

Orange County Model A Ford Club

Celebrating Our 53rd Year

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Special points of interest:

- Join us for the Installation Dinner. Promises to be lots of fun. Just check out some of the things planned in this month's newsletter
- The Alzheimer's Walk was a big success

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May your days be merry and bright





Rick Hall
President

President's Message

This will be my last message to you as President, since my term ends this month. I want to thank all of you who participated, volunteered and worked to keep our great club active and fun. I especially want to thank those committee chairs and board members who helped me as I took over the job of President after Walt Otto resigned from the club last November.

The Alzheimer's Walk at Angel Stadium was a lot of fun and great example of how our club turns out for a good time and a good cause. We had 17 member's cars on display for almost 10,000 participants who donated \$400,000 to fight Alzheimer's Disease. Great job!

Our next event will be the Holiday Party/Installation Banquet. Kathie McCall and her volunteers have planned a very nice evening for us and as in the past, the club is subsidizing the cost of each ticket from money that was earned at the Pancake Breakfast.

I am looking forward to next year. We have a great new Board of Directors:

Don Ratzlaff – President

Tom Weaver—Treasurer

Frank Reese – Vice President/Tour Chairman

Kathie McCall—Secretary

Tissy Smith-Hatcher – Distributor Editor

Rick Hall—Past President

Pete Cruz – Technical Director

Thanks again for all your support and encouragement during the past year. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Keep driving those Model A's!

Authentic Model A Colors in a Spray Can

By: William "Bill" Brum

Achieving an authentic look is important to many of us who choose to restore our car back to its original condition. In the area of painting, it becomes difficult without the training and equipment of a professional. However, for small items such as interior trim and other metal components, spray cans are a viable option.

Once you have the paint code in hand (acquired from guidance in the MAFCA Paint & Finish Guide and the PPG or DuPont customer service group), your local distributor for such popular brands can provide the authentic colors in 12 oz. spray cans. Color matching can also be achieved by providing a good sample (I used the windshield visor) to be analyzed at your distributor by hand held color matching equipment.

The spray cans are typically a single component acrylic enamel providing ease of application, excellent shine and durability. Of course, good paint finish requires proper metal prep regardless of the spray equipment utilized.

The spray can shown below contains the popular Copra Drab for a 1930 coupe utilized to paint the dash panel depicted.



<https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Technical/SprayCanTinyTip.pdf>

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



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

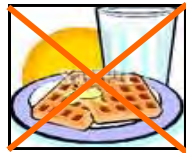


Dec 11 (Thu) No General Meeting this month. Come to our holiday dinner



Dec 14 (Sun) Installation Banquet, 5pm-9pm. Angelo's & Vinci's, 550 N Harbor Blvd, Fullerton. Call or email

Kathie McCall to make your reservation.



Dec 25 (Thu) No Fourth Thursday Brunch in December. Looking forward to January's.



Jan 3 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



Jan 8 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6:30PM



Jan 22 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ at 8:30am. Location to be determined. For info contact Terry Collings (714)970-7194



Mar 7 (Sat) 9th Annual Hubley Derby Day, 9am at the Women's Club of San Bernardino.

To register, call Richard/Cheri Bronstrup 909-227-1853

Share your good news or sad times with the club.

Contact
Marilyn Hawkins
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9th Annual Hubley Derby Day

Saturday, March 7th,

Test runs begin at 9am

Women's Club of San Bernardino

503 W 31st St, San Bernardino 92404

Call to register

Richard and Cheri Bronstrup at 909-227-1853

Swap Meets

Dec 14 (Sun) - Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, from 6am-1pm. Free parking

Jan 11 (Sun) - Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, from 6am-1pm.

Jan 23-25, 2015 - Turlock Swap Meet, Turlock, CA

Know of swap meets you would like to share with others? Contact the editor and they will be published.

How I Became A Model A'er (Part 2)

By Ken Blankshain

We arrived in Desert Hot Springs, turned a corner and my heart sunk when I saw the car. The pictures must have been taken many years ago because the car was not in very good shape. As we pulled up, I rolled down the window to tell the fellow that I brought some friends from the OC Model A Club. He said, "Oh! I used to be a member. I know Dick Parrish." I pointed to Richard sitting next to me and said here he is! Richard leaned over and whispered in my ear, "Anyone who knows me, calls me Richard." I drove home disappointed and felt I'd wasted these guys' time, but they said, "Don't worry. We'll find you one."

