

# ***“The Distributor”***

*Orange County Model A Ford Club*

**Our 51st Year**



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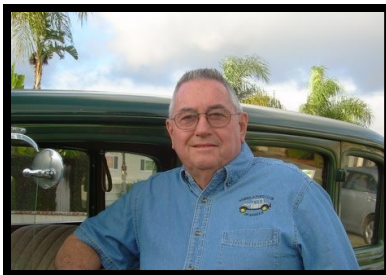
**Hope you had a Happy Labor Day !**

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## President's Letter September 2012

Maybe our hot weather is over but I always remember the second week in grammar school was a real scorcher. How's that for a long memory?

Who would have thought I would be playing miniature golf? Walt's tour got me and the sport coupe on the road to play 18 holes.

Pete Hyland is retiring from his position on the board as editor/publisher after nearly 9 years. Year after year he has won a literary award from MAFCA for *the Distributor*. Thanks, Pete.

If you like to write and compose on the computer, you might enjoy giving the newsletter a try. It's always rewarding to put your "brand" on a well read newsletter. You don't have to commit to 9 years, just 12 issues.

Kathy McCall, our election chairman, is accepting nominations for president, secretary, treasurer and now *Distributor Editor*. Club officers try hard to bring you a quality experience in the club but we don't always hit the mark. Don't be shy. Give it a try. Join the board and implement some of your own ideas that we didn't think of this year.

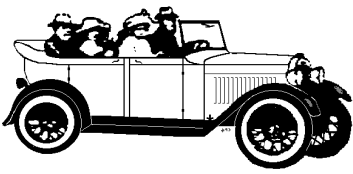
Kathy is also installation banquet chairman. Several have already signed up and paid for their dinner. This could be our best banquet in years. Sign up for a good meal, no host bar and club awards for 2012 at the Tustin event center. Will you be member of the year? attend the most tours? earn a bit of recognition for your contribution to the club?

Kathy and Pete are dedicated members that make this club outstanding. Be sure to let them know you appreciate it.

John Graves has his Town Sedan back on the road after a long sleep. We expect to see him on tour regularly now that he has roll up windows. Don & Carolyn Ratzlaff will miss the meeting this month. They're on an Alaska cruise. Jerry Neat is feeling better and looks good. He and Patti hope to attend the banquet in Great Grandpa's Model A. Gerry Reed, Al Zannino and Andy & Lucile Saez were at the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday breakfast. He was in town to attend his 65<sup>th</sup> Orange High School reunion. Andy was president in 1967 and they are life members.

See you at the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday breakfast Sept 1<sup>st</sup> and the meeting September 14th.

Richard Parrish



## Activity Schedule

**NEXT MEETING:-See Page 12**

**September 13, 2012**

Deadline for next *Distributor* is August 30, 2012

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

newsletter@ocmafc.com or mail to

P.O. Box 10595 Santa Ana, CA 92711

\*Indicates Change

### 2012 Tour/ Activities Calendar

**Sep 1 (SAT) First Saturday Breakfast  
B S Session-** Nikko's on Chapman Ave in Orange.

**Sep 13 (THURS) Regular meeting  
Reminder** Please see last page for details—Time, Assignments etc.

Join us for good food and company...

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

September 27 8:30 a.m.

Knott's Berry Farm

Chicken Restaurant

8039 Beach Blvd.

Buena Park, 90620

(Free parking in front of restaurant)

Info: Terry Collings 714 970-7194



### **Sept 8 (Sat.) Technical Seminar**

#### **Gas Gauge Repair**

Rick Hall's garage 3532 Marywood Dr Orange, CA 92867 We have one car for demonstration of gauge repair. We can handle 2-3 cars. If you want to repair yours, call Rick and we will try to get yours done as well. You will need a repair kit.

## **Swap Meets**

### **Sep 9 (SUN) Long Beach Swap**

**Meet** . at Long Beach Veterans Stadium

Hi Performance Swap Meet at Memorial Stadium, Long Beach, not many Model A parts, but a great place to pick up tools, paint, polishing products, fasteners and electrical items.

### **Oct 7 (SUN) Long Beach Swap**

**Meet** at Long Beach Veterans Stadium.

### **September 30 (SUN)** 51<sup>st</sup> annual An-

tique Swap Meet by Paradise Valley MAFC 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Western Little League Headquarters, 6707 Little League Drive, San Bernardino, CA.

