

# Orange County Model A Ford Club

Celebrating Our 53<sup>rd</sup> Year

# The Distributor

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## Special points of interest:

- Our Installation Banquet was well attended. See if you can spot yourself.
- Join us for the January tour to Stanley Ranch Museum

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*Another chance to keep last year's resolutions and make new ones.  
Renew your membership now and enjoy an exciting year with our Model A's*



**Rick Hall**  
**President**

## President's Message

Happy New Year Model A'ers! My vision for our club during 2014 is for it to grow and prosper. The way to do this, in my view, is to get those cars out on the road through tours, seminars, and other special events. We will continue some of the new things we did last year, like the International Model A day picnic and the Alzheimer's Association Walk. If you have ideas for other events, please let me know - all ideas will be considered.

people viewed the new Model A. It exceeded the public's expectations in 1927 and proved itself a worthy vehicle over many decades to follow. It's still a great car, worthy of the public's admiration, and our enjoyment.

So get those A's out of the garage, write down your mileage (for the year end mileage awards), check it over and sign up for the January tour. Frank has a nice street tour set for January 11 to

**Learn about  
Rick's vision  
for the club**



We are all owners of a very special and historic car. When Ford shut down production of the Model T in June of 1927, all kinds of rumors were circulating in the media about the "new Ford" such as gold plated door handles, a twelve cylinder engine, even a solar powered car! When Henry finally allowed the public a glimpse of the new Ford beginning December 2, 1927, over ten million people visited Ford show rooms within the first 36 hours - that was 8.5% of the nation's population! Within a week, over 25,000,000

the Stanley Ranch Museum. If your car has a problem that you can't figure out, call a friend in the club, Pete Cruz (technical director) or me. Let's get it going.

See you behind the wheel!

**January 1, 1929**

**Roy Riegels runs 60 yards  
the wrong way with Rose  
Bowl**

## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**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 Conf Room A&B (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, Anaheim 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](http://www.2014mafca-national.org)

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The regular room for the General Meeting on January 9th won't be available until 7:30pm.

If you would like to attend the Board Meeting, it will be held in Conf. Rm. A&B (just next door).



## Sunshine and Sorrow

Jeannie Parrish continues to recover and seems to be in high spirits. Happy birthday Jeanne.

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Bruce Harris has had a very rough go of it but continues with his physical therapy at the rehab hospital in Long Beach. He is still unable to swallow and needs to use a feeding tube to get nourishment. Such a long illness is also having its effects on Joanie, but she is patient and stoic.

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

## Your Club Needs Your Input

The goal of the OCMAFC Board and Committee members is to make our club the best it can be. In order to achieve this goal, we need your help. We will listen to all recommendations and/or suggestions.

Do you have thoughts re events, tours, seminars, meetings, products or anything else you would like incorporated into the club? Is another club doing something you like that we aren't? Let us know. We want fresh ideas and are committed to you.

Would you like to receive your newsletter sooner and in full color? You can print the whole newsletter or just your favorite pages. Email Tissy Smith-Hatcher (at [tismith@cookseylaw.com](mailto:tismith@cookseylaw.com)) to make this change.

## 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.

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

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## Historian's Corner

Dick Smith, Club Historian and Librarian

In this and the some coming months ahead, the *Historian's Corner* will feature interesting photos from the past.

## This Month's Photos



Who knew—E 85 back in the 20's-30's



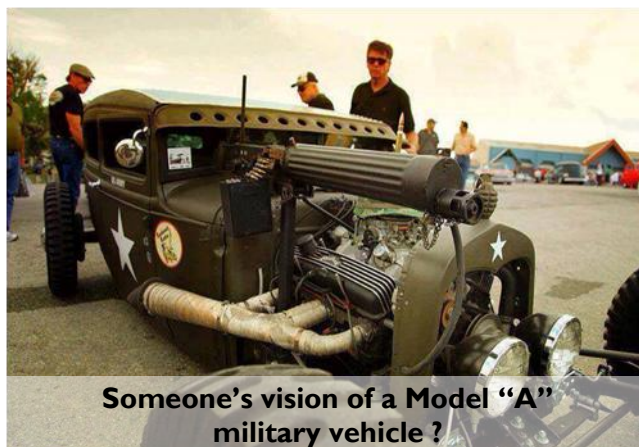
Back when a service station was more service than station



Vintage Model "A" safety equipment envisioned by Terry Lucas



Apparently, the reason the Model "A" was created, was to have more Passing power than the "T". Who knew?



