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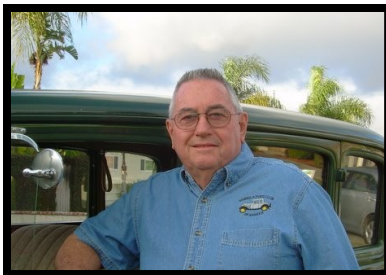
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President's Letter June 2012

The 51st Orange Co. Pancake Breakfast is now history and an unqualified success. Congratulations to Frank Reese and his team for a great job. We had more cars and people than last year, with a river running through it, and did about as well as most past years.

Read your Distributor thoroughly and mark your calendar for a great month of fun events. Get that Model A on the road and drive it. We will never leave you stranded on a tour.

Vice president Walt Otto will be conducting the meeting again this month. He did such a great job last time, I'm taking off again, for points East for most of the month.

We just returned from an 800 mile Model A trip to Sonora, CA for the Northern California Regional Meet (NCRG). It is also known as the Northern CA Model A Roundup and they were celebrating 50 years.

It was a very well planned meet with about 150 Model A's and some beautiful drives in the Sierra's. I suppose I should mention the Black Oak Casino, too. Their raffle at the meet was well received and the people were extremely friendly.

Doris & Drain Marshall attended and Glen & Sharon Johnson, who now live in Camino, 80 miles away were there too.

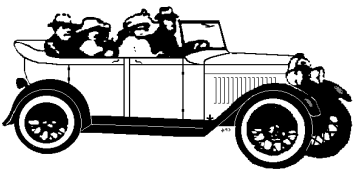
It was a hard drive and the Tudor was getting combustion gasses bubbling up in the radiator. I got lucky when I torque'd the head, added some stop leak and continued driving.

NOW, it's get the "Slant", Town Sedan whipped into shape for an even longer trip to Michigan for the MAFCA convention.

I will be sending a daily travel log by e-mail. If you wish to be on the list, let me know by sending me an e-mail with your e-mail address and name. If you would like to share something you are doing with us, I log on every evening, send my blog and read my e-mails.

Keep busy with the club this month. Wings and Wheels is a fun meet and great place to put a few miles on your Model A. We'll be back to join you in July.

Richard



Activity Schedule

NEXT MEETING:

June 14, 2012

Deadline for next *Distributor* is June 30, 2012

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2012 Tour/ Activities Calendar

June 2 (SAT) First Saturday Break-fast B S Session- Nikko's (New name— Same place as always) on Chapman Ave in Orange.

June 9th (SAT) Walt Otto and Frank Mowrer have arranged for a “non freeway” tour from the Orange Mall to “The Heritage Square Museum”, 3800 Homer Street, Los Angeles; **Saturday, June 9, 2012. The Heritage Square Event is from 11am to 4 p.m.** We plan on leaving from the Mall at 7:30am and arriving at the location between 10am and 10:30am.

There is no charge to show your cars at the museum; the only requirement is that all participants remain for the entire event. Since it is a long day, we recommend bringing food and beverages, hat, umbrellas, and wearing plenty of sunscreen. Period costumes are also welcome. They will do their best to have at least three period-buildings open for visitors and participants to enjoy. As always, there will be a vote for “Best of Show” after 3 p.m.

This is an opportunity to drive your Model A with the additional benefit of touring the Heritage Square Museum “free of charge”. I know you are going to enjoy it!

Please sign-up with Walt Otto at waltotto@hotmail.com or via phone at 949-607-7831. Walt needs to let the museum know the attendance by the 21st of May.

Thanks Don R./Walt O./Frank M.

July 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.

July 28 (SAT) Technical Seminar -

Evaluating a Model A engine (for rebuild.)
Rick Hall's garage: 3532 E. Marywood Dr.
Orange, CA 92867 10:00 am.

Tips from Rick, Technical Advisor

Cooling System Maintenance

Warm weather is approaching and we will all want to join in some fun tours this summer. Don't be caught on the side of the road with your radiator boiling over! It's time for cooling system maintenance.