Two days later (Thursday) at about 3:30 in the afternoon, I got a call from Jim saying, "I've found a 1929 Murray Town Sedan on eBay." It looked very good and must have just gone up on eBay because the minimum bid was \$12,500 with a reserve and no one had bid on it yet. I Goggled the VIN and saw that it was being advertised elsewhere on the web for \$18,000. I called to inquire. The fellow said that it was not in show condition, but he called it museum quality/condition and said it has been in a show room for ten year



Ken (on left) and friend Allen Lowry with Ken's Model A

after having been restored and that it ran. When I asked about the reserve price, he said that they have a show room full of antique cars and a couple of warehouses, that they were relocating and thinning out the inventory and if I bought it today he'd give it to me for \$12,000. It was about 4:00 pm and they were closing at 5:00 and I was about a half hour away and already had the trailer hooked up from the other day. When I got there, some guys were trying to start it. After nearly an hour, I asked when was the last time it ran. They said about a month ago and showed me an invoice for some work that had been done and an iPad video of the car going to the gas station. It was getting late, so I said, "Don't worry about starting it. I'll give you \$11,000 as is." And he said, "Ok." They pushed the car into the parking lot and I backed up the trailer. They were getting ready to push it onto

the trailer when I said, "Wait let me see if I can start it." I got in and did what Jerry had told me: I turned on the gas, set the spark advance to full retard, set the hand throttle to about 1/3, set the gas adjust value to a 1/2 turn, turned the ignition switch to "On", stepped on the starter switch, and pulled the choke. It started right up and I drove it onto the trailer. All the way home, people were honking, smiling, and giving thumbs up. The next day, Friday, Jerry came to my house excited to see the car.

Saturday, one week after I met Jerry, I drove the car to the Club Breakfast at the Katella Grill. But, while traveling east on Katella at about 40 mph, the front bumper suddenly fell off and flew by the driver's side window which really shook me up. I retrieved the bumper and proceeded to the breakfast. I "won" the clubs "Hard Luck" trophy for this incident.

Richard and Jim jokingly said, "If you join the club you'll be the youngest guy in the club." I said, "I'm in!!!" Within a week of meeting Jerry, I had a Model A, was in the club, and made a lot of new friends. I've been busy learning, polishing, and fixing ever since. I love to see all the smiles when I drive it and connecting with all kinds of people because of it.

During the recent Fermin Lighthouse tour, Ed Cote had a minor break down. His pickup would not start ... no spark! I had recently had an ignition problem and had thoroughly (Continued on Page 7)



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General Meeting Minutes

Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting,
November 14, 2014

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Rick Hall. Rick had all of the



Veterans stand and be recognized. He then led the flag salute. There were 62 members in attendance.

Club Greeter: Doris Marshall introduced new member, Bob Werbick. She had us all in stitches with her jokes. It was good to have Doris back!

President, Rick Hall announced he had applications for any new members for a free membership in the national club. He also told us about all of the merchandise the club has to offer and thanked Jerry and Cathy O'Brien for all the years they have managed the merchandise.

Secretary, Pam Heiland presented the minutes for the October meeting. These was one correction. Meeting time for the Alzheimer's walk Saturday is 8:00am, not 7:30 as printed. Colleen Schmidt made a motion seconded by Drain Marshall that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer, Joe Goff reported on the club finances and reminded everyone to pay their dues.

VP/Activities, Frank Mowrer reminded everyone about the Alzheimer's Walk this Saturday and asked them to confirm their attendance.

Technical Advisor, Pete Cruz showed a very entertaining video of the Dodge brothers driving in very difficult situations. He then did a power point presentation on the Benson Ship which was used by Henry Ford to transport iron across the Great Lakes. He also announced the seminar at Don Giesen's shop on November 22 which will include chassis lubrication and wheel alignment.

ACCC Report, David Knapp has not received any information from the ACCC to this point. Their newsletter comes out twice a year. Rick thanked David for taking over this important job.

Election Chairman, Kathie McCall announced the following nominations for 2015 officers: President, Don Ratzlaff; VP/Activities, Frank Reese; Treasurer, Tom Weaver; and Secretary, Kathie McCall.

