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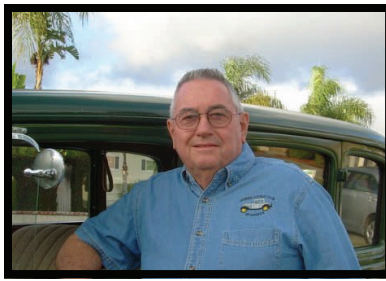
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President's Letter October 2012

Here we are in the 2012 home stretch already. I heard the term Indian summer used the other day for the first time in years. Summer heat is still with us Halloween is right around the corner.

Some welcome developments in September are, reading **Tissy Smith's** first edition of *The Distributor*. **Frank Reese** stepped up as secretary for the balance of the year and we have a candidate for each open ballot position. The club thanks you all.

Kathy McCall in addition to being election chairman is 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? Did you attend the most tours?

Make a special effort to attend the banquet this year and remind others to join you. It's not too early to get your reservation in for an evening of good old fashioned fun, good food and conversation. If you have any pictures you would like in **Don Ratzlaff's** background slide show, give Don a call or send the pictures to him.

Many of us attended the 1st Saturday breakfast at Nicko's, formerly Spiro's, in Orange on September 1st. It turns out it was the last one since they have gone out of business. It is a very popular monthly event and we are frantically searching for an appropriate new site.

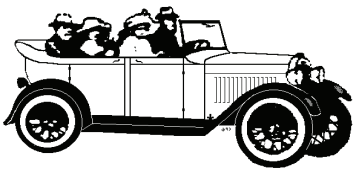
Call **Don Ratzlaff** if you know a likely place for the breakfast meeting. We preferably need a café with a separate or semi-separate room that will seat 25 or more hungry participants. The immediate need is for the October 6th meeting but also one we can reserve every month.

A word about tours: **Walt Otto** and **Frank Mowrer** have had to cancel a couple of tours recently due to few or no signups for the planned tour. We even missed the International Model A Ford day September 22nd. Please sign those signup sheets at the meeting and if you forget call to let them know you are coming. A lot of work goes into planning a tour and you are missing a major fun time in your Model A if you aren't attending.

Read all about and sign up for the upcoming Battleship Iowa tour. It's a new attraction, short drive, surface streets and an important part of our country's history, freedom and another good chance to eat with friends.

See you October 11th at the general meeting. Come early to chat or even better join those of us that eat at Polly's Pies prior to the meeting, just south of the hospital on Main St.

Richard Parrish



Activity Schedule

NEXT MEETING:-See Page 12

October 11, 2012

Deadline for next *Distributor* is October 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

2012/2013

Tour/ Activities Calendar



Oct 6 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast B S Session –
8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W. Katella Ave., Orange, CA (714) 997-9191. This is a new location and we'll see how it fits.

Oct 11 (Thurs) Regular Meeting Reminder



~ Please see last page for details. Come early to chat or even better join those of us that eat at Polly's Pies prior to the meeting, just south of the hospital on Main St. Guests are always welcome.



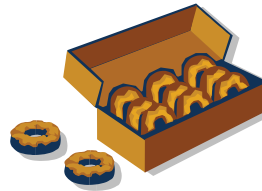
October 20 (Sat) USS Iowa Tour— beginning at 9am at Coco's, 12581 Valley View Blvd., Garden Grove. Admission:\$16 for 18-61 yrs, \$15 for 62+ yrs. Lunch will be at the Green Onion Restaurant on Harbor and

6th. This will be an all-street tour, approx 28 miles. Contact Frank Mowrer for more info.



Oct 25 (Thurs) Fourth Thursday Breakfast

Brunch ~ we will be meeting at 8:30 AM at Citrus Café, 1481 Edinger Ave., Tustin, 92780. Info call Terry Collings (714) 970-7194



Nov 17 (Sat) Technical Seminar ~ Tom Endy's garage at 10:00 AM covering water pump rebuild. This seminar, led by Wayne Wiedle, will evaluate a water pump housing and show how to build a leakless water pump. Donuts and coffee will be served.



