

Orange County Model A Ford Club

Celebrating Our 53rd Year

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Special points of interest:

- We hope you enjoy the photos of the International Model A Ford Day Picnic
- Check out the very interesting Technical Seminar this month

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December 14th
CONTACT
Kathie McCall
for reservations
via the general
meeting, email
or mail
\$30 per person

*We're going to the
INSTALLATION DINNER*

Angelo's and Vinci's Ristorante
550 N Harbor Blvd, Fullerton

**WALK TO
END
ALZHEIMER'S**

NOVEMBER 15TH
ANAHEIM STADIUM

alzheimer's association

**WE ALL HAVE
A REASON TO
END
ALZHEIMER'S**

**WALK WITH
US**

Vote your new Board during the November General Meeting



Rick Hall
President

President's Message

I would like to encourage all of you to sign up for the Alzheimer's Walk at Angel Stadium on Nov. 15 at 8:00 a.m. The Alzheimer's Association has again requested that our club participate by having our cars on display and by joining the walk. It's a fun event, and the walk through the stadium and parking lot goes fast with lots of bands, cheerleaders and great people supporting a worthy cause. Interesting food and beverages are available and free T-shirts will be provided by Ideahall to all club members who participate. Invite your friends and family to participate by walking or pledging a donation. This event raised over \$350,000 last year for research into defeating this terrible disease. I will walk in honor of my mother, who fought Alzheimer's for seven long hard years. You can help, and as we did last year, our club will be making a donation. After the walk anyone who is hungry is welcome to join us at Lazy Dog café. Let me or Louise know you will be coming and we'll get you registered on line prior to the walk (those who drive cars also need to register).

Also, please consider giving back to your club by accepting a nomination for President. I will remain on the board as past President and will give you all the help that I can. Thank you to Tom Weaver, and Frank Reese who have accepted nominations for Treasurer and Vice President/Tours, respectively, and to Kathy McCall who has accepted a nomination for Secretary.

SUNSHINE & SORROW BY MARILYN HAWKINS



KEEP
HEALTHY
AND
HAPPY



Sent an e-card to Dean Berto (no longer a member, but a friend), who went to the dentist only to discover he had cancer of the mouth. Pretty serious. Please send cards to: 521 Torrey Pine Place, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420; wuffda@hotmail.com

Received a note from Joanie Harris "... thanks for the cards and prayers." Bruce is well and he should be coming home soon. The plan is to have a caregiver to help take care of him and hope to have him walking again with his walker.

Marilyn Schriber, Marlow, OK, also sent a note "... decided not to renew my membership. My husband Bill loved your club, especially the Pancake Breakfast. His daughter in Kansas has his 1928 Model A pick up."

Stay healthy and happy!

No Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch

Stay home

Give thanks

Enjoy family

Eat turkey

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Nov 1 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



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



Nov 13 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM; details on back page. Election will be held. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6:30PM



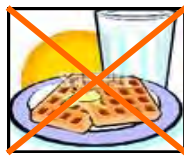
Dec 11 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6:15PM



Nov 15 (Sat) Walk to End Alzheimer's, Anaheim Stadium, more details at the General Meeting.



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



Nov 27 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ at 8:30am. Check back next month.

For info contact Terry Collings (714)970-7194

More details at the November meeting.

Welcome 2015

Share your good news or sad times with the club.

Contact
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A REASON TO
END ALZHEIMER'S

Swap Meets

Nov 16 (Sun) - Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, from 6am-1pm. Free parking

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 1)

By Ken Blankshain

My name is Ken Blankshain. I'm brand new to the club and brand new to Model A's. I was born in Long Beach, grew up in Westminster across the street from my childhood sweetheart and wonderful wife: Lesie. We have four children from oldest to youngest: Zach - 24, Hannah - 22, Luke -19, and Esther - 16. I feel like I blinked and they were grown up. I'm sure you know the feeling. I'll be 55 in November and bought myself an early birthday present: a 1929 Murray Town Sedan.