Model A Driver Drawing was won by Dale McCall

Name Badge Drawing was won by Sherry Reid

Membership Drawing: The names of Chris and Dale Gunst were drawn, however, since they were not present the drawing will be \$190 at the Installation Banquet. Don Ratzlaff pointed out that it has been 18 months since this drawing had a winner.

Sunshine and Sorrow, Marilyn Hawkins reported that Bruce Harris is finally home after many months in hospitals and convalescent homes. Joe Goff just had a pacemaker put in.

Fourth Thursday Breakfast, Terry Collings announced that there will be no breakfast this month. Stay home, eat (Continued on Page 9)

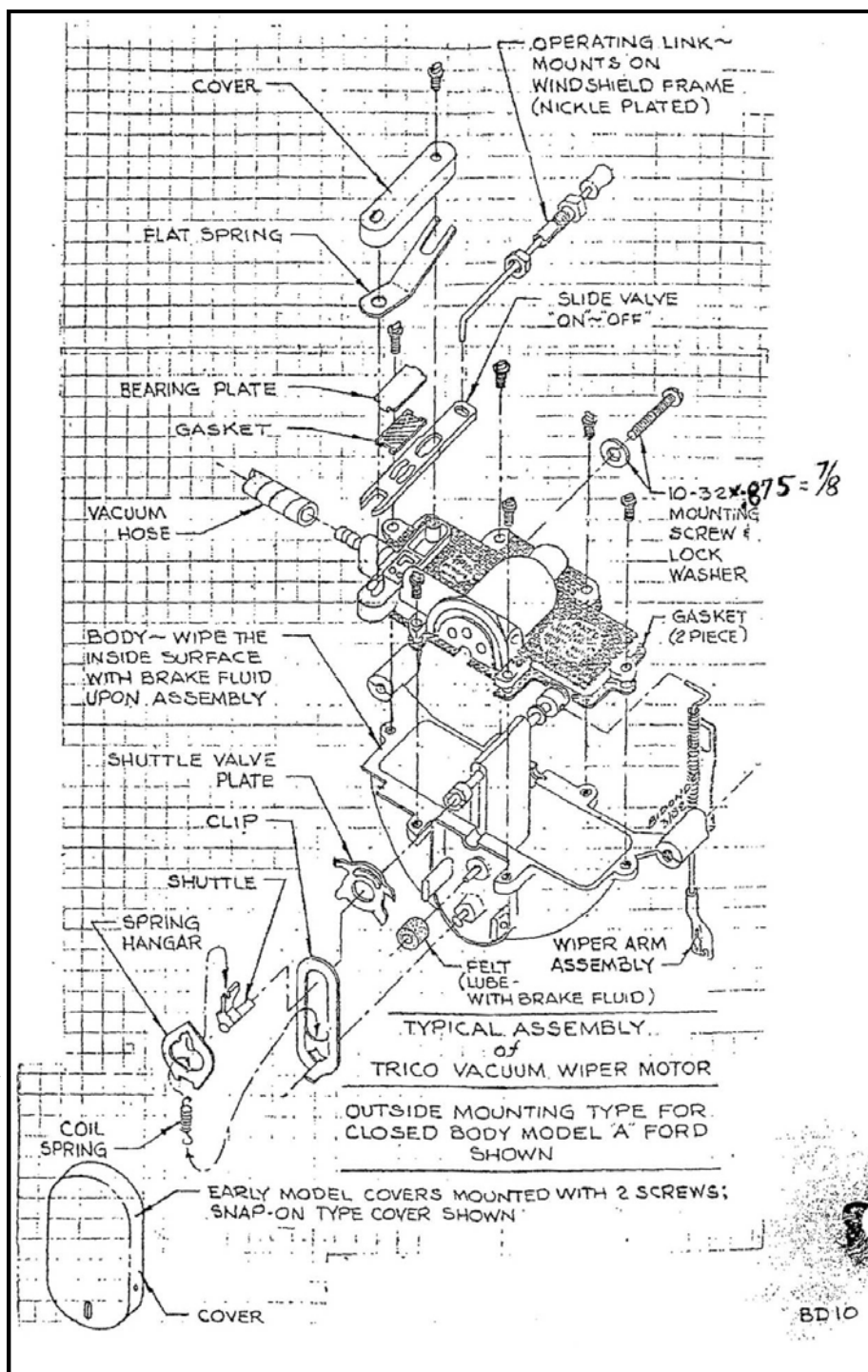
Lubricating the Vacuum Wiper Motor

The Trico type wiper motor does not operate properly without an internal lubricant. This is especially the case when a rebuilding kit has been installed, since the reciprocating parts fit tightly, resulting in high friction. An opposite effect occurs in the used motor where the reciprocating parts are worn. In this case, internal leakage of air past the seals occurs. Believe it or not, the performance of the engine is affected as leakage in the wiper motor lowers the intake manifold vacuum and leans out the fuel-air mixture.