Dec 9 (Sun) Installation Dinner to be held at the Tustin Banquet Center. Let's all get together to make this a big club event as we welcome our new club officers and directors. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Contact Kathie McCall to RSVP.

Dec 30 (Sun) New Year's Horseless Carriage Club tour moved to the Irwindale Motor Speedway. More details as they become available. Lots of brass.

July 26-28, 2013 (Last Weekend) Wings 'n Wheels in Solvang. Save the date. Fun weekend.

Swap Meets

October 28th (Sun) Early Times Swap Meet & Pancake Breakfast. Pre 1958 cars and parts. Loc'n: Price Transfer, 2790 Del Amo at Santa Fe, Carson CA. Gates open at 6AM. Info: 310-339-3268

October 28 (Sun) Elks Lodge #2046 Automotive swap meet. 7212 Melrose St., Buena Park CA 8AM - 1PM. Info: Gary 714-299-1776

Nov 4 & 25 (Sun) Long Beach Swap Meet at Long Beach Veterans Stadium.

TECHNICAL TIPS

Submitted by Rick Hall, Technical Advisor

The GREASY GUS Garage

Add a multimeter or test lamp to your tool kit

Reprint of article by Neil Besougloff, technical meet coordinator, MAFCA - Wisconsin Chapter.

Most of us carry mechanical tools in our Model A's - screwdrivers, wrenches and pliers -and we should carry electrical tools, too. Chief among them are a multimeter or a test lamp.

A multimeter is an electrical measuring instrument. A multimeter can be used as an ammeter to measure current, a voltmeter to measure voltage, and an ohmmeter to measure resistance. A test lamp, which is simply a light bulb with two wires, can be used to check for power in a circuit.

Multimeters come in two styles: digital and analog. The photo shows an inexpensive analog meter, which has a series of markings and a needle in its window. A digital multimeter uses a digital numeric readout instead, and is generally more precise. Either will work for troubleshooting Model A's.

Both multimeters and test lamps have two wires. On a multimeter, these are called probes. You can extend the reach of these wires easily with alligator-clip extension wires. It's a good idea to carry several alligator-clip extension wires in your tool box along with your meter or test lamp.

How would you use a multimeter or test lamp on your Model A? Let's say one of your tail lamps is out. Your first instinct is to change the bulb. But if a replacement bulb doesn't illuminate, then there likely is something wrong with the tail lamps electrical circuit. To check the circuit, set your multimeter to measure Direct Current (DC) voltage. Pick a DC voltage range that is close to the 6 or 12 volts in your car. My car has a 6-volt system, so I simply use the DC range on my analog meter that is designed to test 9-volt batteries. If my needle moves 2/3 across the dial, I know it is registering 6 volts.

To check the tail-lamp circuit, turn on your headlight switch and touch the black multimeter wire probe to the center contact point of the tail-lamp socket and the red to the outside metal of the socket. (The red/black alignment presumes your car is still positive ground, as Henry built them.)

If there is electricity flowing through the circuit, the multimeter will display voltage. If you do not get a reading, your electrical circuit is broken somewhere further upstream from the tail lamp socket. You can make the same trouble-shooting check with a test light of either 6 or 12 volts, depending on the car. If the test light illuminates, there is electricity flowing to the tail-lamp socket.

If you suspect that there is a break in one of the wires going to the tail-lamp socket, you can check the integrity of that wire using the ohmmeter function of your multimeter. Basically, you are checking to see if electricity passes from one end of the wire to the other. The test could determine if there is a break in the wire that is hidden by the wires insulation.



Tech Tip

When painting a small part with a machined surface, it may be difficult to mask that area to prevent overspray. Instead of tape, you can apply a light coat of petroleum jelly or grease. When the paint is dry, simply wipe off the jelly or grease with the paint on it. If painting outside, be careful the part doesn't get too warm, as the lubricant can migrate and ruin you paint job.

For this test, set your multimeter to the ohm function (it is the "horseshoe" shaped icon on the meter). Touch the two probes together briefly and watch what happens to the meters dial. Then touch one probe to each end of the wire that you suspect is broken. If the wire is good, you will get the same response from the meter as you did when you touched the two probes together.

