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President's Letter April 2012

I missed the March general meeting. I was celebrating my birthday that night with my brother, here from Houston TX. It was the 36th time I celebrated my 39th birthday. Hey, it worked for Jack Benny. You young folks will have to *Google* Jack Benny.

A big Thank You goes to vice president Walt Otto for conducting the meeting that night. Reports say he did an outstanding job.

Past member, my good friend, Maynard Grunkley is back in town. I brought him to the March 1st Saturday breakfast. He had a great time. Many members got a chance to meet him. I hope to bring him again in April. By the way, Spiro's where we meet for the 1st Saturday "BS" breakfast has changed name. It is now Nikko's, same owner, new name. The 3rd Thursday breakfast at the Waterfront Café in Garden Grove had only 10 members in March. You missed a fine breakfast and, as always, good camaraderie. Hope to see you in April.

The 51st Orange County Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for May 20th. Frank Reese is pancake breakfast chairman, Mark Schwing is raffle chairman, Diana Stewart is again parking control and Don and Carolyn Ratzlaff are in charge of food procurement and delivery.

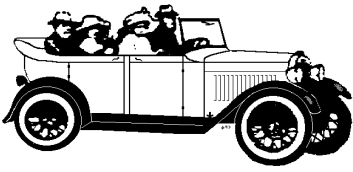
MAFCA will not issue a certificate of insurance for the event this year so we must purchase our own policy for approximately \$600. The City of Orange will only permit raffle tickets to be sold from a table near the raffle prizes, despite previous *verbal approval* for "roving" ticket sales.

I just got back from the Laughlin Model A weekend. Doris and Drain Marshall were there and Members Bill and Eleanor Shaner, who now live in Colorado, were also there with Eleanor's sister Virginia. The girls and I attended grammar school together in Buena Park in the far distant past. We had a nice visit.

Another bit of trivia you can't live without: Dorothy Knox and I were in the same class at Fullerton High School and Sharon Johnson was four years behind us.

A number of members meet at Polly's Pies about a half mile south of CHOC on Main Street about 5:30 before the meeting each month. Join us. All are welcome until we overpower Polly's capacity.

April board of directors meeting is April 5th at Rick & Louise Hall's house; 7 PM. Call them if you will be attending. Don't forget the general meeting at CHOC April 12th at 7:30 PM.



Activity Schedule

**June 18 - 22 (MON. - FRI.) MAFCA
MEET In Marquette, Michigan*

NEXT MEETING:

April 12, 2012

Deadline for next *Distributor* is Apr 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

*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!!! Bev Marsh will have a sign up sheet at the meeting. We will be arranging a tour to leave from Garden Grove and around Fullerton and will meet up together at another stop. Be sure to make your room reservations at Pea Soup Anderson's in Buellton. Tell them you are with the Orange County Model A Club. Their number is 800-732-7687. Very limited available rooms so call ASAP. I will get the tour registration forms to you as soon as I get them. Last year's cost was \$75 per person. That included overhead for the event, coffee and Danishes during break on Saturday's tour and dinner and breakfast at the hangar at the Santa Inez airport. Bring your A or your modern car.

2012 Tour/ Activities Calendar

*April 5—Board meeting 7:00PM at
the home of Rick & Louise Hall*

Please call to confirm: 714-282-0499

3532 E. Marywood Drive

Orange, CA 92867

*Apr 7 (SAT) First Saturday Breakfast
B S Session- Nikko's (New name—
Same place as always) on Chapman Ave in
Orange.*

*April 21 (SAT) Technical Semi-
nar. At Rick Hall's garage.*

**Subject: Front end alignment. Rick's ad-
dress: 3532 E. Marywood Dr., Orange,
CA. 92867 Start time 10:00 a.m.**

*May 20 (Sun) 51st Orange County
Model a Ford Annual Pancake Break-
fast is Back!!! Hart Park in the City
of Orange beginning at 8:00 AM.
Come one-Come all and enjoy. See
club web site (www.ocmafc.org)for
Flyer and other information.*

**May 25 - 28 (FRI. - MON.) 50th NCRG
Roundup, in Sonora, CA*

SWAP MEETS

*Apr 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, fasten-
ers and electrical items*

*Apr 13-14 (FRI_SAT) Bakersfield
21st National Swap Meet at the Kern
County Fairgrounds, 1142 South P Street.
661-325-2840*

*May 13 (SUN) Long Beach Swap
Meet at Long Beach Veterans
Stadium.*

Tips from Rick

Technical Advisor

Tire Safety

Do you have a couple of tires on your car that are better than the other two? If so, put them on the back of the car! Most of us with “A’s” like to have the good ones on front because they look better, but tire manufacturers and experts tell us otherwise.