In consideration of the above points, an ideal wiper motor lubricant must reduce friction and have a high enough viscosity not to act as a sealant. Additionally, the lubricant must not congeal in cold weather, must not thicken with age, must not cause corrosion of the die cast and brass parts, and must not attack the leather or plastic seals. The author has tried several lubricants, but two have given the best performance. Marvel Mystery Oil works well, particularly on a rebuilt motor. It has one drawback: the viscosity of the Mystery Oil is a bit too low. In a relatively short time, the oil is sucked out of the wiper motor by the engine manifold vacuum. On the other hand, brake fluid is excellent. It lasts longer than mystery oil due to its higher viscosity, and is especially effective on an old motor which has been idle for years.

[Editor Note: Using brake fluid as a lubricant is not recommended by Chuck Christensen, 2012 MAFCA Technical Director, as spilled brake fluid can damage the car's paint, either during the lubrication or afterward during wiper use. Instead, use a light machine oil.]

Here's how to lubricate the motor, which should be done three or four times a year: Remove the vacuum hose at (Continued on Page 7)



(Continued from Page 5) gone through the ignition system and had spare parts (coil, etc.) and tools (multimeter, etc.) on the floor of my "A's" back seat. We were able to correct the problem pretty quickly ... a bad connection at the fuse. Walking back to my "A", I realized I had really become a Model "A'er". I had helped a fellow "A'er" and I had earned my stripes as a club member. During lunch, we were talking with Bob Gordon and mutually agreed, "What could be better than working on a Model A with your friends."

I am just thrilled with the car and feel like a little boy with a big new toy and lots of new friends.

Thank you guys in the OC Model A Club for being so helpful and friendly. It's really been a great experience!



(Continued from Page 6) the wiper motor. Lightly hold your finger over the hose nipple on the motor and cycle the wiper blade back and forth.. Note that in one direction the motor sucks in air, and in the opposite direction, the motor expels air through the nipple. Place the wiper blade in the position such that the motor will begin to suck air at the nipple.

Attach a six-inch long piece of hose to the motor nipple and hold the open end up. Using a squeeze bottle, force one teaspoonful of lubricant into the hose. Place a rag on the cowl below the wiper motor. Hold another rag over the open end of the hose.

Cycle the wiper blade back and forth several times. Repeat the process again, adding a second teaspoonful of lubricant.

Start the engine and run the wiper motor. It should run well. If it does not, the wiper motor should be disassembled, cleaned, inspected and a rebuilding kit installed. It is normal for the wiper to slow down when the car is accelerated, but it should not stop altogether.

One last point to note. If you test run the wiper motor on a modern car and it runs real well, it may not do so on the "A". Always test the wiper motor on the car it was designed for, the Model A!

If the roof doesn't leak, now you are ready to run the "A" in the rain.

From the collections of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village Research Center

Reprint from https://www.mafca.com/tqa_wipers.html

Election Committee

Hey Out There!! Are you looking for an easy way to meet other members of the club but don't have a lot of time to commit to a board position? The Election Committee is a short-term commitment and you won't have to do anything until October 2015!. Want to know more? Just ask Kathie McCall.

2015 DUES INVOICE—You can use this form to submit your dues

**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**
Annual Dues

Orange County Model A Ford Club

NAME(S): _____

AMOUNT: \$30.00

ANY ROSTER CHANGES?

If so, please list below:

Cars: _____

Telephone numbers: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address(es): _____

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Please check the current Roster for accuracy!!!!

Make your check payable to Orange County Model A Ford Club
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**Payment MUST be received by 12/31/14 to be included in the club's
2015 Roster**



Sunshine and Sorrow

By: Marilyn Hawkins

Hooray!!!

Bruce Harris is finally home! He has been in various hospitals suffering from several different medical conditions for 14 months. He walks with a cane and does need assistance from a caregiver sometimes. He is in good spirits and so glad to be home. He is starting physical therapy. Joanie is happy for him to be home too. She only missed 2 days of visiting him in the hospital in 14 months! They are such troopers, congratulations to them both.