Multimeters all come with instruction booklets, which explain in far greater detail how to accurately use the meter. A very basic meter can be purchased for \$20 or less at a hardware store. Test lamps are even cheaper, but they won't help you find hidden breaks in wires like a multimeter can.

Orange County Model A Club General Meeting Minutes, CHOC Hospital

DATE: Thursday, September 13, 2012

TIME: 7:30 PM

46 members in attendance

Meeting started with flag salute led by Walt Otto.

VISITORS: Doris Marshall entertained the club with a couple of jokes and introduced Larry and Shirley Dowell who want to purchase a model A pick up or truck.

CLUB ROSTER RAFFLE: Conducted by Joe Goff. Ted and Helen Loeffler's name was drawn. They were not present to collect \$10.00. Next month raffle will be \$20.00.

NEWSLETTER: Our editors Pete and Ana Hyland have resigned as of the month of October. They have been our editors for nine plus years. We will miss the excellent job they have done for the club.

Tissy Smith has volunteered to take over as our club editor. Thank you Tissy.

SECRETARY: Tissy Smith resigned from this position to take over the newsletter editor's position. Frank Reese will fill in as temporary secretary thru the remainder of the year.

ELECTION REPORT: The following members have volunteered to these positions:

PRESIDENT: Walt Otto
SECRETARY: Pam Heiland
TREASURER: Joe Goff

VICE PRESIDENT: OPEN
NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Tissy Smith

COMMITTEES: HISTORIAN: Phil Joujan-Roche has volunteered for this position. Thanks Phil.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Rick Hall thanked everybody for showing up at his home for donuts, coffee and show and tell on how to restore the gas gauge on our A's. Joe Goff was the happy recipient of a rebuilt gas gauge. Rick did a great job as always. Thanks Rick.

Rick's technical subject for the evening was on Model A valve springs. Springs get weak over time of use. They come in two different lengths. The old ones are longer than later ones. Later and shorter springs are better. Test springs before installing. They all should be consistent about 60 lbs. Pressure.
Thanks Rick. Good input.

Rick gave information on steering box oil. The club buys a gallon or so and transfers it into smaller containers to sell to club members. We can all save money on this one as you don't need much very often. Also Tom Endy buys soluble oil and re-bottles it into (12 Oz) containers. Breakdown price will be around \$3.00 per bottle. Suggestion is to use 2-3 ounces per radiator application. These items can be purchased from our merchandise leaders, Gerald and Kathy O'Brien.

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Next tech session will be on November 17, 2012 at Tom Endy's home. Tom will show us how to rebuild our Model A water pump. As always coffee, donuts and conversation will be available. Thanks Tom.

MERCHANDIZE: Jerry O'Brien was selling club "T" shirts for \$5.00. He also has caps, jackets and medallions. Who ever ordered medallions, get with Jerry. He has your commitment ready to be delivered.

Ed Cote handed out tickets to every badge carrying member for the drawing of \$5.00. Congratulations to Pete Hyland.

The presentation of the "Hard luck Trophy" ended up being a club vote between Frank Mowrer and Richard Parrish. Richard won the trophy. Congratulations Richard.

Richard discussed MAFFI Museum progress which opens May 13, 2013. The club will be donating \$1000.00 next year in support of the museum.

BANQUET CHAIRMAN: Kathy McCall reminded everybody it's time to sign up for the event. It will be held at the Tustin Banquet Center on December 9th. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Let's all get together to make this a big club event as we welcome our new club officers and directors.

Walt Otto directed our attention to the sign up sheets for future events. See the newsletter calendar for the dates and information.

Kathy McCall and Frank Mowrer presented Pete Hyland an award (a club license plate clock made by Frank) in appreciation of his efforts as newsletter editor. Job well done Pete and Ana.

Esther Goff related a story from her "bucket list". She always wanted to drive an eighteen wheeler truck and trailer. Well, she did it successfully and no tickets. Way to go girl. Great story Esther. Thanks for sharing it with us.

