

Orange County Model A Ford Club

Celebrating Our 52nd Year

The Distributor

Special points of interest:

- Meet our new President
- Check out the Palm Springs Follies Tour

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Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher



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Last Chance to Attend

**DECEMBER 8TH
5PM TO 9PM**

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INSTALLATION BANQUET**

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This is going to be a great holiday party. We are planning to have great food, a DJ, dancing, awards, fun, fun and more FUN. You won't want to miss out!



**Rick Hall
President****Meet
our new
President****President's Message**

I want to start by thanking Walt Otto for his service as President this year and I look forward to touring with him as soon as that rebuilt engine is back in his roadster. Walt's resignation required the board to consider members to assume his duties for the remainder of his two year term. Kathie McCall and I offered our services, but Kathie reconsidered at the November board meeting and threw her support to me. I want to thank the board for their unanimous support for me in taking on this job.

The board also had to make a difficult decision between two well qualified candidates for Editor of the newsletter. The board selected Tissy Smith and she is resuming her duties with this is-

sue. I want to thank Tom Endy for stepping in during Tissy's absence and for also being willing to assume the permanent appointment. Pete Hyland has agreed to continue on as publisher and roster coordinator. Thanks Pete.

For those of you who don't know me well, I have had a great interest in Model A Fords since I was fourteen years old. I purchased my first Model A, a '29 pickup, in 1971 and with my wife, Louise, joined our club in 1972. We owned four different Model A's in those early years, and enjoyed many tours, shows, parties and seminars. We dropped out of the club in the mid-eighties to spend more time raising two beautiful daughters - you know the deal - school, sports, dancing lessons, church and family activities - all take time (and money).

In 2000, I purchased another Model A and we joined the club again, resuming many of the activities we had enjoyed in our earlier years. Most recently, I have been the club Technical Director for 2012-13.

My professional background is in human resources management, from which I retired in 2006. I plan to use those skills to help resolve some of the recent difficulties among board and committee members, and to provide leadership to the board and our club members for the next year. I will need your support and your participation.

Let's drive those Model A's and have a great year!



Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Dec 7 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W. Katella Ave., Orange



Dec 8 (Sun) Annual Installation Banquet at Angelo's and Vinci's Ristorante, Fullerton. This will be a fun holiday event.



Jan 4 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W. Katella Ave., Orange



Jan 9 (Thu) General Meeting at 7:30PM~Please see back page for details. Guests

are always welcome. Board meeting will be conducted at 6PM in the room next door



Jan 11 (Sat) Tour of Stanley Ranch Museum. Details on Page 5.



Jan 23 (Thurs) Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ Miraloma Café, 3100 E Miraloma Ave., #110, Ana-

heim 92806 at 8:30AM. For info

contact Terry Collings (714) 970-7194



Jan 18 (Sat) SCRG Meeting at Perry's home, 5528 N Lenore Ave,

Arcadia 91006 (626) 443-0638

Jul 14-18 MAFCA National Convention, Puyallup, WA, contact www.2014mafca-national.org

Due to the holidays, there will be no General Meeting, Fourth Thursday Breakfast or Technical Seminar for December. Check back in January for future events.

Sunshine and Sorrow

By: Bev Marsh

Good news for Jeannie Parrish! As you may know, Jeannie suffered a stroke (not caused by a clot, but, by bleeding in the brain) on the morning of 11/5 as she was preparing to leave for Hawaii to visit the Parrish's grandson. She was at UCI in the ICU for several days. Then she was transferred to the Kaiser Hospital in Anaheim. She could sit up in bed and eat food. Her terrible headache seems better. According to Richard, she was transferred to an Intensive Rehab Hospital in Tustin and will be getting physical therapy for 3 hours a day. She is certainly "spunky and determined" and should have a good recovery. She is not paralyzed, but, her left side is very weak. Her headaches are subsiding somewhat. But, I am no doctor, but, she looked good to me!