Give your radiator hoses a visual check and squeeze them from one end to the other. They should be flexible, but not spongy, and never cracked. Be sure to double check the lower hose behind the oil filler tube, as oil often splashes this one and it will deteriorate faster than the other two.

Drain and flush your radiator. Some Model "A" owners use a box of baking soda in the first re-fill, run twenty minutes, then drain and flush a couple more times. This helps to get rid of the gunk in your system. If you do this, fill a bucket with warm water and stir in the baking soda, so it will be easier to get it into the radiator without clogging up the filler neck. If your system seems "oily" or has a buildup of grease you may want to use a cooling system degreaser, such as L-11 Degreaser (available at Tom's Radiator in Orange for about \$15 for a 12 oz. bottle). There are aftermarket filters available that fit in the upper radiator hose, if you are having a problem with debris buildup in the top of your radiator. I have not used these, so can't say how well they work. I use only distilled water in my system to avoid hard water buildup in the tubes, similar to what happens to your shower head. I also use a bottle of Water Wetter or hy-per lube super coolant. These products can reduce the water temperature by 10-20 degrees and may prevent boiling. They also have lubricants that help your water pump and reduce rust.

Lubricate your water pump. First you need to know what type of water pump you have. Many of us have purchased "leakless" water pumps that have neoprene seals on the rear bushing. Some have sealed bearings in the front that require no grease. The pumps with sealed front bearing still have a grease fitting in front and if you use it, the grease does no good and will simply fly all over your engine compartment when the fan gets hold of it! For those that do need grease, use a very small amount. The rear fitting requires water pump grease. Never use chassis lube! Again, use water pump grease very sparingly. The best way to grease the rear bushing is to not use a gun, but simply remove the zerk fitting, put a little dab of water pump grease on your finger, and push it into the hole. Replace the zerk fitting it will push in the small amount needed. If the pump is leaking, tighten the packing nut just enough to stop the leak.

Check the fan belt. Like the hoses, it should be flexible and clean. It should not be frayed, spongy or cracked - if it is, replace it. Check the tension - the longest distance between pulleys (the passenger side) should flex in about one inch when you push on it. Keep a spare belt in your tool kit or under the seat. Keep it in a sealed plastic bag to keep it from drying out. If your fan belt squeaks, take a bar of soap and rub a little on the belt. This can be done with the engine idling, but watch out for that fan!

You may want to refer back to my earlier articles having to do with water pump flow reduction (February issue), torquing head nuts (March issue) and alternator alignment (January issue). These all relate to the proper function of your engine cooling system.

Stay cool and have fun driving those Model "A's"!

**Orange County Model A
Ford Club
General Meeting
CHOC Hospital**

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM, by **President, Richard Parrish**.

Pledge of Allegiance led by **Dakota Parrish**.

Doris Marshall welcomed everyone and introduced new member, **Kohl Kruetziger** who has just finished restoring a 1929 Coupe.

Treasurer, Joe Goff gave his report. Bills are coming in for the Pancake Breakfast. There is still a good supply of medallions and license plates. They will be sold at the Pancake Breakfast.

Don Ratzlaff did the roster drawing, now at \$130.00. **John Hollins** was the winner and the drawing will begin again next month at \$10.00.

Rick Hall, Technical Chairperson is absent and there was no report. **Richard Parrish** gave short demonstration on the installation of Dyna Beads in your tires.

Walt Otto, Vice-President, Activities announced a short tour on Saturday, June 9th, 2012 to Heritage Museum. Wings and Wheels will be held on July 7-8th, 2012.

Don Ratzlaff announced BS Breakfasts on first Saturdays and also 4th Thursday Breakfasts hosted by **Terry Collings** continue to be fun times to get together with club members.

Merchandise Chairperson, Jerry O'Brien still has T-shirts, hats, and jackets for sale.

Pete Hyland, Editor has a surplus of 2012 rosters.