### **Thanks for the privilege!**

***I have been your editor for almost ten years and I have enjoyed this position for all of that time.***

***It is now time for me to retire and turn the challenge over to someone else. This will be my last issue.***

***I thank each and every one of you for your support and contribution to the newsletter.***

**Pete Hyland**

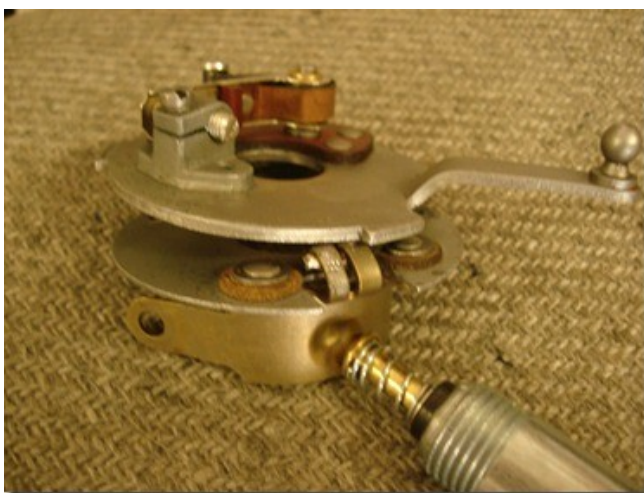


**Tech Tips from Rick**  
**Rick Hall, Technical Advisor**

## More on the Distributor/Ignition System

Last month, Tom Endy wrote a great article, “Henry’s Way” about the advantages of the original Model “A:” distributor. Here are three additional suggestions to keep your ignition system running well:

1) When you attach your ignition cable to the distributor, turn it in 2-3 complete turns, not until it stops. The top of the cable is spring loaded and just needs to make good contact with the indent in the lower plate. If you turn it in too far, it can bend the tab in the lower plate and ground it. This will short out your ignition and blow your fuse.



2) Most of us pay close attention to keeping the points set to the proper gap (0.018-0.022”) but just as important is the gap between the rotor tip and the four contact points. The gap should be 0.025”. Some restorers like as much as 0.035” for better high speed performance. The point is the gap needs to be even all the way around, somewhere between 0.025” and 0.035”. The rotor needs to be parallel to the contacts. Be careful about bending it. Better to raise it with thin shims glued to inside of the rotor body, or lower it by grinding the dome of the cam set screw.



3) Check to make sure your coil polarity is correct. If it's not, your coil will work much harder (and possibly fail) and your spark will be much weaker, causing poor performance, hard starting and missing. Nu-Rex makes a handy tester (available from Model A parts stores for about \$25.)



Remember, a complete spare distributor, timed to your engine is a great way to get back on the road quickly should any element of your distributor fail.

Happy touring!

## Determining the Age of a Tire

How old is that new tire you're planning on buying? Just because it has never been put on a car, and looks new, doesn't mean that it IS new. There is a very simple way to determine when a tire was made. Look on the edge of the tire where the size and manufacturer name are displayed. There is a series of numbers and letters following the letters "DOT" (Department of Transportation). The last three, or four, numbers indicate when the tire was made. The first two numbers are always the week; e.g., 03 is the 3rd week, 45 is the 45th week. The last, or last two numbers indicate the year; e.g., 7 is 1997, 09 is 2009. Therefore, 2710 means that tire was made in the 27th week of 2010.

Many tire manufacturers recommend not using tires that are over six years old, because the rubber starts drying out and cracking. Other tire manufacturers say ten years old.

For additional information, Google 'How to determine the age of tires' and click on [www.ehow.com](http://www.ehow.com)

( "Borrowed" from "The Ford Script" Santa Clara Valley Chapter with thanks! )



## Orange County Model A Ford Club

### General Meeting ,CHOC Hospital, August 9, 2012

Jeanne Parrish, Acting Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President, **Richard Parrish**. There are no visitors and **Doris Marshall** greeted everyone with an enjoyable joke.

Treasurer, **Joe Goff** gave financial report and told of three CD's that were opened. We are in good financial state. **Don Ratzlaff** had the meeting drawing. **Red Sickman** was the lucky winner of \$30.00. Next month, it will be \$10.00 again.

Technical Director, **Rick Hall** is absent. Richard announced the upcoming seminar, "Gas Gauge Repair" at **Rick's** garage, on Saturday, 9/8/12. If bringing your car that day, please allow only 1/2 tank full. Club will purchase a case of Penrite Steering Gear Oil to sell at meetings.

Scholarship Committee: **Joanie Harris** announced the committee has two candidates for our scholarships. i.e. **Lindsay Plotkin**, **Sheila's** granddaughter and **Wade Ratzlaff**, **Don & Carolyn's** son. The board members voted to accept both for a scholarship. **Ed Cote** made motion to award \$500.00 now and increase the budget by an additional \$500.00 at the second semester. **Terry Collings** seconded the motion.