A little over a month ago, the thought of a Model A had not entered my mind. I was at Bolsa Chica State Beach on a Saturday, because my youngest son Luke was playing keyboard in a band for a church outreach. As part of the event, the OC Model A Club had some cars there and I met Jerry & Patti Neat. Lesie and I must have talked with them for nearly an hour and I fell in love with his story: His great grandfather had bought this car new (a 1930 Murray Town Sedan); Jerry had restored it and was planning to give it to his grandson. He told us about the different years and kinds of Model A's.



Ken (on left) and friend Allen Lowry with Ken's Model A at the Fermin Lighthouse.

The next day I thought I'd Google Model A's to study them and determine which one I liked most. I determined that the 1929 Murray Town Sedan was my favorite. So I Googled again, if per chance I'd find any for sale and found one in Desert Hot Springs for \$13,900. After looking at the pictures and talking to the owners, I decided to go see it on Tuesday, but I had no idea what a fair price was. So, I looked up the OC Model A Club on the web and talked to Rick Hall. He was very helpful and gave me an idea of prices and conditions.

While I was on the website I noticed a blurb about the Bolsa Chica Beach event and Jerry's email address. So I emailed him and he called right away. I asked if he'd like to go look at the car. He was so disappointed that he couldn't go and so was I. Jerry gave me instructions on how to start it. And about an hour later, I got

a call from a fellow I'd never met named Richard Parrish saying Jerry had told him about me and said he'd go with me and had another friend (Jim Runyon) from the club that would also like to go.

I borrowed a trailer and picked them up early Tuesday morning at Richard's house. I was so excited that I truly didn't sleep a wink the night before and pulled up to Richard's house a few minutes early. Noticing the two car garage I thought, "I'll bet he's got a Model A in there. Maybe there was time to take a peek." I knocked on the door and he answered with a coffee cup in his hand. I said, "I know I'm a little early, but do you have a Model A in the garage?" He gave me a very quizzical look and said, "Do you want to see?" When he opened the garage door, I was shocked and amazed to see that it was at least triple the size of a normal garage and he had four or five Model A's in it. What a play box!

Just a little side note: you Model A guys have the most incredible garages and cars / toys. In addition to Richard's garage, I've already seen Jim Runyon's, Dick Smith's, and one other. These are way better than Disneyland, the so called "happiest place on earth!" One of the guys was so kind, offering to help install a Mitchell Overdrive at his house if I wanted to buy one. Everyone has been so helpful and kind. *Editor's Note: We all look forward to Part 2 of Ken's article, which will be included in the December Distributor.*



OCMAFC thanks you for your continued support for the Ronald McDonald House Charities

Deadline for submissions for the next **Distributor** is November 25, 2014
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General Meeting Minutes

Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting,
October 9, 2014
Location: Children's Hospital of Orange
County, Wade Education Center



60 in attendance

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Hall who also led the flag salute.

Visitors: Kirby and Grace are guests of Pete and Trish Cruz. They are trying to convince their guests to purchase a Model A. Steve is another visitor who has a late 1931 pickup truck in a million pieces. Thank you Dale McCall for recruiting Steve.

Minutes: Pam Heiland is still ill but the September general meeting Minutes were adopted as published with a motion brought by Rick Hall and seconded by Sheila Plotkin.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Goff reported if you want to pay your dues, he will take your money. He is working on the budget for next year. Committee chairs are requested that if they need more or less money, please give Joe a call with your input.

International Model A Ford Day Picnic: Thank you to all those who came out. We don't have a final tally, but we think we did a little better than breaking even. We had hoped we would have better attendance from other clubs, but the heat seemed to keep people away. It was a very nice event with technical demonstrations. If you have photos of the International Model A, send pictures to Don Ratzlaff

Tours/Activities: There will be a tour on 10/11 to the Point Fermin Lighthouse in San Pedro. The plan is to leave from Coco's on Valley View at 10:30am with the tour of the lighthouse to begin at noon. 28 people have signed up so far with 8 Model A's. Cost is a donation. Then we will have lunch at Ports O'Call.