Frank Reese gave report on the Pancake Breakfast. Raffle prizes are coming in. Volunteers needed in all areas that morning at 6 AM. There will be a meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7 PM at Bannister's Insurance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Parrish, Acting Secretary

Swap meets

Jun 10 (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.

July 20-21 (FRI-SAT) Long Beach Model T Club annual Swap Meet (A & T parts) at Los Alamitos Race Track parking lot.

June 30 (SAT) Orange County Model T Ford Club Parts Exchange and Car Show 6:AM- 2:00 PM El Dorado High School 1651 Valencia Ave., Placentia 92870.

July 8 (SUN) Long Beach Swap Meet at Long Beach Veterans Stadium.

Roster Updates

New Address

Richard & Velma Riggs

4001 Pala mesa Oaks Dr
Fallbrook, CA 92028
(C) Richard 714-870-8332
(C) Velma 714-889-9919

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New Members

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1930 45-B Deluxe Coupe

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Bill & Norma Echt

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1928 76-A Roadster Pickup

Remove work Tel & Fax Numbers

Mike & Margie Watson

Work: 310-468-4998
Fax: 310-381-4265
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FOR SALE: A" Ford parts - and some later Ford parts

Model A:'28-29crank guide with bolts \$10; Crank ratchet nut, plated \$4; '28 - '29 front fender bracket \$15; "A " engine pulley \$8; Steering pitman arm, restored \$12; '28-'29 speedometer original \$50; a pair of "A" chrome plated brass window swing arms \$5; wishbone rear strut original \$10; original Ammeters \$4; dog bone shock links \$3; original rear license bracket \$3.50; original Zenith 2 carburetor \$40; original Sport Lite \$50.

1931 Model A 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 .

Later Ford parts: rear window frames for 1936 or 1937 ragtops \$100; oil filter housing for '40's Ford \$15. 1950's Ford ashtrays, \$30. for the pair; 1967 Mercury Cougar name plate strips \$5.

**Model T SPARKS Model T horn \$ 50,
Phil Joujon-Roche Cell: 714-747-0163**

ANOTHER GREAT...

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

June 28 8:30 a.m.

Flappy Jack's Pancake House

2848 N. Santiago Blvd.

Orange 92867

(near 55 Freeway at 91 Freeway)

(714) 283-2800

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



Pancake Breakfast

Your roving reporters: Sylvia and Dan Adelman

Your roving reporters talked with a few of the attendees at the Pancake Breakfast:

Dave and Becky Manning: Grandson of Lou Speilberger still drives and maintains his grandfathers 1931 Coupe. The Coupe was restored by Lou in 1984. Dave says that he has been attending the Pancake Breakfast since 1984.

Jim Sparks is a first time attendee, who is a member of the Capistrano "A"s. He owns a 1930 Coupe. He ending with Mike Green who has been coming to the event for 10 years. He has a 1931 Sport Coupe.

Bill Moore is attending for the first time with the Harbor "A"s driving his 1931 Sport Coupe. He says that his car sat in the garage for 43 years and then with some help from the Harbor "A"s, they had it running in about an hour. He has been driving it ever since.

Joan Edwards was attending with her daughter Christine and boyfriend (He drove down from Fresno to San Diego). Joan has been attending sporadically since 2000. Currently, Christine both drives, repairs, and maintains the 1929 Tudor Sedan. They came up from San Diego to the Pancake Breakfast.

Kenny Lee and his son Alex are first time attendees from the Whittier Chapter. Their 1930 Deluxe Fordor belonged to his grandfather is and being passed along through the family. Alex is next in line to inherit this family heirloom.

Sandy Norris from the San Fernando Valley Model A Club was attending for the 15th year. She did not bring her 1930 Tudor Sedan, but says the she drives it regularly around the San Fernando Valley.

Larry McCallah also known as "Cigar Larry" came in his 1929 Roadster Pick-Up Truck. He has owned the car since he was 15 years old and it has been stored in Fullerton for 35 years.

Jerry and his sister Vivian drove up from Lake Forest to sell his 1928 Roadster. He is a first time attendee.