Vice-President/Activities, **Walt Otto/Frank Mowrer**: **Walt** announced several upcoming tours. **Please check for dates in the Distributor calendar.**

**Ed Cote** told of the "on-going" mechanical problems with his Model A. He needs new brakes and other numerous parts before it will be "road worthy" !

There was a discussion whether to continue with a raffle, auctions or "white elephant" sales at the general meetings. Not much interest was shown re: a raffle. It was decided this should be a board matter and be decided at a later date.

Editor, **Pete Hyland** is absent.

Member, **Bob Hawkins** announced there will be a Knights of Columbus BBQ on Saturday, August 18. The Great Western Band will perform. Member, **Frank Reese** announced Surf City Garage, in Redondo Beach, will have approximately 100 cars on display on Sunday, August 26. All are invited to both of these activities.

SCRG Representative, **Carolyn Ratzlaff** : The region reminds all chapters of the upcoming National Model A Ford Day on Saturday, September 22. All Model A's should be "out and about" on that day and show off our cars.

Installation Banquet Chairperson, **Kathie McCall** announced banquet will be on Sunday, December 9 at the Tustin Banquet Center. The cost per person will be \$30.00.

Merchandise Chairperson, **Jerry O'Brien** is absent.

Sunshine and Sorrow: **Caleb, Art & Olive Moore's** great grandson, 19 months old, had surgery on August 8. His right eye was removed, due to retinoblastoma cancerous tumor. The prognosis is good and he was reportedly playing in the backyard. We will keep those prayers going for Caleb.

**Jerry Neat** is still undergoing treatments, but feeling good and hopes to be at the Banquet in December with **Patti** in their Model A. Looking forward to seeing them once again.

Condolences go out to **Dale McCall**. His sister, **Lois**, passed away in early August.

**September Board Meeting, Thursday, September 6**, will be held at **Bob & Patty Jefferies** clubhouse in Brea. Please call them if you plan to attend.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm.

# **2013 DUES INVOICE**

## **Orange County Model A Ford Club**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT: \$30.00**

**ANY ROSTER CHANGES?**

**IF SO, PLEASE LIST BELOW**

**Cars:**

**Telephone numbers:**

**Address:**

**e-mail address:**

**any other changes:**

**Please check the current Roster for accuracy!!!!**

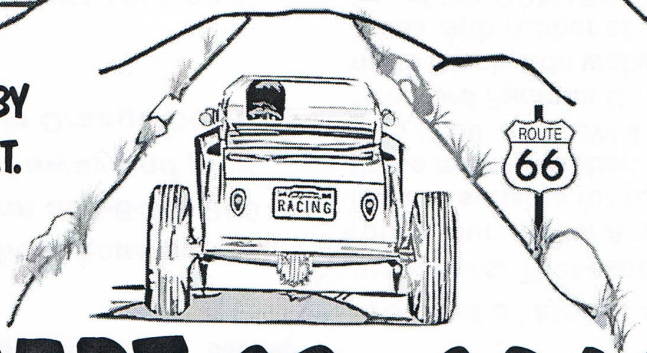
**Please make your check payable to Orange County Model A Ford Club (OCMAFC) and mail to the club at:**

**P.O. Box 10595  
Santa Ana CA 92711**

# ROUTE 66 HILL CLIMB

Devore, CA

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Lunch  
Available  
For Purchase

CHECK IN  
8:00 A.M.

## SEPT 23, 2012

Open to pre-1935 4-cylinder  
*Ford* cars

All Classes  
Stock, Modified,  
Speedster, Historic

Cars MUST qualify within F.A.S.T. rules

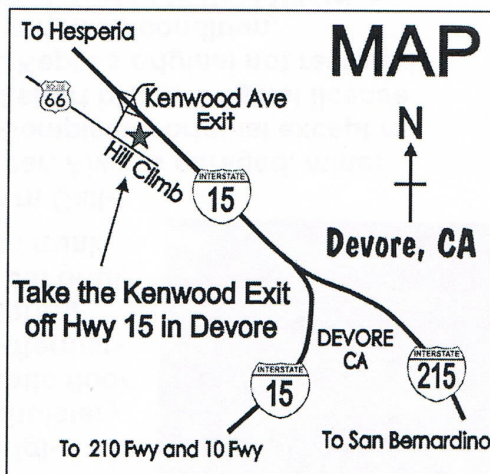
### MOTEL & RV PARK INFORMATION

Best Western Cajon Pass  
Phelan, CA  
(760) 249-6777  
6.5 miles North of Hill Climb