Greg Earhart brought up club events. He mentioned we need more participation from members as a group to grow more interest in our hobby. Greg, I think you are absolutely right. The club should discuss this to make it happen.

We need a new refreshment chairman as Colleen Schmidt needs a change. Let's help out and give her a break. Please check with Colleen.

Our first Saturday of the month (kick the tires breakfast) meeting place has gone out business. We are looking for a new location. Contact Don Ratzlaff if you know a new place. This has always been a fun get together and an opportunity to get the A out and about.

Motion was made by Drain Marshall to increase the winnings on "bring your A to the general meeting" from \$5.00 to \$20.00. The motion was seconded by Carole Howard. Reason for motion is not enough incentive to bring the A out with gas at \$4.00 plus a gallon. This didn't go over too well with the members. Vote was brought up to the members and it lost 20-17. A new motion by Ed Cote for increasing \$5.00 to \$15.00 was brought up for members vote and it lost 23-19. Subject will possibly be brought up at board meeting for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05

Respectfully submitted by Frank Reese
Temporary Secretary

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**

Join us for good food and company...

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

October 25 8:30 a.m.

Citrus Café

1481 Edinger Ave.

Tustin, 92780

Info: Terry Collings 714 970-7194



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
October and November meetings



Monthly Roster Drawing

We have the roster drawing, which only requires you attend the Monthly Meeting to win. A card is drawn and the corresponding member's name announced! Each month there is not a winner, the prize rolls over to the next month and an additional \$10 is added to the pot. Feeling lucky? Come to the meeting and you are already ahead of the game. Don't miss out — you must be present to WIN! See you there.

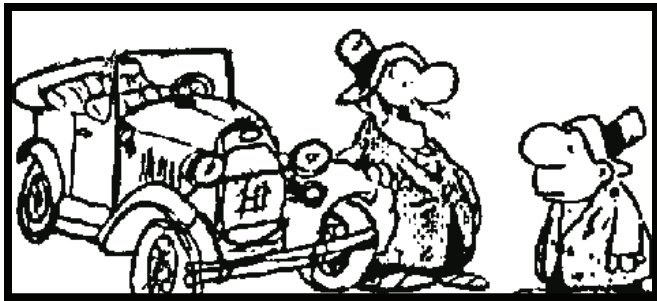


*A grandmother pretends she
doesn't know who you are on
Halloween.*

Erma Bombeck



Are you apprehensive to drive your Model A for tours? Your friends are ahead and behind you on every tour. They are there to help when needed, but more importantly, to experience the fun and camaraderie of people who share an interest. So, get out there and DRIVE YOUR CAR!



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@ocmafci.com

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For Sale

1929 TOWN SEDAN Murray body has center arm rest in rear seat & cowl lights. Older restoration with Mohair upholstery. Paint is Vermillion & Black. F-100 steering, new clutch. A few rough spots but no rust and looks good, runs good, and stops good. Asking \$11,500. Call **Ron** at (805) 967-3572



10/12

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



10/12

HAUL MASTER ADJUSTABLE TOW BAR Perfect for Model A's. Bought new at Harbor Freight, never used still in the box. Harbor sells them (discount sale) for \$69.99+tax= \$75.41 Normal price 99.99. **I will sell it for \$65.00.** Harbor Freight product item#94696. Haul Master adjustable tow bar helps move cars and trucks up to 5,000 lbs.! The quick connection system featured can be bolted directly to the frame or bumper of many vehicles. The tow bar can easily fold for simple storage in your vehicle. This adjustable tow bar is a great way to move cars from the road to your garage simply, safely and easily!

- 5000 lb. towing capacity
- Tow bar arms extend from 24" to 43"
- Comes with 2" coupler
- Quick connection to mounting brackets with two pull pins
- Tow bar folds for easy storage perfect for Model A touring

Email or call **Pieter Dwinger** at 714-322-1437 10/12

SPORT COUPE MODEL A was owned by Samuel Craig, who passed away last January. The car is in Probate, but we have full Court authority to complete the sale with a clear title. If anyone is interested, please call Lee Halverson at (602) 501-9495, lee.halverson@zona.net, Co-administrator for the Estate of Samuel E. Craig, to arrange to see the car. We have several parts and restoration manuals that will stay with the car. Asking Price: \$7,000.

