

# Orange County Model A Ford Club

Celebrating Our 52<sup>nd</sup> Year

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## Special points of interest:

- Potluck for the July and August General Meetings
- 21st Annual Frazier Park Potluck & Meet
- Our National Turkey?

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So many events to choose from make July a busy month

1st Saturday Breakfast  
BS Session

General Meeting—  
Potluck at 6pm

Tour of Modjeska  
Historic House &  
Garden  
~~Sorry Sold Out~~

4th Thursday  
Breakfast Brunch

Wings & Wheels in  
Solvang

Technical Seminar

150th Anniversary of  
the Emancipation





**Walt Otto  
President**

## President's Message ~ Ottomatic Tales

My article will be short this month.

As you know, both my wife and my son have medical problems which require a lot of attention and also a lot of worry.

Pamela is feeling a lot better and asked me to express her sincere thanks for your cards and prayers. She still has a lot of trouble writing or typing at this time. She is

improving but the process is a painfully slow.

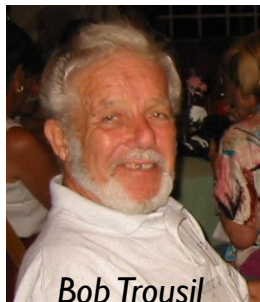
You also know your president acquired the hard luck trophy when his Model A, *Emily* suffered a severe internal fracture (cracked block). The gentleman who is fixing her had a heart attack and is in the hospital so who knows when *Emily* will be back on the road. Now to top that

off, the hard luck trophy has gone missing. We may need a new one.

As you can see, things aren't easy for a president named Walt. Some days it seems overwhelming. I'm *hanging in there*, but I may be calling on you to help out. A big thanks to those who already make the club function well.

DRIVE YOUR "A"

## Sunshine and Sorrow



**Bob Trousil**

We all send our condolences to Martha and the Bob Trousil family. Bob passed away Friday, 6/21/13 after a long battle with several health problems. Services were held on Thursday 6/27/13 at Rose Hills Memorial Park. Bob was thought of as Mr. Model A to many of us. He served as President of MAFCA in year 1994 and was Life Member in 2004. The restoration of at least 2 Model A's for MAFCA and MAFFI were completed with his guidance and leadership. The credit for organization and management of three National MAFCA Meets goes to Bob along with Marlin Perry. Bob will be sorely missed.

Get well wishes go to

Colleen Schmidt who has recently had surgery and is on the road to recovery. She said it is a slow process but everyday is a little bit better. We wish her well and hope to see her and Don, who has just had cataract surgery, real soon.

Pam Otto, Walt's wife and "First Lady" of our club continues an up-hill battle with her health problems. Pam is "Born Ford Tough" and we all send our thoughts and prayers to her! Keep those spirits up, Pam, and we sure hope we see you soon.

This writer spoke with Dick Blosser recently, and he is coming along pretty well after completing his chemo series. He and Ruth, his wife, have been

getting out for lunches little by little and taking a day at a time. He cannot drive as of yet, but I am sure he would appreciate some cards and visits...maybe even a ride in his own Model A, if some of us could stop by.

John Knox, one of our old members is finally feeling pretty darn good! He has to watch very closely what he eats and touches. John and Dorothy, his wife have been gone quite awhile, but he sure sounds lots better and is going to try and make our July meeting. We sure hope to see them there.

Please keep all of these members in your thoughts and prayers. We miss all of you.

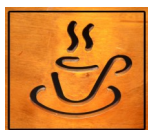


**Friendships are  
formed by  
spending time  
together**

## Meet Our Newest Members/Changes to Current Members

**New Members:** James (Jim) & Carol Persons, 4171 Branford Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92649; hm: 714-846-3732, cell: 714-270-4875, email: jimper-sons@verizon.net, 1931 Model A Coupe (WIP)

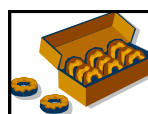
## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**Jul 6 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W. Katella Ave., Orange



**Jul 11 (Thurs)** General Meeting at 7:30PM/Potluck at 6PM~ Please see back page for details. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting will be conducted at 6PM



**Jul 20 (Sat)** Technical Seminar—10:00AM at the home of Tom Endy. Carburetor jet sizing seminar and workshop. Bring your jets.



**Jul 25 (Thurs)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ 8:30AM at Schooner or Later, 241 Marina Dr., Long Beach 90803, 562-430-3495.