Rear tire failures cause more accidents than front tire failures. The reason is that the flat tire will cause the car to swerve or fishtail in the direction of the flat, so, a flat on the left rear makes the car’s rear swerve to the left, pointing you into the ditch on the right, and visa versa. Tire failure on the front does the same thing: a flat on the front right will pull you to the right. The difference is that a good driver should be able to control the car with the steering wheel until you can get off the road.

If you have a flat or blowout while driving, let off the accelerator and avoid hard braking, keep the car in gear and brake gently until you can get of the road safely.

Lemon, Lime, or Orange Jello Cake

by Bev Marsh

Mix together in one bowl, all at one time:

1 pkg. of any yellow (or white) cake mix

1 box of lemon, lime or orange jello

4 whole eggs

3/4 c. salad oil

3/4 c. water

Pour into 9x13 pan. Bake for 35 mins at 350° After cake is done, remove from the oven. While it is warm, poke holes in it with a fork and pour this mixture over the top:

1 1/2 c. powdered sugar

2. c. juice (fresh or frozen or bottled)

Sooo good and easy too!

OCMAFC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2012

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Children's Hospital of Orange County.

Wade Education Center

75 members in attendance

The meeting was called to order and the flag salute lead by Walt Otto.

Visitors: Doris Marshall introduced Dale Kingma who joined in 2004. Dale has a 1929 roadster. As a bit of interest, club member Rose Rivard was a nurse in WWII.

Roster Raffle: This month's raffle was for \$110. Sam Thompson's name was chosen, however he was not present, so the money rolls over and next month's raffle will be \$120.

Minutes: A motion was made by Sheila Plotkin and seconded by Pam Heiland that the minutes be approved as published in the Distributor.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Goff advised most of the income for the club comes from the pancake breakfast. He made a \$500 donation to the youth restoration.

Technical: Rick Hall announced the March technical seminar will be at Tom Endy's home and will be rebuilding a transmission. The next tech seminar will be at 10am on 4/22 at Rick's house. The subject will be front end alignments. Does anyone want to tighten their nuts? If so, see Rick as he has a coupon for a torque wrench. Rick then did a show-and-tell re the gas shut off valve.

Activities/Tours: Walt Otto says there are 6-7 events coming up in the next two months. Check the Distributor. There was a very good attendance for the Knott's Berry Farm breakfast. Ed Cote received a call from the person in charge of the docents for the Richard Nixon Library asking if anyone wanted to participate in Pat Nixon's 100th birthday event on 7/16. If so, contact Ed Cote. Don Ratzlaff reminded us of the annual Memorial Day event at Fairhaven Memorial Park. There will be the avenue of flags and a missing man formation fly over. They enjoy having Model A's attend.

Youth Expo: Colleen Schmidt reminded everyone about the Youth Expo. We have all our volunteers. Stop by and enjoy the fair. It is lots of fun.

Hard Luck Trophy: The award was given to Walt Otto for a head gasket. Ed Cote will bring it next month.

Distributor: Pete Hyland has the new rosters. Please only take one. It would be appreciated if members would pick them up at the meeting so they don't have to be mailed.

Medallions: Mark Schwing received the first shipment. If you are on the list, he can give them to you tonight with a check.

Southern California Regional Group: Carolyn Ratzlaff said there is a MAFFI work day on 3/13. See her if you want to work on the car.

Sunshine and Sorrow: No report.

Scholarships: No member has come forward with application for a child or grandchild.

Breakfast Scuttlebutt Breakfast: Don Ratzlaff reminded everyone the next meeting will be at Nikko's (formerly Spiro's) in Orange.