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Bruce Harris continues to work on his physical therapy at the rehab hospital in Long Beach. His seems to be making headway, but is still unable to swallow and needs to use a feeding tube to get nourishment. It is agreeing with him, he has gained 5 lbs. Joanie has had to make 3 trips to the ER for rising blood pressure problems. She is at Bruce's side every day for about 2 months now.

Please keep these friends in your prayers and send a card to their homes, if possible.

Swap Meets

Jan 25-26—Turlock Swap Meet at Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
Feb 22,23 & 24—Big 3 Auto Parts Exchange at QUALCOMM Stadium, San Diego; Fri. 12-4 p.m., Sat 8-4 p.m., Sun. 8-4p.m.

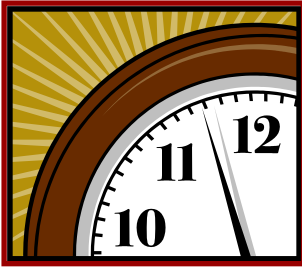
Correction to Roster:

Larry Boef's address is listed correctly, but phone number should be (714) 591-5320.

Deadline for submissions for the next **Distributor** is

December 25, 2013

Submit all articles and ads to tismith@cookseylaw.com or mail to P.O. Box 10595 Santa Ana, CA 92711



**Next year
promises to be
an exciting time**

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**New tours,
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so much more**

General Meeting Minutes

Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting November 7, 2013

Vice President, Frank Mowrer called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. The flag salute was led by Don Ratzlaff. There were 41 members present.

Frank introduced Rick Hall as our new president. Rick will fill out Walt Otto's unexpired term from now through 2014.

President, Rick Hall announced that Tissy Hatcher has been appointed as The Distributor Editor.

Club Greeter, Doris Marshall entertained us with a song she had written about Model A's. There were no visitors present.

Secretary, Pam Heiland asked if there were any corrections to the October minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as printed in the Distributor.

Treasurer, Joe Goff reported that the club is in good shape and that dues must be paid by the January meeting for people to be included in the club roster.

Vice-President/Tour Chairman, Frank Mowrer asked for suggestions for tours in the coming year. He asked Louise Hall to report on the Walk to End Alzheimer's. We need Model A's to display. There will be vendors, etc. Start time is 7:00am. On arrival, please see a teal shirted volunteer for directions. Our team, Ford Force, will have purple shirts. The board voted to donate \$250 to this worthy cause.

Rick Hall, as Technical Advisor gave a report on his cam. A new technical advisor, Pete Cruz, will take over in January.

Don Ratzlaff conducted the roster drawing. Randall and Laurie Nichols names were draw but since they were not present, the prize will increase to \$80 at the January meeting. Don also informed the membership that three of

our members, Tom Endy, Larry McKinney and Wayne Wiedle were unhappy with the club and had left saying they would not be back.

Don also mentioned an event which takes place at the Fullerton Airport the second Sunday of every month.

Ed Cote conducted the name badge drawing which was won by Tom Weaver and the Model A Driver drawing which was won by Gary Chambers.

The Hard Luck trophy was won by Phil Joujon-Roche for the window problems with his Model A.

White Elephant Sale was conducted by Ed Cote. It garnered \$52 for the club.

Kathie McCall, Election Chairman welcomed Pete Cruz who will be the new Technical Chairman next year. She also asked for any nominations from the floor. There were none. Kathie asked everyone to get their ballots in and to be sure to vote for Member of the Year.

The Holiday banquet will be Dec. 8 at Angelo's and Vinci's in Fullerton. Kathie has maps available. There will be a disc jockey and dance floor. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Carolyn Ratzlaff, SCRG Representative, reported that she will attend the SCRG meeting in January. She has a copy of the SCRG newsletter for anyone interested.