Join us for good foot and company. For info contact Terry Collings 714-970-7194



**July 26-28 (Last Weekend)** Wings 'n Wheels in Solvang. Registration can be found on the OCMAFC website.



**Jul 28 (Sun)** Harbor Lights Tour—150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation at the Ronald Reagan Library. See additional details on Page 7.



**Dec 8 (Sun)** Annual Installation Banquet at Angelo's and Vinci's Ristorante, Fullerton. Mark your calendars as this promises to be a fun event.

**Reminder: November's General Meeting will be on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month**

**Wings & Wheels**  
**Vintage**  
**airplanes and**  
**cars. Trade**  
**rides on Sat. &**  
**Sun.**



The Model A family lost one of our best. Bob Trepanier lost his fight with cancer. He was a wonderful man that we got to know at Wings and Wheels in Solvang. He was able to solve our radiator problem by building us a radiator that kept our "A" running cool all the way to Solvang. Our condolences to his family, he will truly be missed, may he rest in peace!!

Submitted by Elaine Pisu



**The Madame**  
**Modjeska tour**  
**has sold out**

## Swap Meets

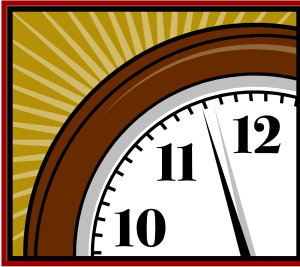
**Jul 12 & 13**-58th Annual Long Beach Model T Club Swap Meet, Los Alamitos Race Course, 4961 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos

**Jul 14**-Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet at Long Beach Veterans Memorial Stadium

**Sep 29**-Paradise Valley Model A Ford Club Swap Meet at Western Little League Headquarters, 6706 N Little League Headquarters Dr, San Bernardino

Deadline for submissions for the next **Distributor** is July 25, 2013  
Submit all articles and ads to [tismith@cookeylaw.com](mailto:tismith@cookeylaw.com) or mail to P.O. Box 10595 Santa Ana, CA 92711





**Send a photo of  
you with your  
car to Don  
Ratzlaff to be  
added to the  
Members Only  
section of the  
OCMAFC  
website**

## General Meeting Minutes

### Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting June 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President, Walt Otto. The flag salute was led by Jeanne Parrish. There were 55 members in attendance.

Club Greeter, Doris Marshal introduced visitors: Jim Persons; Barbara Knappe; Dick Knappe; Ryan Thompson; Peter Knox. She also welcomed club member, Ronnie Elliot who has been unable to attend meetings for quite some time. Doris then entertained us with some great jokes. Thank you Doris!

Secretary, Pam Heiland requested a motion to accept the April and May minutes as published in The Distributor. It was moved, seconded and passed that the minutes be approved. Pam expressed her deep appreciation for Tissy taking the minutes for her at the May meetings while she was out sick.

Treasurer, Joe Goff reported that the club is doing okay financially. He also reported that we have 182 paid memberships for 2013.

Technical Chairman, Rick Hall was on vacation so there was no technical report. There will be a

seminar on carburetors jets at Tom Endy's home on July 20.

Vice President/Activities Chairman, Frank Mowrer announced the tour for June will be to Sherman Gardens on June 22. Following the tour, we will go to Ruby's for lunch. There will be a tour in July to the home of Madame Helena Modjeska. Details to follow. Frank also mentioned the LA Roadster meet at OC Fairgrounds this Saturday, June 15 and the Crevier Classic Car Show the first Saturday of the month.

Bev Marsh reminded everyone about the Henry Ford Picnic on June 23. Cost is \$10 for lunch. Contact Bev for more info. Wings and Wheels will be July 26-28. Cost is \$75 for the weekend. There are signup sheets tonight for these two events and for the Sherman Gardens tour as well. Disneyland is seeking cars to participate in their marathon as route markers.

Past President, Richard Parrish shared pictures and commentary of their recent trip back east.

Don Ratzlaff conducted the roster drawing. The names drawn were Dennis and Judy Griffin. Since they were not present,

the drawing will increase to \$30 at the July meeting. Don also demonstrated the club website for everyone.

Terry Collings announced the 4th Thursday Breakfast will be at Flappy Jacks in Orange on June 27.

Pam Heiland announced the Celebrations for Veterans at Wilshire Ave. Community Church on July 2 at 10:30am. All vets and their spouses are invited to a free lunch and a great program.

Member, Phil Joujon-Roche announced he has a free dashboard to give away.