Someone's vision of a Model "A" military vehicle?

If you have old, fun or any interesting photos from the past you would like to share in the Historian's Corner, e-mail them to [modeladick@yahoo.com](mailto:modeladick@yahoo.com) or mail them.

I hope you enjoyed these photos, Happy New Year.  
See you down the road,

Dick Smith, Club Historian

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## Tour of the Stanley Ranch Museum — January 11<sup>th</sup>

The January tour will be on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. 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).

## General Meeting Minutes

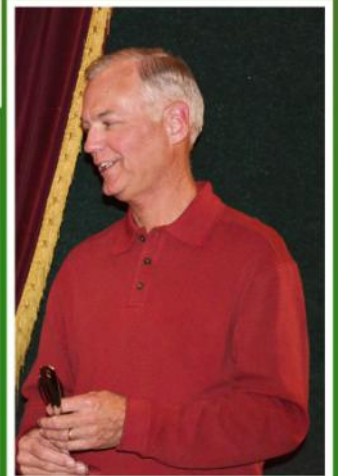
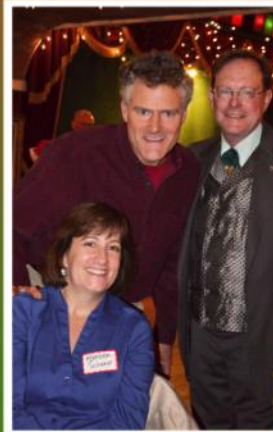
### Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting, December 8, 2013

Due to the Installation Banquet an informal meeting was held with no minutes taken.





*Installation Banquet*



We have  
so many  
good  
looking  
members!





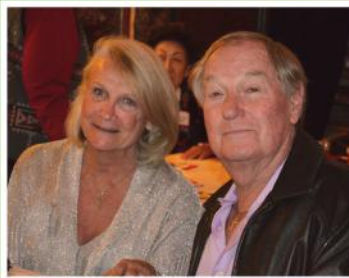


*Installation Banquet*

Seems we have a few Santas in the group



# Installation Banquet



Model  
A'ers  
are just  
plain fun  
loving  
people



### **FIRST SATURDAY BREAKFAST BS SESSION**

Bring your Model A problems, solutions and innovations and let's have a good discussion over breakfast. Think your Model A couldn't make the trip? Only one way to find out! See you there.

**The Katella Grill, 1325 W  
Katella Ave, Orange at 8am**



### **Auto Facts (1928)**

Thomas Midgley and Charles Kettering invented Freon. Freon is now blamed for the depletion of the earth's ozone shield, as well as being a handy portable air conditioning coolant.

Join us for good food and company

### **Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch**

**January 23 8:30 am**

**Miraloma Café**

**3100 E Miraloma Ave., #110  
Anaheim, 92806**

**Info: Terry Collings 714 970-7194**



### **Meet our New Members:**

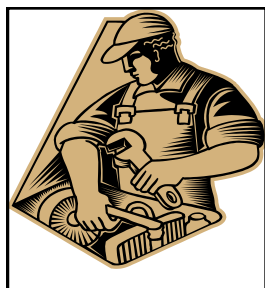
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## Oil and Your Model A Ford

By Pete Cruz

**Let's all  
welcome  
Pete Cruz as  
our new  
Technical  
Director**

**Hope you  
enjoy his  
first article**



**E**ver go to the Auto Parts store to buy oil for your Model A and get whatever is "On Sale"? Sure, why not? Given the low maximum RPM your engines run at and the fact that you generally aren't going long distances, what is the harm right? In many cases this casual observation may in fact be true, especially if you change the "non-filtered" oil every 500 miles or so.

But what about the Zinc and Phosphorus levels of modern oil? Surely as time has moved on, oil has become better and better - even the cheap stuff...right? Plus, what the heck do Zinc and Phosphorus have to do with my engine oil?