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Pancake Breakfast: Sheila Plotkin stated in accordance with notice given by email, she moved to rescind the resolution which authorized the cancellation of the pancake breakfast. This motion was made at the February general meeting. The motion was seconded by Drain Marshall. Frank Reese provided the history of what has transpired between the club and the City of Orange. He stated his son spoke to the mayor of Orange and the city manager wanted to personally apologize for the miscommunication. We had a meeting with the board and then met with city officials and thereafter returned to the board with the results. Marie Knight of the city's parks department agreed to go back to the old rules and we got it in writing. (Frank distributed copies of the letter.) Mark Schwing has agreed to do the raffle. Frank will be the chair the pancake breakfast. The mayor of Orange was upset because the emails the club received were sent out without her knowledge or approval. Marie Knight said selling tickets in the parking area it was okay. It is not in writing, but we have a verbal. The equipment (3 vehicles) is not a problem, provided there is a supervisor watching the vehicles comings and goings. Tables for selling items such as hats, t-shirt and other Model A memorabilia is fine. Opportunity drawing tickets is legal. Frank stated he did not think there will be a problem of them shutting us down. They were very disappointed that we voted not to have the pancake breakfast and want us back. Mark Schwing acknowledged Frank has done an outstanding job handling this situation. The only change is the city requires us use their safety person. All other issues were resolved. We have more expenses than we would have in budget (\$1,600 to the negative). Last year was the first year we had less than 300 Model A's. This was due to the bad weather. Our pancake breakfast is famous and a big deal for the City of Orange. This is the only Sunday CW Moss is open during the year. CW Moss is a big contributor to our club. We can all do something. We would start at 6am and would need to be out of the park by noon. I urge you to support this event. Carolyn Ratzlaff was at the SCRG meeting and they were horrified to hear we were cancelling. They will help any way they can. Do we have all the chairmanship positions filled? We still need a kitchen committee chair. May 20th is a soft date. The city will hold this date until 3/10. We could do it next year. Mark Schwing advocated not skipping the year as it never comes back the same. He placed a query on Ford Barn and they said they want it. Don Ratzlaff reminded the members we never get a date prior to 90 days. We asked the city for a 5-year commitment. Barring any city, state or federal regulation changes, it is Frank's understanding we have the city's promise. We need to get the opportunity letters out. The food is purchased during the last week or two. Greg Earhart stated a lot of members are tired of doing the pancake breakfast. Maybe it is time to look outside the window. Just have 1-2 recognitions for cars. Maybe we have other clubs provide raffle gifts, and then enhance the quality while reducing the quantity of the raffle gifts. Kathie McCall offered to play devil's advocate. There are others ways to raise money. She spoke with Richard Parrish (he could not be here tonight due to a previous commitment) and felt this is a golden opportunity to come up with another type of event where we could change the format. Richard has investigated three other sites. SCRG presented the cancelation and possibly a new site. SCRG offered to help with suggestions such as the International Ford Model A date. All model A's will be on the road. There is also some confusion as multiple dates for the pancake breakfast have been posted on the Ford Barn website. The City of Orange will not allow a lunch event. Don Ratzlaff ask why we can't we do both events? He didn't think we would give up the golden opportunity to have another event in September by having the pancake breakfast. It could be shared with the other clubs. If we lose the continuity of the pancake breakfast, we will have difficulty starting over. We need new committee chairpersons. Don Geisen said he would have volunteered. He believes the tradition is important and is willing to give as much time as he can. He will be there. The date is not that important, it is the event. Colleen Schmidt said she has never once received a phone call ahead of time. She thinks the chairpersons need to give directions so they aren't stuck doing everything on the list by themselves. She said "I'm an Indian, not a chief. But I'm willing to do anything if people call and let me know." Walt Otto reminded members the more you delegate the more the group succeeds. Dorothy Knox advised she voted against having the pancake breakfast because of the comments from the city. That was a deal breaker for her. Now that those objections seemed to be addressed, she has no hesitation that people will be there on the day of the pancake breakfast. You've got to do it. Dorothy is concerned about the message the club has sent out. We seem wishy washy. Colleen Schmidt volunteered to be the chairperson of the kitchen. Greg Earhart said we need to get the info out to other clubs and SCRG. We need to streamline the awards. A motion was made by Sheila Plotkin and seconded by Drain Marshall that the pancake breakfasts go forward on May 20th. By an 80% majority the motion passed. Pam Heiland asked that each chairman write out a job description. It would make it easier for everyone to understand what each job encompasses.

Respectfully submitted,

Tissy Hatcher, Recording Secretary

FOR SALE Four brand new Firestone 19" tires, tubes and liners, mounted on four black powder coated 19" wheels. Never been mounted on car. Price in new Bratton's catalog is \$1300.

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03/12

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April 26 8:30 a.m.