Sunshine and Sorrow, Jeanne Parrish announced that Colleen Schmidt will have surgery soon and cards will be appreciated. Also, Walt Otto said his wife, Pam, is doing somewhat better. Her spirits are high.

Hard Luck Trophy was awarded to Pam Heiland for problems with her wishbone at the Pancake Breakfast. Many thanks to Bob Jeffries and Don Ratzlaff for repairing the problem for her!

Pancake Breakfast Chairman, Frank Reese, Restaurant Depot, the company from which we buy most of the food for the breakfast (cont'd Page 10)

## 2013 BOARD MEMBERS

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**Butterfly Garden at CHOC. Our club contributed last year and the money was designated to a permanent memorial in the garden area of the new hospital.**

## What You Missed—Sherman Gardens

By Esther Goff

### WE CELEBRATED SPRING!

Our tour on June 22nd to Sherman Gardens in Corona Del Mar was truly enjoyable and visibly pleasurable. We met at Panera Bread, our usual haunt, and there were 10 Model 'A's, one modern and Don Geisen with his grandson, in his Frazer-Nash. Dale and Kathy's 'A' started to act up, so they hitched a ride with Richard and Jeanne. News flash! Jeanne and Kathy rode in the rumble seat, and as an added amusement highlight of the trip, all of us watched in awe, as they did their oh-so nimble acrobatic act of climbing into the rumble seat. Of course they did get gentle pushes on their tush. Watching them extract themselves was

also added entertainment. Who says age limits your agility!!

The Gardens are absolutely lovely and home to so many exotic succulents, cacti, flowers and fauna in a multitude of colors and shapes. Not just the blooms but the leaves. Even the turtles in the ponds eyed us as they swam by. The gift shop offered everything you wanted to know about gardening, plus terrariums, fairy gardens and Koi ponds. Just enjoying the natural beauty put you in a mellow mood. Many of the plants were eye appealing in color as well as those plants that attracted your sense of touch and smell.

The day was lovely, mid 70's, clear skies. We walked from the

Gardens to Ruby's Diner and took over the place. After lunch we headed to the Pacific and to special look-out coves, where photo ops were taken of the 'A's against the beautiful Pacific with the waves crashing below. Are we lucky living in California? A special thanks again to Frank for all his efforts in arranging another enjoyable tour for the club.

By the way, do you know the difference between a cactus and a succulent?

Answer: ALL cactus are succulents, BUT not all succulents are cactus. Succulents can be other than cactus.

**You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.**

**~Erma Bombeck**

Join us for good food and company  
Fourth Thursday Breakfast  
Bunch

July 25 8:30 a.m.

Schooner or Later

241 Marina Drive

Long Beach 90803

(562) 430-3495

Info: Terry Collings 714 970-7194

First Saturday Breakfast  
BS Session

July 6th 8:00 a.m.

The Katella Grill

1325 W Katella Ave

Orange, CA

Info: Don Ratzlaff

714 529-5062



## 21st Annual Frazier Park Potluck and Meet Hosted by the Bakersfield Chapter, Model A Ford Club of America

On **October 6th**, 10:30am-3:00pm (Potluck at noon), Frazier Park Recreational Building, 3800 Park Drive, Frazier Park, 93225. Bring something for the potluck dinner. Service, bread, and something to drink will be provided. No trophies awarded, but prizes for events such as dirtiest engine and best sounding horn will be provided. Bring your Hubley for the race. There will be a raffle. If you would like to donate a raffle prize it would be appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there. For information contact Stu Slattery at 661-589-8677.

**The Fourth of July is the most popular holiday in the year for grilling (and driving Model A's)**



### June Roster Drawing

Riddle—How can you be a winner and loser at the same time? Just ask Dennis or Judy Griffin. Their names were enthusiastically called at the June General Meeting with silence immediately thereafter. The prize was \$20. Fortunately, the Griffins will have another opportunity to win next month when the prize increases to \$30 (one year's club membership for a family). Good Luck.

### Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation with Harbor Area MARC

When: 7/28 at 9AM

Where: Begins at Harbor Freight (Hawthorne & Artesia)

The Harbor Area Model A Club is having a tour to the Ronald Reagan Library, which includes a tour of a special exhibit of the Life of Abraham Lincoln with 250 original artifacts from his life including: 1) explore the life of President Lincoln; 2) commemorate the Civil War; 3) Presidential Seal, 4) his stove top hat; 5) his pocket watch; 6) Lincoln's China used in the White House. Also see Air Force One.