10/12



For Sale (continued)

MODEL A TRAILER—The frame and hitch are square tube steel that was professionally built with the axle, hubs to fit Model A wheels, springs etc. by Dico Trailer Co. in Anaheim. The rest of the trailer I built as follows: The wood is red oak. The wood can use some sanding and a fresh coat of spar varnish is all that is needed. The trailer barrel (covered wagon) shape is as follows:

I made out of 1 1/8" plywood the spars (bows)

The barrel is made out of one piece of galvanized sheet metal

The white covering is from automotive/boat material that a car/boat upholstery shop made and installed. It is easily washable.

The barrel is insulated w/weatherproof insulation between the plywood spars and the sheet metal.

The trailer is waterproof

The inside floor is plywood w/carpeting over

it



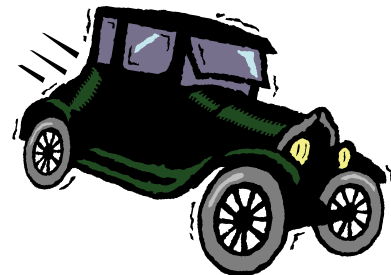
The inside of the sheet metal is painted white. The door is made out of Texture 1-11 grooved plywood with brass hinges and a dead bolt lock. The wheels are 21" Model A. The tongue has been extended a bit so that in front of the trailer barrel is a matching wood flip lid cabinet that a tool box can be placed in an angle iron frame. You can carry oil and other stuff in it to. The hitch is a standard 1-7/8" ball hitch. 2 Model A tail lights on Model A tail light brackets with turn signal/stop/running light bulbs and a standard small trailer electrical plug. Asking \$1,100. Can't build it for this price! Questions please let me know. **Pieter Dwinger**/cell 714-322-1437 10/12

Wanted

Model A flywheel housing with no cracks. I will send a check right away and pick up the next time we're in Orange County. Contact **Glenn Johnson** at (530) 644-1250 10/12

Other Items

FREE set of Model A tires to a member of the OCMAFC. 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. **Phillip Joujon-Roche** of Anaheim; Cell Ph: (714) 747.0163, Email: p.joujon-roche@roadrunner.com 10/12



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 Gollihugh**, 1926 Pattiz Ave., Long Beach 90815, (562) 493-0218 10/12

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- **October 30, 2012**
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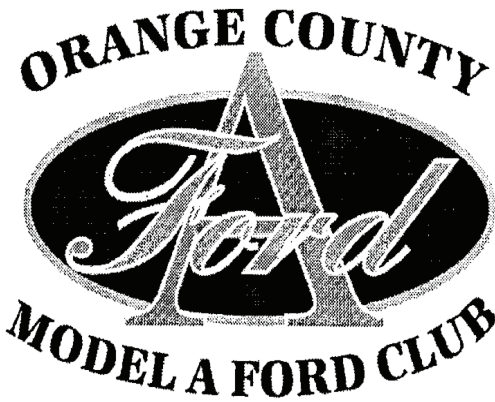
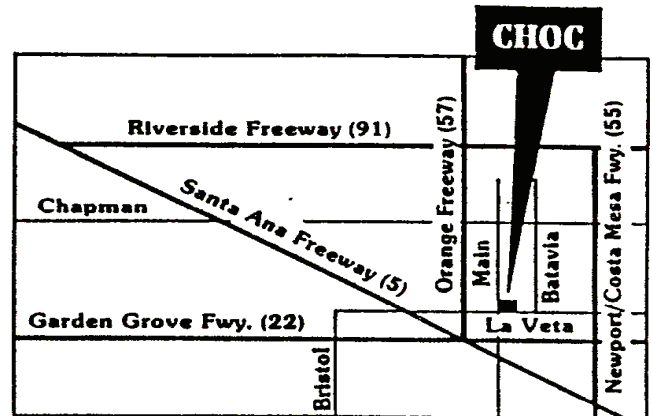
[Second Thursday of every month]

October 11, 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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