Terry Collings, Fourth Thurs. Breakfast said there will be no breakfast in November or December due to the holidays.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to delicious refreshments donated by Karen Gaynor and Sheila Plotkin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Heiland, Secretary

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Tour of the Stanley Ranch Museum — January 11th

The January tour will be on Saturday the 11th. We will meet at the Panera Bread at 2214 North Tustin Street at 9am and then leave at 9:30am to drive surface streets to the Stanley Ranch Museum, 12174 Euclid Street, Garden Grove, by 10am. There will be a \$5.00 fee for each adult and \$1.00 for children. Lunch location will be decided by the time of the tour.



The Ware-Stanley House, completed in 1892, is the focus home at the museum. Also included at the site are homes dating from the late 1800's to the early 1900's. Garden Grove's first post office, opened in 1877; the Electric Shoe Shop/Barber Shop; and Garden Grove's #1 fire engine, a 1926 American La France, are part of the exhibits. One of the most popular attractions is the Walt Disney Studio Garage which was relocated to the former ranch site in the 1980's.

For more info on this tour, contact Frank Mowrer (email: frank25t@hotmail.com).

ROSTER DRAWING

Randall & Laurie Nichols' names were selected, but unfortunately they were not at the meeting so next month's drawing will be for **\$80**. Must be present to win.

Palm Springs Follies Tour

By: Esther Goff

The weekend of November 23rd brought over 40 members of the club to glorious Palm Springs for the final season of the Palm Springs Follies Show. We were joined by 11 members of the Model "A" Palomar Club.

The Follies has been performing for 23 years, nine shows a week!! The men aged 55 to 84 and the women are 57 to 77. The show is incredible, the wardrobe of costumes and wigs awesome (not to mention the dancers slim and agile figures) and the elaborate head dresses they wear ranging from 3-5 feet in height and width. It is unbelievable how they maneuver with them. There are 17 cast members (6 men and 11 women) with Riff Markowitz, comedian and emcee. Brad Cummings with "Rex" his puppet was

had a sinfully delicious late lunch at Sherman's Deli.

Majority of the members stayed at the Saguaro Hotel. How can I describe it? For lack of photos let's just say it is decorated in a conglomerate of living colors. Kaleidoscope-hallucinogenic colors greeted everyone from the walls, doors, ceilings, to the furniture in oranges, lime, yellow, purple, etc. vivid colors.

Prior to the Follies show we met for dinner at Lulu's restaurant. Another incredible meal. Kathy entertained us with her nose/spoon trick and scrunching/flickering of her lips! Next time you see her ask her to give a demonstration!



Everyone had a fantastic time. Lots of camaraderie, laughter and sharing of stories. If you missed this event, please try to attend future club activities. You will not be disappointed.



an incredible ventriloquist. Susan Anton was the show's guest and her singing performance was wonderful. This is truly a show to be seen.

Many of us arrived Friday and





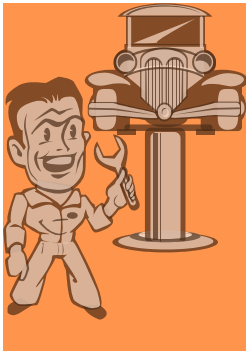
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**Thanks to
Rick Hall for
his excellent
tutelage**

**Pete Cruz
will be the
new Techni-
cal Director
beginning
January 2014**

Technical Tips—Brake Adjusting Shaft—A Critical Measurement By Rick Hall



Have you ever had the experience of putting new brakes on your Model A and having one brake dragging, and yet you have to adjust it up to make the car stop evenly? The culprit could be uneven brake adjusting

shafts. This situation will cause one shoe to drag, and the other not to touch at all.

It is essential that both shafts on each wheel be of equal length. Yet, these little devils are very difficult to measure, due to all the angles.

I made a tool from 3/4" steel strap, a brake pin and a wing nut and screw that does a nice job of measuring the length and angle of the pin. I tack welded the pin and screw to the strap, but an epoxy glue would also work.



New adjusting shafts are available for under \$5 each (8 needed per car), but there is no guarantee that they are perfectly equal. If your old ones are in reasonable condition, they can be ground with a file or grinding wheel to equal length and angle.