MY MODEL A

I am typically the type of person that will offer to help someone else when I can. I rarely ask for help or directions from any one because I don't want to be a burden them.

I have a Model A Coupe in the garage that hadn't been running for several years. When it was running it wouldn't idol properly. I have been reading our news and had seen several articles of our President, Richard Parrish and Technical Director Rick Hall. Both of them stated that if you have a Model A that is having a problem to let them know.

After reading this I finally gave in and sent both of them an e-mail about my car situation. Both of them e-mailed me back saying they could help me.

The next day Rick called me and made an appointment to come over and look at my car. When he got here he checked out all if the electric and determined that they were working fine. He said it must be the carburetor. So he pulled it off and took it apart and cleaned it out with some spray that I had. He also pointed to a piece missing from the inside and said there was no way it would ever idol properly. He put it back on and started it some what but it wasn't. right

He said that I needed to get a rebuilt carburetor from somewhere. A couple days later he call me back and ask me if I had seen the add in the Distributor for pumps and carburetor? Well I bought a rebuilt Zenith from Alan Bennett. I received it in two days. The next day Rick called me and asked I had received yet. I told him yes I had. He said he had some tome to come over that afternoon. Rick installed the new carburetor and started it. It ran and idled perfectly. I am now looking forward to going on some of the clubs trips in a perfect running Model A Coupe.

Thank you Rick and all members involved.

Irv Womack

HISTORIANS CORNER

Dick Smith, Club Historian June /2012

In this and the some coming months ahead, the "Historians Corner" will feature many interesting articles from the past.

This month I chose an article previously published in 1930.

TESTS FOR DECREPIT AUTOS

Every State should have laws requiring a periodic inspection for all automobiles, and a certificate of their fitness before license plates are issued or renewed. This is the recommendation of a report presented to the National Conference on Highway safety at a recent meeting. Says Science News Letter, a Science Service publication (Washington):

Stressing the need for a periodic health examination for cars, the report states that in the course of special investigations, defective brakes were found in one car out of four. Defective lights were found in from 13 to 25 percent of the cars. Steering gears, horns, windshield wipers, and other accessories which figure in driving safety, were found to be out of order in other cars.

"Since so many individuals will not keep their cars fit, the report recommends that every State should have an adequate highway patrol force whose members are trained to recognize the symptoms of mechanical defects."

Source: The Literary Digest, August 16, 1930 .

Not much has changed since then. Most of this is still true today. Be sure to participate in seminars aimed at keeping our cars in good shape so they are ready when you are ready to tour with the Orange County Model A Club.

See you down the road, Dick Smith, Club Historian.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 9, 2012

Annual Installation & Awards Banquet

Tustin Banquet Center

First Street & 55 Freeway

Tustin

Do you collect the MAFCA Restorer magazines? If so, I have many copies from the mid -70's to 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.

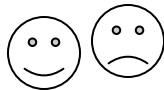
Contact: Dick Smith, club historian at modeladick@yahoo.com or call 949-770-6847

May ROSTER DRAWING (Don Ratzlaff)

It was beginning to look like no one was ever going to claim the prize; twelve months without a winner, amazing. Well, the run came to an end at the May meeting. John Hollins was the name drawn and he was present to claim the \$130 prize; I think he was a happy winner. Now you know what that means; we start over again and the prize for the June meeting will be \$10. See you there!

Time Out for a Thank You (Don & Carolyn Ratzlaff)

It is our opinion that the Pancake Breakfast was a success! All of you that helped deserve a huge THANK YOU! Carolyn and I especially want to thank those of you that helped load up the food and equipment, deliver it to the kitchen and then clean up and reload the truck and deliver the contents to the storage shed! And then there were those of you that kept the condiments refreshed, poured the orange juice and coffee; everything went smoothly because of all of you! Thanks again!