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Fountain Valley 92708

Info--Terry Collings 714-970-7194



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Water pumps - \$45.00

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- Rebuilt, on the shelf ready for shipment
- Carburetors are flow tested
- Warranted for one year
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(Prefer you send a core if you have one)

Contact Alan Bennett for details - 818-317-2531

HISTORIANS CORNER

Dick Smith, Club Historian April /2011

In this and some coming months ahead, the “**Historians Corner**” will feature many interesting articles from the past. This month I chose part of an article previously published in the “Distributor” vol. 44 # 10 October 2004, written by Bev Marsh & the late Gwen Riggs, followed by an observation / opinion by your historian.

HISTORY OF OUR CLUB & ITS FUNDRAISERS

The club was chartered in August 1961 by an avid group of Model A drivers. The small group started out holding meetings in the Isaac Walton Clubhouse in Santa Ana. The club was active “from the get-go” and took pride in driving and showing their cars. They also participated in many high school homecomings and parades. The pancake breakfast became a fund raiser, held twice yearly to finance the Round-Up, which was held at Knott’s Berry Farm. The first four years, the Round-Up was very successfully led by our current president, Richard Parrish. After Knott’s no longer seemed to want us, we tried many other locations to hold the “Round-Up”. During the 70’s we held Round-Ups at various locations, i.e. Lion Country Safari, the Movieland Wax Museum, and the 15th Roundup was held at the Orange Town & Country Center, Main Street, Orange on October 15, 1977. For the last 30 years or so, we held our Fund raiser (now a pancake breakfast) at Hart Park in Orange. Until recently this venue had served us well.

The question now becomes, is it time to start planning the next chapter regarding alternative locations for our heavily attended, hence very successful Pancake Breakfast?

We probably ARE outgrowing the venue with 300+ cars.

The New parking rules have removed at least a fourth of our spaces. This change (allowing more room for emergency vehicles) has spread our visitors Model A’s into an area used by soccer and baseball field participants and guests at the east end of the paved river bed. We didn’t choose these new parking rules, but we are heavily impacted by them.

It was probably hard for our club back then to even think of moving from Knott’s, but it had to, the handwriting was on the wall.

It seems it is time again to plan ahead and explore alternate possible locations that could meet or exceed our needs for upcoming years and beyond. Could there now be even better suited locations? Possibly, we won’t know till we list and discuss the many issue involved.

We have always been successful at making these types of decisions by forming a committee specifically for this transition. Suggestions then could be heard and listed for consideration. Opposing opinions could be resolved by vote after hearing the reasoning of these plans. We now live in an e-mail world which allows voting by all members on these major decisions. One person making all the decisions is a dictatorship, all members having a say, is a club. Hopefully we can create a path forward to meet the requirements needed for a fun filled traditional “Orange County Model A Pancake Breakfast” for 2013 and many years to come.

Conversation “TO BE CONTINUED?”

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

(Author unknown)

My mother taught me about **ANTICIPATION**- “just wait until your father gets home.”

My mother taught me about **RECEIVING**- “You’re going to get it when we get home!”

My mother taught me to **MEET A CHALLENGE**- “What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you and don’t talk back to me.”

My mother taught me **AGRICULTURE**- “If you don’t stop swallowing those seeds you’re going to have watermelons growing out of your nose.”

My mother taught me to **THINK AHEAD**- “If you don’t pass your spelling test, you’ll never get a good job.”

My mother taught me **ESP**- “Put your sweater on, don’t you think I know when you are cold?”

My mother taught me **HUMOR**- “When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don’t come running to me.”

My mother taught me to **BECOME AN ADULT**- “If you don’t eat your vegetables, you’ll never grow up.”

My mother taught me about **GENETICS**- “You’re just like your father.”

My mother taught me about my **ROOTS**- “Do you think you were raised in a barn?”

My mother taught me about **WISDOM OF AGE**- “When you get to be my age, you will understand.”

And my all time favorite **JUSTICE**- “One day you will have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you, then you will see what it’s like!”

I hope to see you all, sometime down the road, in your Model A, of course.