Reminder about the Walk to End Alzheimer's on November 11/15 - they would like a lot of Model A's at 7:00am. The walk begins at 7:30am.

Hard Luck Trophy: Scott Limbrock, a new member, was approached to sell his truck. He sold it and then bought a Phaeton. The person who bought the truck had a problem the next day when the fan went into the radiator. Since it has only been a day, Scott was kind enough to share the bill with the new owner.

Ken Blankshain lost his bumper on the way to the Katella Grill. This was the same thing that happened to his friend, Jerry Neat. A reminder to all members to check your car before you venture out on a tour. These cars vibrate a lot so you need to do a full inspection each time.

ACCC: Thank you to David Knapp our new ACCC representative. It was a great article.

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Technical

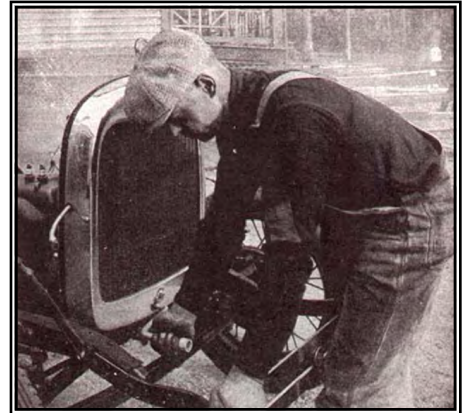
By Pete Cruz
Technical Director

Uh oh... my battery is just about dead!

Ever jumped into your car, turned the engine over only to hear it slowly chug? You instantly realize that the battery is low and most likely isn't going to start. Of course you pull out every trick you can think of like making sure the lights are off, you aren't flooding the carburetor, etc, then you sort of sneak up on it and quickly turn the key hoping that last bit of charge will be enough to start her up.

Sadly in the scenario above there is one small problem, the "little bit of juice" left is being severely depleted simply by using the starter to turn over the engine.

Luckily for "Model A's", we have another method of starting the car that we often over look. Instead of using up the last bit of juice in the battery to turn the starter motor we can use the hand crank!



Here is a procedure list for safely hand cranking your Model A:

1. Set the emergency brake and make sure the transmission is in "Neutral"
2. Retard the spark by raising the left (spark) lever to the top of its quadrant
3. Lower the throttle lever approximately three notches, or until the gas pedal lowers very slightly
4. Adjust the mixture on the dash to the setting appropriate for the conditions
5. With the ignition OFF, hold the choke out (fully closed). This will require either a helper, a pull cord from the lever on the carburetor to the front of the vehicle, or one of those modern undersized and sticky choke rod grommets
6. Carefully position the crank in place engaging the ratchet with the crank left of center in the lower of the two possible positions. Grasp the crank as shown in the photo above, paying close attention to the thumb position below the handle. Pull the crank to the top briskly but carefully
7. Repeat with a second pull
8. At this point there should be gas running slightly from the carburetor to the floor
9. Release the choke and turn ON the ignition
10. One more pull of the crank and the engine should start. NEVER push the crank down the right side of the rotation with the key on!
11. Advance the spark lever about half way down the quadrant and adjust the throttle speed.

Other considerations: Although there is no serious risk of injury when handling the crank as shown, it's startling when a kickback occurs. Most kickbacks occur when the choke is closed. The probability varies depending on the position of the crank ratchet relative to top dead center. Leaving the switch off during the choking step almost eliminates the chance of kickbacks.

With a low battery the engine will fire more quickly by hand than with the starter because the starter isn't starving the ignition system.

Variations: The car should start similar by hand as it does with the starter. For example, using the starter I always start my cold A's with the choke pulled for exactly two compression strokes or one turn of the crankshaft. At that point I release the choke and the engine fires. I NEVER hold the choke until it fires as suggested in the "Model 'A' Instruction Book".