Sunshine & Sorrow

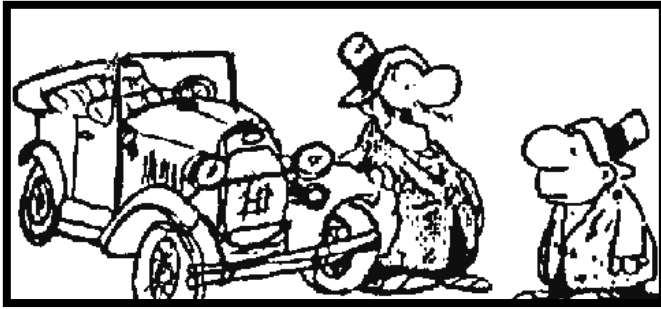
By Jeanne Parrish

Congratulations to Kevin & Kathleen Schaner. Baby, Mary Christine arrived in all of 7 lbs. 2 oz. on morning of May 3rd, 2012. Mom and Dad are doing just fine and Mary Christine is gaining some weight and sleeping almost thru the night.....except for feedings at midnight, 3 AM and 6 AM !!! Well, I said "almost"!! We wish them all well.

Get well wishes go out to Jerry Neat. He has been going thru lots of radiation and chemo treatments. After a short pause, the treatments will be more often and last several weeks. Jerry, we miss you and Patti and hope to see you both real soon. Jerry is up to seeing visitors. Please call first and let him know you will be dropping by.

Condolences go out to Don Chiapparine and family. His mother passed away beginning of May.

Please keep all these members in your thoughts and prayers.



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- Dale Mc Call 714-633-0946

FOR SALE:

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 \$1500.

Alan Bennett
alanandsusiel@yahoo.com 06/12



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.

\$900 OBO

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FOR SALE: 1931 Deluxe Roadster with Rumble Seat. Beautifully restored, blue with yellow stripping with trunk. Has won many trophies. Housed in Corona del Mar \$25,000 or best offer.

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FOR SALE 1931 Model A

45-B two door five window special coupe with rumble seat. The car is almost completely "stock", just as Henry Ford made it. Completely mechanically rebuilt and runs well.



Painted authentic Ford colors, Washington blue and Riviera Blue w/Black finders and aprons. It's a "10" footer. At 10" it looks perfect. A closer inspection reveals imperfections in the paint. It's an older paint job and there are visible chips and cracks. Car is truly a representative of 81 year old automotive technology that was so popular during the four years of Model A production. Offered at \$13,500.00 OBO

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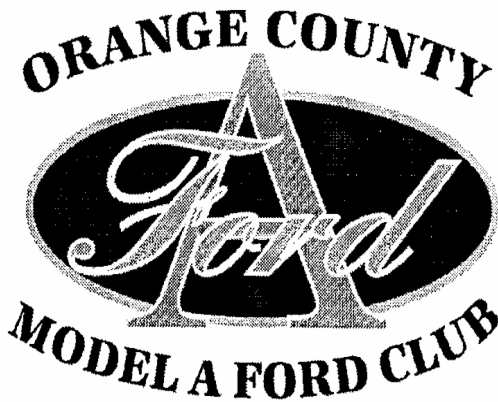
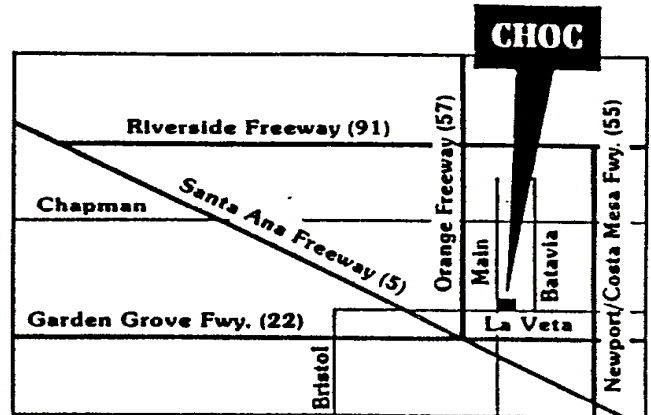
General Meeting

7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

June 14, 2012

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