Motel 6  
San Bernardino, CA  
(909) 887-8191  
7.5 miles South of Hill Climb

Days Inn  
San Bernardino, CA  
(909) 880-8425  
7.5 miles South of Hill Climb

RV Parks:  
Victorville/KOA (760) 245-6867  
Hesperia/Desert Willow (760) 949-0377  
San Bernardino/KOA (800) 562-4155  
San Bernardino/RV Park (888) 518-3681



Questions – call Art Moore (909) 982-7790, email: [art4e4@yahoo.com](mailto:art4e4@yahoo.com)

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON RACE DAY

If you would like to help out – call Larry Madole (909) 215-5704

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION

\$30 /car F.A.S.T. Member

\$35 /car Non-F.A.S.T. Member

Mail registration and check payable to So. Cal. F.A.S.T. to:  
Art Moore, 333 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Upland, CA 91784



**From: Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Trustees**

**E-Mail: [jertrudy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jertrudy@sbcglobal.net)**

**Subject: Building dedication**

**The Summer is flying by and so is the progress on the Museum. It is hard to believe that we are already in mid August. The dedication of the building is approaching fast. I hope to see most of you there. All of your hard work in planning and raising money and promoting the hobby is becoming a reality.**

**Cornerstone Construction is working hard to stay on schedule with the building. Most of the glass is now installed for the front of the building. They are starting to power wash the brick. The tile work on the floor is moving along nicely, but it is a big job! They had 2 weeks in the schedule to lay the tile. Gilmore personnel will seal the tile floor after the tile contractor finishes their work. This will also take two weeks so we are on schedule, but it will be tight for the drive through photos on Sept. 15th. The back wall is complete except for the cap on the roof and touch up painting. The electrician's have put in the maintenance fluorescent lighting, and the theater lights and were finishing outlets yesterday. The first order of bricks for the walkway have arrived!**

**I know many of you are watching the progress on the Webcam and over the next month there is going to be a lot of activity right up front. They are finishing off the canopy. Then the drainage trench will be dug across the front of the building and curb basins will be installed. The road will be widened and a sidewalk will be installed across the front of the building. Lastly, paving for our drive will take place and the brick walk will be installed. It is going to be a busy month. Have fun watching and continue to support the effort any way you can!**



**Jerry Morrissey, MAFFI Trustee**

## **Wanted**

**We continue to look for candidates for the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. Club Historian and Newsletter Editor/Publisher NO ONE has responded or even indicated a SLIGHT interest. This is not acceptable! It is definitely time for some of our newer members to step up and lead our club into the future.**

**This will be on the agenda for the Board meeting in September. If you are interested in serving then PLEASE come to the next board meeting to see how you can contribute to the success of the club. I'm asking all the board members to PLEASE help with this, talk to people, encourage participation. I need HELP with this. Kathie**

## **SIGN UP NOW FOR THE ANNUAL BANQUET:**

**SUNDAY December 9, 2012 5 to 9:30pm  
Tustin Banquet Center  
721 W. First Street  
Tustin (very close to 55 freeway)**

**\$30.00 per person for members includes no host bar, hors d'oeuvres and special holiday buffet.**

**Sign up sheet will be available at the September, October and November club meetings. Pay by check or cash.**

## **Orange County Club Scholarship**

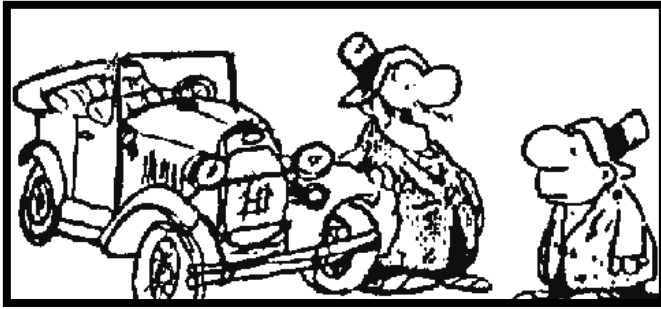
**By Carolyn Ratzlaff**

**Six scholarship applications were picked up by members however, only two were submitted to committee. Both applications were from relatives of sitting committee members and therefore required those members to recuse themselves from any evaluations. Alternate club members were chosen to perform the evaluation and after due deliberation judged both applicants equally qualified to receive club scholarships. Therefore, OCMAFC has awarded two scholarships this year.**

**Lindsay Plotkin will be attending Eastern Oregon University this fall as a freshman. Wade Ratzlaff has gone back to college full time to upgrade his skills and is attending College of the Canyons. Each will receive \$1,000 in two installments.**