If your car REQUIRES the choke to be held more than two compression strokes with the starter, you may need to adjust step #6 similarly.

Experiment with a good battery so if you have difficulty starting, you can use the starter to determine if the problem is too much or too little gas. Be conservative with the choke. It is much easier to repeat the process than to hand start a flooded engine. A flooded engine is guaranteed to provide more exercise than you desire!

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What You Missed—Point Fermin Lighthouse

By Esther Goff

October 11th the Club meandered the byways of the streets of Los Angeles to our tour destination, The Point Fermin Lighthouse in San Pedro. We gathered at Cocoa's in Fountain Valley and we had eleven Model "A"s and no moderns which was unusual. Frank did his best to see that our "scenic route" hit the best and the worst of the city communities and going over the Vincent Thomas Bridge was truly a highlight. The views of the harbor are awesome with the cruise lines in port.



The Lighthouse was built in 1874. The architecture was designed in Stick Style Victorian. There were six such designed lighthouses of which three are still standing. It has gabled roofs and horizontal siding. The employees were federal "Keepers: and the first Keepers were two sisters. Later families moved in. December 7, 1941 the lights went dark after the Pearl Harbor attack, never to be lit again. The style is not what you typically expect of a lighthouse, a tall cylindrical object. It appears more like a home. Restoration took place and the Lighthouse was open to the public in 2003. It's listed on the National Historic Register. All of us walked the many narrow stairs to the top where the beacon, the huge Fersnel Lens one stood. It is on display in the foyer and stands about five feet tall and a circumference of about three feet. The whole glass lens is faceted. Just an awesome sight!

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If your hand crank binds when inserted through the starting crank bushing and into the crank ratchet, don't crank start your car. Too much bind will prevent the crank from releasing from the ratchet. See Front Engine Support for more information.

The majority of this article was taken directly from an article by Marco Tahtaras, abarnyard.com

**ROSTER RAFFLE
IT'S RAINING MONEY.
BE AT THE GENERAL
MEETING, HAVE YOUR NAME
CALLED AND WIN \$180**



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



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): _____

Any other changes: _____

Please check the current Roster for accuracy!!!!

Make your check payable to Orange County Model A Ford Club (OCMAFC) and mail to the club at:

P.O. Box10595
Santa Ana CA 92711

Payment MUST be received by 12/31/14 to be included in the club's 2015 Roster

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Installation Dinner: Kathie McCall has a sign up list for the holiday party because we only meet once more before the party. Mail your check to the club's P.O. Box or Kathie McCall. The club is subsidizing the meals for members (\$15 each).

Elections: There are some vacancies in the leadership of our club. One pretty important position is president. We are open for nominations from the floor. If we get enough write-ins we will try to convince that person. We do have members who have volunteered for the positions of secretary (Kathie McCall), treasurer (Tom Weaver) and just this evening we have filled the vacancy for the VP/tour director. Frank Reese agreed to complete the term of VP so the board has appointed him. Next year will be an actual election. There were no volunteers at this time for the role of President.

Change in Meeting Location: Next month, we will be meeting in the main hospital. We still park in the same place. There is a throughway and a bridge going into the conference center. We will try to make it easy for you to get there. [Addendum: since the meeting, the location has returned to our regular location.]

Technical: Pete Cruz did a presentation on fasteners, cotter pins, along with a fun contest.

Historian: Dick Smith has lots of Restorer magazines and he has prepared an inventory sheet so you could complete your collection. Feel free to send him your requests.

Roster Drawing: The lucky name called was Chuck Stinnett. Unfortunately, he was not at the meeting, so the drawing goes to \$180 next month.

If you have photos of the International Model A, send pictures to Don Ratzlaff

Sunshine & Sorrow: Marilyn Hawkins reported Bruce Harris is in rehab for his foot. Pam Heiland continues to have sinus problems. The club gave \$100 to Christ Church Choir in lieu of flowers for Ed's mother's passing away. It is a youth choir.