If your brake shoes have been on your car for some time and you are not replacing them, your shoes have probably worn in (unevenly) to compensate for unequal adjusting shafts. The procedure I have described should be used with new or lightly worn shoes.



Dues for Club Membership Are Due

Don't forget the deadline to pay your membership dues for 2014 is the January General Meeting. Mail your check for \$30, payable to OCMAFC, to P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711. Included in your membership is an open invitation to attend all club meetings, seminars, tours, the club's annual roster, monthly newsletter (*The Distributor*), access to the Members Only section of the ocmafc.org website, and more.

Car Barn Specials

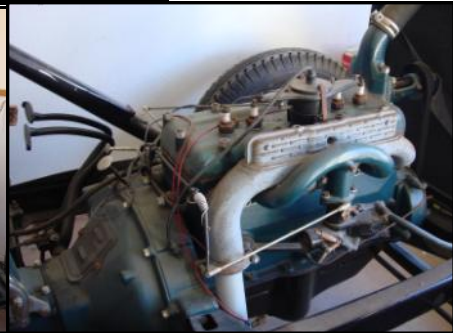
Totally rebuilt Model A starters. Two available, no core exchange. \$80 each. Dan Adlemann 714-963-6318.

For Sale: 1914 Model T Ford Roadster/Speedster. Full fender with convertible top. 1926 engine with starter and generator, turns free, but currently does not run. \$3500. Contact Judy Rodriguez. 714-838-4766.

For Sale 1930 Model A Ford Pickup, excellent condition, older restoration, show quality. Asking \$16,000 OBO. Call Phil @ 714-264-1921



1930 Model A Station Wagon Contact Larry Boef at 714-591-5320, email: larryboef@yahoo.com. Condition-some wood parts available. Chassis restored 1974. Dry storage since restored. Motor free. Reasonable Offer Accepted.



Our club was invited to participate in the Alzheimer's Walk at Angel Stadium and to bring our cars for participants to peruse over. The event took place Saturday, November 16 and it was a 5K (3.11 miles). The club showed up in all its regalia by having the cars decorated with purple crepe paper streamers and bows. Purple being the color that represents Alzheimer's.

Walkers and non walkers both loved seeing the cars. For many it brought back old memories, which some of them shared with us, i.e., going on their first date, how they learned to drive, having their first kiss in a car "like that", and many other memorial stories. For the younger crowd, the children asked questions like: Is this a real car? Wow -that car is older than me! What is this? (in reference to a rumble seat), and of course many wanted to sit in the car and pretend to drive.

We had eleven Model A's plus: a '55 T-Bird, a '36 Packard, and a '30 American Austin. There were over 6,000 walkers and the walk raised \$320,000. To top the end of the event off, the club went over to The Lazy Dog Café for lunch. Yum-yum!! Many of the walkers were walking in memory of a friend or family member and they shared some stories with our group. It was a terrific day, lots of camaraderie, fun and a wonderful sense of feeling good that we contributed to this worthwhile cause.

By Esther Goff

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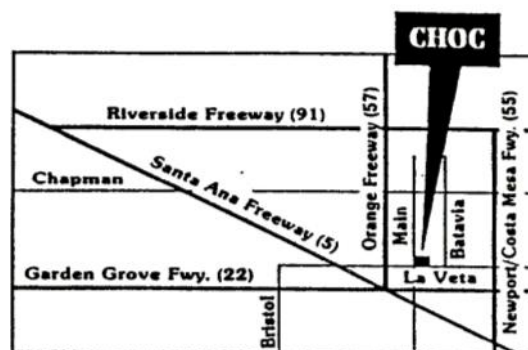
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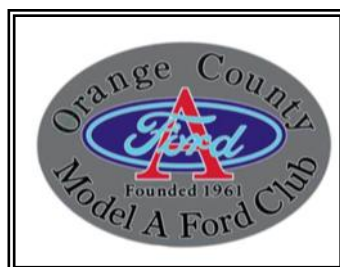
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CHOC Hospital Complex

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