## **Roster Drawing (Don R.)**

**And then it was time for the "roster drawing". A card was drawn and the corresponding name was announced! Voila; a member answered the call! Red Sickman was the lucky winner of the August prize of \$30. And so, the prize reverts back to \$10 for the month of September. Remember, you must be present to answer the call! See you!**



## CAR BARN SPECIALS

*Member ads will run two months unless renewed. Non member ads will run one month unless renewed. All ads must be submitted in writing to: OCMAFC, P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711 or by email to [newsletter@ocmafc.com](mailto:newsletter@ocmafc.com)*

Visit MAFCA's Web Site:

[www.mafca.com/classifieds.html](http://www.mafca.com/classifieds.html)

## For Sale

**FOR SALE:** 1928 MODEL 'A' ROADSTER RUMBLE SEAT, BEEN IN SAME FAMILY FOR MANY YEARS.

\$16,000.00 OR OBO. CONTACT, JERRY AT 949-587-9048 07/12

**FOR SALE:** 1967 Mustang 2 door Coupe. Candy Apple Red. Red original upholstery. Automatic floor shift. Aftermarket steering wheel but original is in trunk.

Southern California car. Always garaged, minor wear. Completely original except replaced short block. Original license plates. Kept as original not restored but in very nice condition. \$15,000. Located in East Whittier.

For more info: John Knox 562-697-2545



**Free set of Model A tires for club members.** These are old tires, useful for rolling our Model A around the garage, but not suitable for road use because these are old rubber. Four Bedford 4:75 /5:00 -19 WSW 4 ply polyester, "Bedford Famous Coach" model. Two generic Black side walls, 4:75 /5:00 Four 19" tubes with rubber stems. FREE to a member of the OCMAFC

Phillip Joujon-Roche Anaheim, CA

[p.joujon-roche@roadrunner.com](mailto:p.joujon-roche@roadrunner.com)

Cell: 714.747.0163

## Spare Parts for Giveaway

I Installed a 5 speed and new head and have the original parts for any member that would like them to put on their car.

Transmission

Service Brake Cross Shaft

Drive Shaft

Torque Tube

Head Stock

Radius Rods

Clutch Pressure Plate

Clutch Disc

Call: Derrel Golliugh

562-493-0218

1926 Pattiz Ave.

Long Beach 90815

**Wanted Model A flywheel housing with no cracks Glenn Johnson 530-644-1250**

**I will send a check right away and pick up the next time we're in Orange County. Glenn**

- Deadline for next *Distributor*
- **September 30, 2012**
- Type or write all articles and advertisements and e-mail to: [newsletter@ocmafc.com](mailto:newsletter@ocmafc.com)  
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## General Meeting

7:30 PM

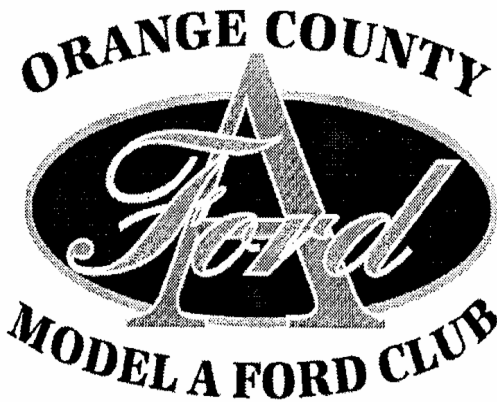
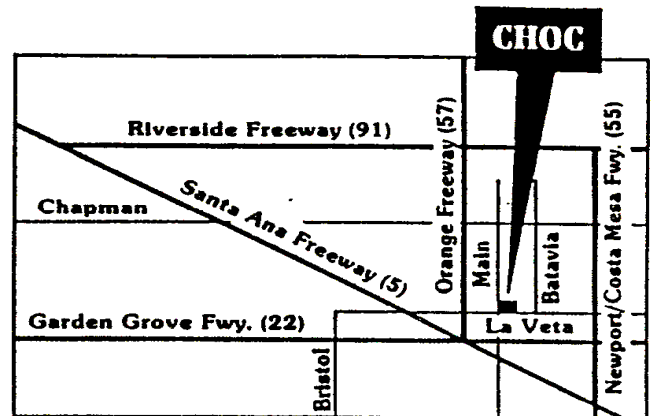
[Second Thursday of every month]

**September 13, 2012**

*CHOC Hospital Complex*

*455 South Main Street, 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 , Conference Rooms A & B is accessible from the parking structure.



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