***You might win \$30 simply by attending the July General Meeting. Win the Roster Drawing. Remember, you must be present to win!***



Dick Smith  
Club Historian  
and Librarian

## Historian's Corner

The publication of the Veterans articles will go on hiatus for the time being. No reprinted articles to be published.

Due to previous commitments, the Historians corner will be silent for July only. See you for the Aug 2013 issue.

Thanks, Dick Smith - Club Historian

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## Looking for Parts?

**"Money will  
ruin the life of  
any man who  
treats it like  
anything but a  
tool with which  
to work."**

**Henry Ford**



The OCMAFC has several resources for you, including swap meets, the Car Barn Specials (in The Distributor) and most importantly, our members



## Technical Tips— Restoration

A recent upgrade to cast iron drums on the roadster led me to removing the bearings from the old rear drums to put them in the new ones. If you have original bearings (the ones with spiral grooves in the rollers) reuse them as they are usually better than the reproduction ones without the grooves. Just check to make sure they are not pitted or otherwise damaged.

The problem in removing the bearings from the old drums is that the grease seals that hold them in can be very difficult to remove. There are two good methods for removing the seals. The first requires using a large drift or cut off axle shaft as a base for a pry bar to pry out the seal.

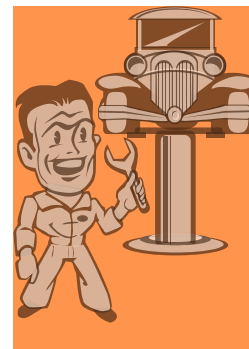
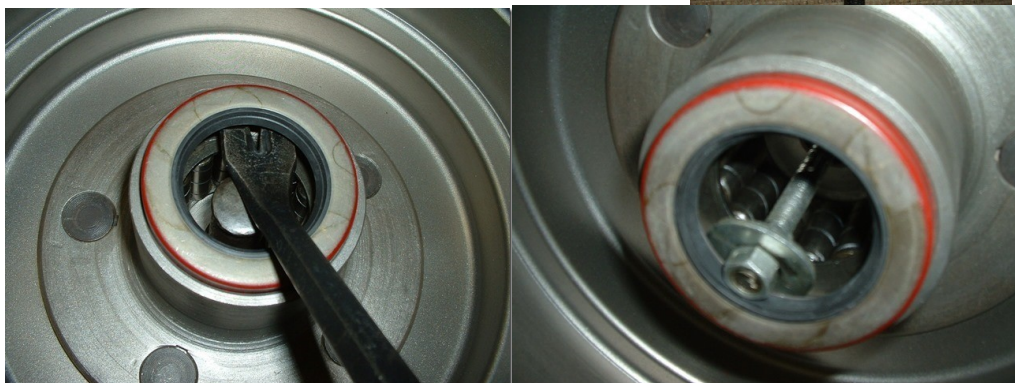
My drift is 7" long, 15/16"

around and tapered at one end.

The other method is by using a 3/8" threaded rod about one foot long. Thread on a nut exposing about 1/2" of thread, then place a thick washer, then another nut. From inside the drum, push the rod through the drum to the outside. Push the bearing away from seal exposing a space of about 1/16". Place the washer into this space and strike the end of the rod with a hammer. You will need to work the washer all the way around the seal, striking multiple times to finally knock out the seal. I wrapped the threads with a piece of duct tape to prevent damage to the surface that mates with the axle.

These pictures will help you understand the tools and meth-

By Rick Hall



Don't see what you're looking for? Send an email Rick Hall, Technical Director and we will try to assist.



**What's better  
than checking  
out a video on  
the weekend  
from the  
OCMAFC Video  
Library?**



## Our National Turkey?

**Ben  
Franklin had  
a distain for  
debt, which  
he looked  
on as a kind  
of slavery**



Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter to his daughter Sarah Bache in 1784:

*"For my own part I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen the Representative of our Country.*

*He is a Bird of bad moral character. He does not get his Living honestly.*

*You may have seen him perched on some dead Tree near the River, where, too*

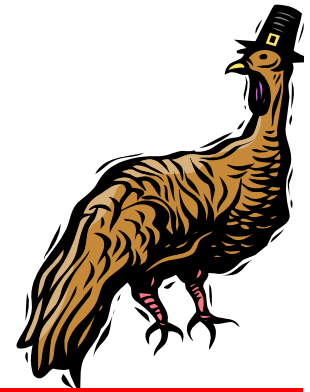


**No**

*lazy to fish for himself, he watches the Labour of the Fishing Hawk;*

*And when that diligent Bird has at length taken a Fish, and is bearing it to his Nest for the Support of his Mate and young Ones, the Bald Eagle pursues him and takes it from him.*

