above decide it was time to check into the motel and take their leave of the Inn; the outside crowd was unbelievable, full body press, during the walk to the parking garage. We found the garage was in complete grid-lock; unable to enter or exit for at least a 40 minute wait in your running car. We walked to the motel, registered and enjoyed visiting and a glass or two of wine. Walked back to the garage at about 10:30pm, retrieved the Model A’s and retired to our rooms. Morning arrived and we enjoyed breakfast included at the motel before heading for home. The trip home was via Victoria Blvd., a very scenic drive and one you would enjoy in your Model A.



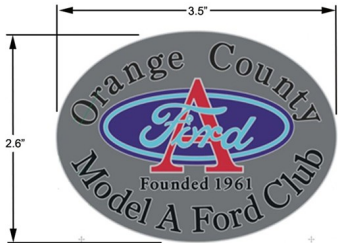
Thanks (Don R.)

Here I would like to thank all of you for the support and fellowship you have offered me throughout the 2011 year. The year 2012 comes with your new tour directors, Frank Marrow and Walt Otto, They will expend a lot of effort presenting tours for your pleasure; please support them at least as well as you did me!

Club Medallion (Don R)

The membership present at the Septembers Meeting voted to make a club medallion available to members. A minimum order of 40 medallions at a cost of \$25 each was authorized. These medallions would be made available to members at cost (i.e. \$25 each). The accompanying sketch illustrates medallion design. If you wish to purchase, please fill out the order form and mail to **OCMAFC, P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711** Do not send payment at this time.

ORDER #	MEMBER NAME	QUANTITY	CHARGE
		AT \$25 EA	\$



Join us for good food and great company...

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

January 26--8:30 a.m.

Flappy Jack's Pancake House

2848 N. Santiago Blvd.
Orange 92867
714 283-2800

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



New Member

David & Susie Russell

2665 Pala Way
Laguna Beach, CA 92651
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1931 160-B Slant Window

Town Sedan (Driver)

Welcome

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

Early Ford Tour to the Baltic Countries

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2012 DUES INVOICE

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Time is getting close to publishing the roster

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NAME: _____

AMOUNT: \$30.00

ANY ROSTER CHANGES?

IF SO, PLEASE LIST BELOW

Cars:

Telephone numbers:

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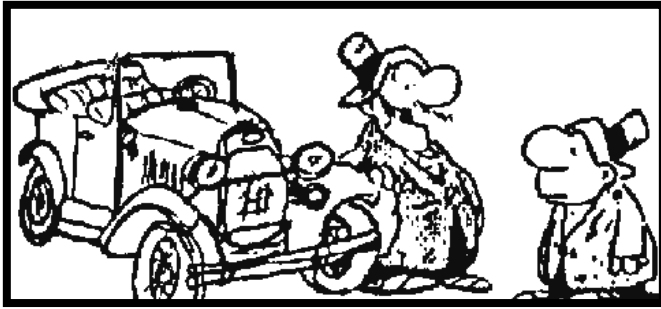
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Please check the current Roster for accuracy!!!!

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 Visit MAFCA's Web Site:

For Sale

FOR SALE: 1929 Tudor

This car is located in Oregon.
 Please call regarding Price, any information and the cars history



1929 FORD MODEL A TUDOR SEDAN
 Gary & Nancy Payton - Owners

Gary & Nancy Payton 541-878-1452 11/11

For Sale: Model A Engine

- Has less than 2000 miles
- Has Snyder Head 5.5-1
- 90 #'s in each cylinder
- Won new motor at San Diego Swap meet
- Engine is in Palos Verdes
- \$2100/OBO
- Info: Joe Fritag @ 310871-2567

FOR SALE: 1931 AA

Stakebed: Fun shortbed 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 **MAKE OFFER I CANT' REFUSE!!!!**
 Daniel Mejia 562-697-5486 10/11



FOR SALE: Ford parts

'28- '29 crank guide with bolts \$10; Crank ratchet nut, plated \$4; '28 - '29 front fender bracket \$15; oil filter housing for '40's Ford \$15; "A " engine pulley \$8; Steering pitman arm, painted \$12; '28- '29 speedometer original \$50; finned aluminum valve cover for Model B engine \$45; straight 19" wheel, sandblasted and primed \$20; rear window frames for 1936 or 1937 ragtops \$100; a pair of chrome plated brass window swing arms \$5; wishbone rear strut original \$10; shock absorber arms, painted \$12, shock absorber arms, original \$9. 1931 mechanical brakes original and complete , front and rear, with loaded backing plates and brake drums, these drums are .040 to .100 over original, \$150 or will sell individual parts .

Phil Joujon-Roche Cell: 714-747-0163 11/11

For Sale: Brake Shop Lathe

Hello everyone. I have attached pictures of a professional brake shop brake lathe and shoe arcing machine with all the attachments, asking \$1,950. If interested please give me a call to see it at my home.

Thanks Pieter Dwinger
 714-322-1437



For Sale: 1930 MODEL 'AA', STAKE BED, THE PASSING OF MY HUSBAND FORCES ME TO SELL HIS BEAUTIFUL DUALY TRUCK. OLDER GROUND UP RESTORATION WITH VERMILION BODY COLOR, TRADITIONAL BLACK FENDERS AND LEBARON-BONNY INTERIOR. TRUCK IS LOCATED IN RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA. \$25,000.00 OR BEST OFFER.



Similar picture- did not have good enough one to use.

My sister Harriet has a 2 year old Border Collie, neutered, intelligent and healthy, well mannered; house trained, licensed and all the shots current plus Mona is people friendly. Her yard is too small and is looking for someone with yard space or a ranch who would like a wonderful dog. Asking \$250. Please give Harriet a call at 805-639-9239 for more details. Thank you Pieter Dwinger

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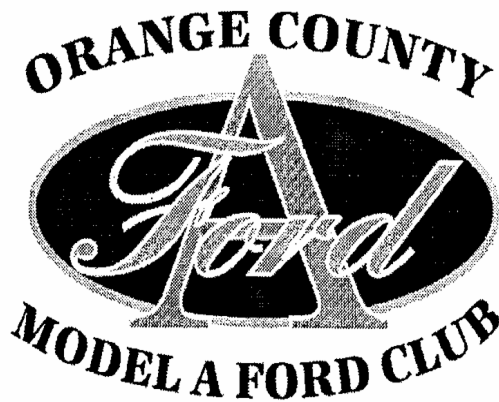
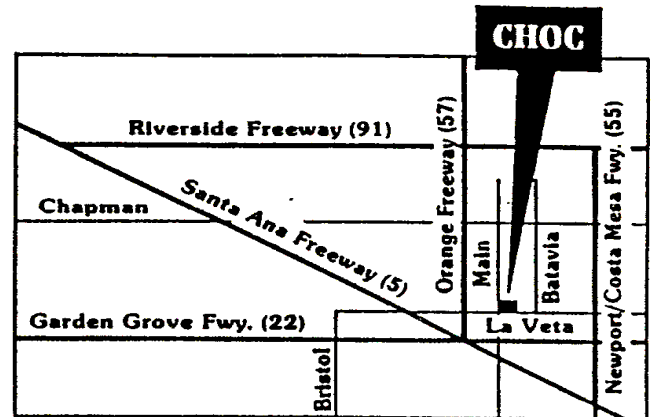
General Meeting

7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

January 12, 2012

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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