General Minutes (Continued from Page 5)

turkey and enjoy time with family and friends. There will not be a breakfast in December either due to the Christmas holiday.

Rick reminded everyone to sign up for the tours and activities.

Old/New Business There was no old or new business.

Refreshments, thank you to Louise, Sheila, Karen, Esther and the Ratzlaffs for providing the delicious refreshments.

Rick thanked Kathie, who recently retired from CHOC, for securing our meeting place.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Heiland, Secretary



New/Returning/Changes to Roster

Robert & Amanda Werbick, 400 Nevin Ln, Placentia, CA 92870; hm: 714-985-9749, cell: 714-600-2541; email: rwerbick@pacbell.net; 1929 Tudor Sedan

Walking to End Alzheimer's

By: Rick Hall

Alzheimer's Association of Orange County's Walk to End Alzheimer's Took Place on Nov. 15

On Saturday, November 15, more than 8,000 people gathered at Angel Stadium in Anaheim to participate in the Alzheimer's Association of Orange County's Walk to End Alzheimer's. The Anaheim walk was the final of four walks held in Orange County this year to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

Teams of friends, families and corporations signed up to participate, raising more than \$481,000 – surpassing the goal of \$375,000 according to the Alzheimer's

Thank you for helping us advance Alzheimer's support, care and research!



Association. For many, this 3.1-mile walk meant steps closer to a world without the disease.

Thank you to the OC Model A Ford club for their participation. The display of cars was enjoyed by many of the walkers. Those who participated were: Don and Carolyn Ratzlaff, Carl and Ellie Pease, Rick and Louise Hall, Bev Marsh, Dale and Kathie McCall, Tom and Janis Weaver, Frank Mowrer, Jim Runyon with his daughter and grandson, Steve Dahle, Richard and Jeannie Parrish, Terry Carey, Pete Hyland and Jerry O'Brien.

All Model A participants joined the IdeaHall team and were given purple T-shirts by Rick and Louise's daughter's company IdeaHall. After the walk Model A'ers continued the fun with lunch at Lazy Dog. If you weren't able to attend this year please put it on your calendar for next year. A good time was had by all as we supported a worthwhile cause!





FOR SALE: Car Hauler/Camper – Dual $\frac{3}{4}$ ton axles, 18 Foot, 7,000 lbs. pulled previously by an Expedition. Inside ladder to reinforce observation roof, propane stove top and refrigerator, microwave oven, water heater, A/C and heater, shower, Porta-A-Potty, fold down benches/beds and removable table, stereo, cabinets, gas leak alarm, misc. kitchen utensils, winch and car tie-down straps, trailer stands, dual florescent lighting, outside flood lights, some tools and camping equipment, under floor storage/fresh/gray water tanks, fresh water hoses, 220/110 volt extension cords, awning hitch points on roof with pole extensions, easy lift hitch, propane tanks and more... \$5,950 OBO. Contact John Knox at 562-418-9643 or 562-697-2545, or john.r.knox.33@gmail.com



FOR SALE: 1929 rhd Phaeton, more photos available. It is in very good condition (no rust). The car is an older restoration, and run very well. Latest work done: rebuilt speedometer, new gas gauge, new amp gauge, new chrome inst. panel, new tires, powder coated wheels, stainless caps and lug nuts. \$15,000. The car is in southern Oregon, Grants Pass. Phone 541-862-0404 or email at rogerhuffman@frontier.com



Merry Christmas and Happy new year



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Next General Meeting

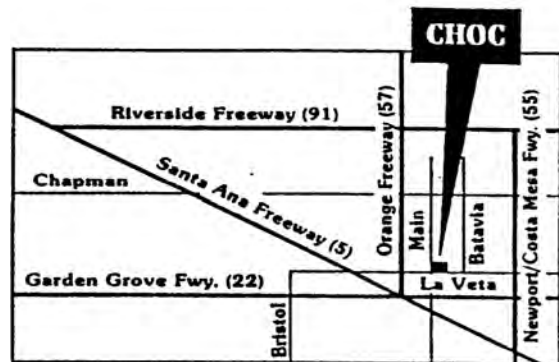
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[Second Thursday of every month]

January 8, 2014

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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