In the past, oil manufacturers used Zinc and Phosphorus as an additive to reduce engine wear. The Zinc referred to in engine oil is actually dialkyldithiophosphate (ZDDP) or zinc di-thiophosphate (ZDTP) commonly used in synthetic oils. Used together ZDDP/ZDTP is an additive used in oil to improve lubrication. Changes in engine design during the mid '50s from solid lifters to hydraulics and the hardening cam surfaces reduced the need for Zinc and Phosphorus in oils. So, since 1994 manufacturers have been phasing out these additives. However what was found is that older engines experience insufficient lubrication, critical at startup when using modern oils with reduced amounts of ZDDP/ZDTP resulting in cam shaft and lifter galling.

So why reduce ZDDP/ZDTP if it is found to reduce engine wear during the critical startup phase of engine operation? Modern oils are expected to last much longer than oil was expected to in 1928 or 1931 for that matter. According to Jim O'Clair with Hemmings Daily, phosphorus build up has been found to create excessive carbon buildup in engines bores and valve trains. Together ZDDP and ZDTP have also been linked to catalytic converter failures, something Henry and the boys didn't need think about when designing the Model A.

What the heck does all that mean? Well again, if you aren't taxing that old engine too heavily, a good quality name brand oil is probably fine. But, if you are taking your car out on long tours and/or don't change the oil as often as you should, you may want to use an oil with higher levels of Zinc and Phosphorus.

Along with other basic information used in this article, William C. "Bill" Anderson provided this list of oils currently available with the ZDDP/ZDTP levels we're looking for:

- Brad-Penn Oil
- Quaker State's Defy Oil
- Classic Car Club Oil
- Royal Purple Oil
- Joe Gibbs Racing Oil

### References:

Anderson, W. C. (2012, June 21). New Oil and Old Cars. *Old Cars Weekly News & Marketplace* .

O'Clair, J. (2012, October 18). *Hemmings Daily*. Retrieved from Tech 101: Zinc in oil and it's effects on older engines: <http://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/2012/10/18/tech-101-zinc-in-oil-and-its-effects-on-older-engines/>



## Car Barn Specials

**Wanted:** Good 30-31- 19 inch Model A wheels. Tires or no tires OK. If you have one or up to six, call me. Dick Smith at 949- 770-6847 or e- mail me at [modeladick@yahoo.com](mailto:modeladick@yahoo.com)

**Wanted:** A running Model A Engine any year is ok. Contact James G. Michaeloff, 562) 537-7767

**Restorer magazine collectors** - This month, Phillip Joujon-Roche donated his entire collection of Restorers in two large boxes to be shared with our members. Thanks Phillip. Also, I have many copies from the 70's thru 2010. They were donated by our members to be shared with our Orange County Model "A" members at no cost. Just contact me with the issues you desire. I have older issues at a minimal cost available from a member from another club. Contact: Dick Smith, club historian at [modeladick@yahoo.com](mailto:modeladick@yahoo.com) or call 949-770-6847.



## HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE

by  
Walter O'Keefe



At the end of WWII, the Model A became the unchallenged queen of the vintage car scene. This brief moment in automobile history (1928-1931) generated the largest gathering of enthusiasm around a single model that no other has ever equaled since.

The abundance and ease with which technical information and new or refurbished parts can be found has made the Model A the easiest vintage car to buy, understand and maintain. One could even be able to assemble a completely new Model A from all the new parts that can be found on the market today! However, assembling the 6,800 distinct items to do so could well cost over \$50,000.

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## **Next General Meeting**

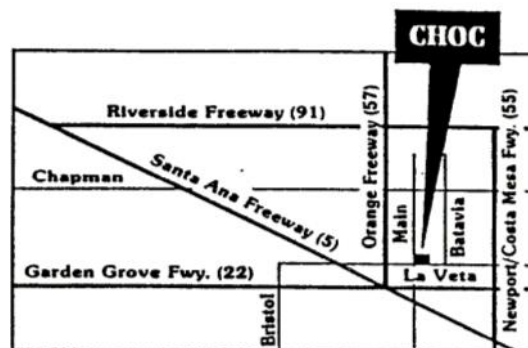
**7:30 PM**

**[Second Thursday of every month]**

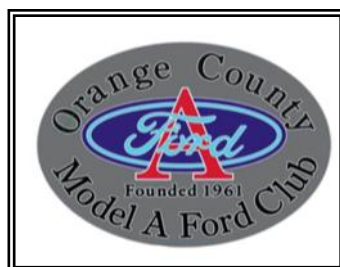
**January 9, 2014**

**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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