*I am on this account not displeased that the Figure is not known as a Bald Eagle, but looks more like a Tur-*



**x Yes**

*key. For in Truth the Turkey is in Comparison a much more respectable Bird, and withal a true original Native of America.*

*He is besides, though a little vain & silly, a Bird of Courage, and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his Farm Yard with a red Coat on."*

## General Meeting Minutes (Cont'd from Page 4)

has agreed to extend a 30% discount to us next year on all the food we buy from them. He reported this was the best breakfast we have had since 2007. Cooking eggs and the raffles where very time consuming this year. Next year we may simplify the raffle and not have a premium raffle. We will work on making the eggs go faster next

year also.

Past President, Richard Parrish, informed us that the \$1000 gift given to the MAFFI Museum was a good investment. He and Jeanne were able to visit the museum on their recent trip. Richard also shared that a group of 4 high school students recently made a video which won first place from the Auto Club con-

test. It was about distracted teen drivers. They used Richard's Model A and he said they did a great job.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to delicious refreshments furnished by Patti Cote, Esther Goff and Carolyn Ratzlaff.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Heiland, Secretary

## Car Barn Specials

**For Sale** 1930 Model A Ford Pickup, excellent condition, older restoration, show quality. Asking \$20,000 OBO. Call Phil @ 714-264-1921



**Garage Space for Rent** North OC, off Lakeview Ave. Call for details. Phil Joujon-Roche @ 714-747-0163

**For Sale** 1930-1931 used steering wheel, good original condition, no cracks. Phil Joujon-Roche @ 714-747-0163

Lots of Model A parts from Bill Schrieber, such as bolts, hardware, nuts, rims, tires and much, much more. Contact Jack Beers at 714-554-0453



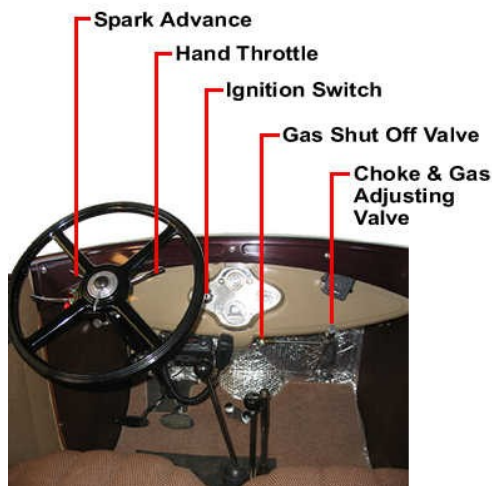
**Member ads will run for two months unless renewed. Non-member ads will run for one month unless renewed. All ads must be submitted in writing to: OCMAFC, P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711 or email newsletter@ocmafc.org**



The names of the Declaration's signers were kept secret from the public for more than six months to protect their identities. If the U.S. had not won independ-

ence, the signers would have been declared traitors and put to death under English law. Today, the original Declaration document is on display at the National Archives and Records Administration in the nation's capital.

**Ladies, here is a diagram to give you some assistance in learning to drive your Model A**





**ORANGE COUNTY  
MODEL A FORD  
CLUB**

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## **Next General Meeting**

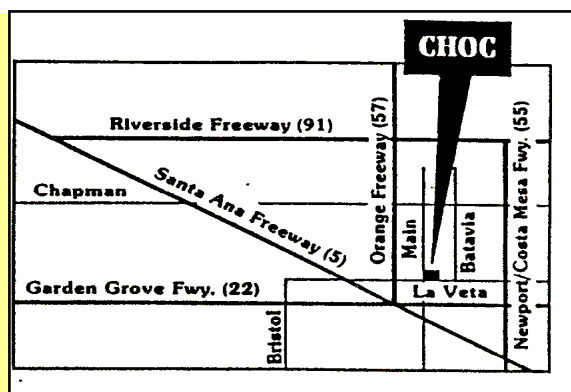
**For July and August, Potluck**

**begins at 6pm,. Meeting is at 7:30pm  
[Second Thursday of every month]**

**July 11, 2013**

**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. Meetings are held in Building 2 in the Wade Education Center-2nd Floor. Access meeting room through the double door entry off the 2nd Floor parking structure

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