Fourth Thursday Breakfast: It is going to be at Pop's Café. Come if you can, no reservations required.

Shoebox Swap Meet: Check out what people have brought tonight.

Distributor: Will be late next month.

Pancake Breakfast: Frank Reese reported the Pancake Breakfast date has been changed to 4/26 (Sunday). If you want your car on the t-shirt and flyers, we need to make the selection tonight. Congrats to Dale McCall – the winner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tissy Smith-Hatcher



New/Returning/Changes to Roster

Wayne & Martie Wiedle—correct address is 4653 Blackthorne Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808-1055

Steven Charles Seehusen, 3440 W Brady Ave, Anaheim, CA 92804; hm: 714-943-0155; email: barstowsteve@hotmail.com; 1930 pickup and 1929 Tudor

Richard, Jr. & Byrn DeBeikes, 11 Halstead Terrace, Irvine, CA 92603; Richard's cell 949-293-2307; Bryn's cell 949-378-3000; email: rdebeikes@debeikes.com; 1930 Model A pickup;

Ken & Leslie Blankshain, 9822 James River Cir, Fountain Valley, CA 92708; hm: 714-372-1438; email: kenblankshain@gmail.com; children: Zach (24), Hannah (22), Luke (20), and Esther (16); 1929 155A Murray Town Sedan driver

Steven R. Anderson & Colleen Clarke, 820 N Adele, #D, Orange, CA 92867; hm: 714-363-7574; email: stevehairdoo@yahoo.com; 1931 Model A pickup steel top

BALLOT		BALLOT	
President (2-year position)		Vice President/Activities Director (1-yr position)	
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(Write in)		Frank Reese	
Secretary (2-year position)		Treasurer (2-year position)	
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Kathie McCall		Tom Weaver	

**Please complete your ballots, one per person, and mail to your club at P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA
OR
Bring to the November General Meeting at CHOC Hospital Complex**

PLEASE BE SURE TO VOTE!!

For further info, please contact Kathie McCall



~ Reminder ~

No December General Meeting but please attend the Installation Dinner/Holiday Party on December 14th. How can you make reservations? You have many choices. Contact Kathie McCall at: 1) the November General Meeting; 2) email at dkmccall@socal.rr.com; or 3) call Kathie at 714-633-0946. Only \$30 per person.





FOR SALE: Car Hauler/Camper – Dual ¾ 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



EDITOR'S CORRECTION: I apologize profusely to John and anyone misled by my typo in the price published in the October Distributor. At \$5,950, this is a great deal.

FOR SALE: Model A engine and stand. Long block and head. No pistons or manifold. Has pan (oil pump assessable). Was running when it was changed out. \$350. Contact Bev Marsh (714) 373-9769 or email to onebootscooter@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: Are you looking for a really clean, well restored (except for the non-standard fender color) 1930 Pickup? It is a 1930, with an off-frame restoration. All original-steel. New interior, Model A 4 cyl. flathead, Stock tranny, less than 500 miles since restoration. Asking \$17,000 OBO Car Owner: Phil Russell, 714-264-1921, Car is in Orange, CA



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Next General Meeting

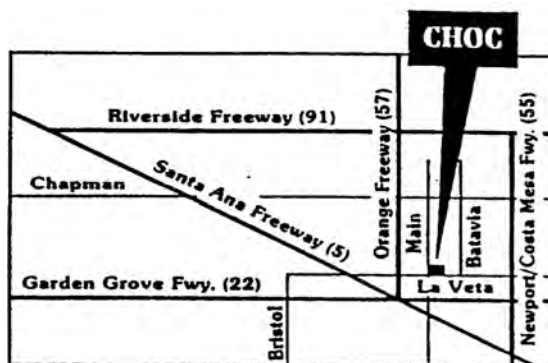
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[Second Thursday of every month]

November 13, 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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