Dick Smith, your Club Historian

Sunday, May 20, 2012

Rain or Shine

8am-11am

**51st Annual
Orange County Model A Ford Club
Pancake Breakfast**

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

HART PARK, 701 S. GLASSELL ST, ORANGE

PREMIUM RAFFLE

In addition to our usual great raffle

**4 Goodyear 19 in. Black Tires
4 Goodyear 21 in. Black Tires
Snyder High Compression Head
Model A Trunk
Large HD Flat Screen TV**

**Donation: Adults \$5
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**Breakfast 8am-11am
Pancakes, sausage, eggs,
juice & hot coffee**

**People's Choice Car Judging
Trophies Awarded**

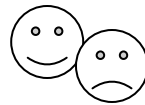
300+ Model A's on display

For more info contact Frank Reese at (714) 348-2507

MARCH ROSTER DRAWING (Don Ratzlaff)

As an enticement for attending the monthly meeting we conduct a “name drawing” from the updated club membership each month. This drawing is for a cash prize of \$10 and is referred to here as the “roster drawing”. The member whose name is drawn must be present, at the meeting, to collect the prize; if not present, the prize rolls over into the next month’s drawing. Thus the prize can incrementally grow, each month, until a member is present to claim it. The March prize had grown to \$110 and had caught the interest of the membership. So there you have it, you know “everything” except what happened.

Now then, at the meeting, it was time for the “Roster Drawing”. A name was drawn from the 168 possible membership names in the March listing. Whose name you ask? It sure wasn’t mine and probably not yours either unless you happen to be Sam Thompson. Were you there Sam? Nope, not present, and so your name is added to the list of those potential winners not present to collect. Guess what that means? No, let me tell you what that means; the April drawing will be for \$120 and we will look for a winner all over again. See you there and good luck!



Sunshine & Sorrow

By Jeanne Parrish

Several of our members have been having some trying times lately...i.e. John Graves, undergoing several radiation treatments. Mimi Sickman, having appointments for a wound on her leg that was not healing too quickly. It is finally starting to be better and she will continue her therapy for her back and legs. Art Moore feeling better after several problems. Vince Mariola getting up and out everyday & has a caregiver. Doc & Darlene Ingwersen missing from our meetings & Doc is not driving anymore. Jerry Neat recovering from surgery and is now going to undergo chemo and radiation for several appointments. Patti Cote is having some doctor appointments. David Rivard dealing with some health problems.

Please keep these members and the good people that care for them, in your thoughts and prayers. We hope to see you all again real soon. Get those cards going with well wishes.

Returning Member

Welcome

Dale & Peggy Kingma

2026 E. Denise Ave

Orange, CA 92687

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1929 40-B Standard Roadster

Roster Correction

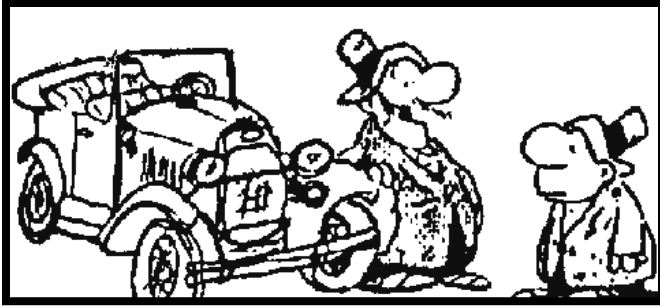
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Do you collect the MAFCA Restorer magazines? If so, I have many copies from the mid-70's too current, that were donated by our members to be shared with current OCMAFC members at no cost. Just contact me with your issues desired. I also have older issues at a minimal cost from another club.

Contact: Dick Smith, club historian at mode-ladick@yahoo.com or call 949-770-6847



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FOR SALE:

1. 1930 R. Front Fender in good condition/black (\$125.00)
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04/12

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02/12

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03/12

FOR SALE 1931 Model A

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Painted authentic Ford colors, Washington blue and



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Offered at \$13,500, OBO

Orange County Model A Ford Club member,

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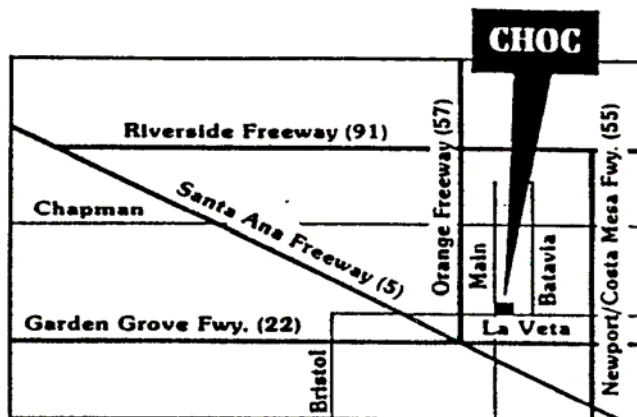
General Meeting

7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

April 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 CONFERENCE ROOMS A & B



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