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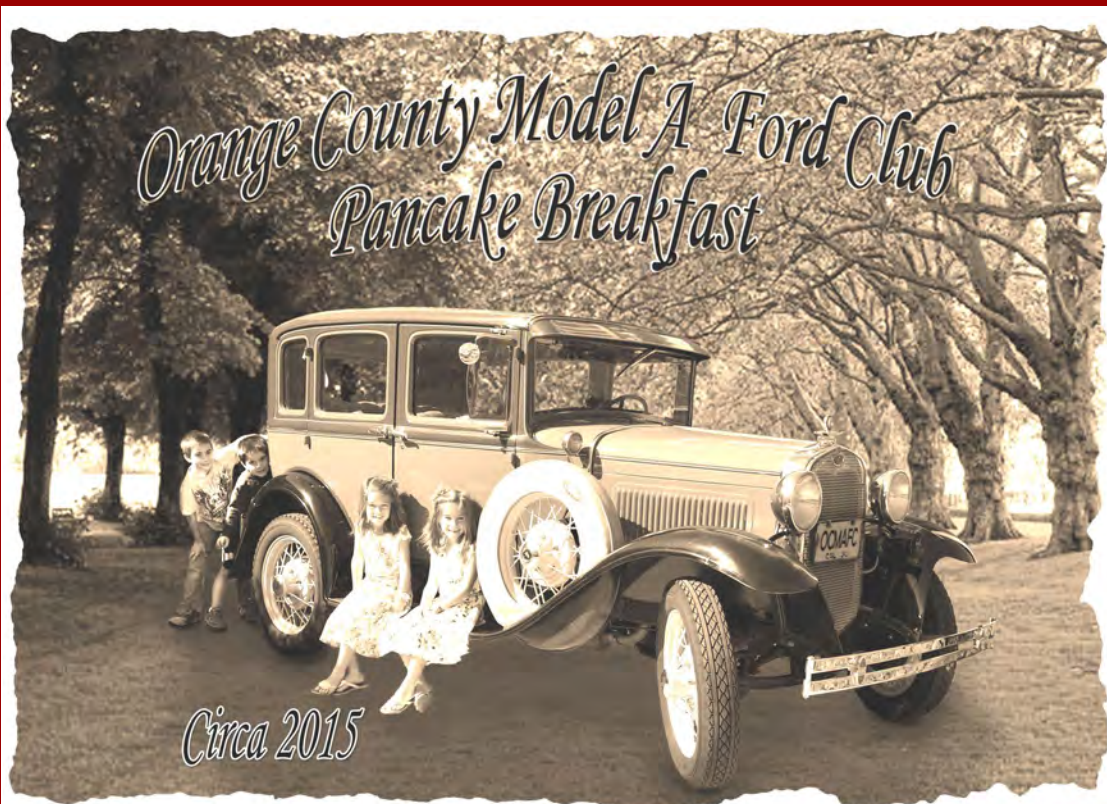
April, 2015

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The cover of this month's Distributor is a preview of the design selected for the back of the Pancake Breakfast T-shirts. These are Dale and Kathie McCall's wonderful grandchildren

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PRE SALE

Come to the April General Meeting
and get your T-Shirt early



Don Ratzlaff
President

President's Message

Well, it's finally happened; the Model A Ford has been declared a major polluter and is to be taken off the California Roads! No, wait; that would be an April-Fool's-Day Story. Sorry, the devil made me do it.


Well folks, as I write this, it's approaching the end of March and that means we have one more general club meeting before the April 26th Pancake Breakfast. Everybody ready?

If you weren't at the tour to Leonard & Kay Nettles Home on Saturday you missed an awesome activity. The ladies assembled baskets for pancake breakfast raffle prizes while their male counterparts ogled Leonard's car restoration facility. It was really a great afternoon; Kudos to both Leonard and Kay!

Hey, guess who was awarded the hard luck trophy for the month of March? It all happened in the BS Breakfast parking lot. After breakfast, as members were preparing for the drive to Laguna Beach for the parade, one Model A refused to start (in spite of multiple suggestions). The poor individual was forced to bum a ride to the parade (the parade was great by the way). On the return to the parking lot the car again would not start and over his objections the member's wife called AAA. It was ME! Turns out the ignition switch only needed a squirt of WD-40. Lesson learned: carry a small can of WD-40 in the car.

Please look over the calendar posted on the club's web page at www.ocmafc.org. Our club has recently been invited to attend the following events scheduled for May. (1) The city of Tustin has invited us to display our cars for their "Putting On The Ritz" activities scheduled for Saturday, (Continued on Page 6)

REMINDER—To volunteer for the Pancake Breakfast, see Frank Reese or Mark Schwing or come to the General Meeting and sign up there.



**YOU
ARE
INVITED!**

Centennial Celebration of Balboa Park
Saturday, April 25th - 5:30pm-8:30pm
Help celebrate the San Diego Automotive Museum and
the Centennial Celebration of Balboa Park
Exhibit floor will be transformed into the most glorious USO
show ever. Includes Food, Entertainment and Amazing
Auction Items, including a car from the Museum Collection
RSVP 619-398-0307

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



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



Apr 9 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at

6:15PM

Apr 9-12 CCRG Jamboree, Santa Maria, CA



Apr 19 (Sun) 30th Annual Knott's Berry Farm All Ford Show, Buena Park, 10AM-3PM



Apr 23 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ at 8:30am. Morey's Place, 303 El Camino

Real, Tustin. For info contact Terry Collings (714)970-7194

Apr 25 (Sat) San Diego Automotive Museum, Balboa Park-The War Years, 2080 Pan American Plaza, San Diego. For Info 619-398-0307

Apr 26 (Sun) 54th Annual Pancake Breakfast, food served from 8AM-11AM, Hart Park, Orange



Apr 25-26 Floral Park Home Tour/Vintage Auto Display, 9:30AM-4PM, corner of 19th St. and Victoria, Contact Santiago Martin 714-343-7115



May 2 (Sat) Tustin Area Historical Society's 19th Promenade Home & Garden Show—Puttin' on the Ritz, 9:30AM-3PM, check in at Tustin Presbyterian Church, 225 W Main St, Tustin

May 2 (Sat) Edelbrock 10th Annual Car Show at Vic's Garage, 510 Madrid Ave, Torrance 90501. Info: www.edelbrock.com



meeting at 6:15PM

May 22-25 NCRG Roundup, Sacramento, hosted by Capital A's



May 28 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ at 8:30am. Loca-

tion to be determined. For info contact Terry Collings (714)970-7194

May 30 (Sat) Boy Scout Troop 824's 2nd Annual Classic Car Show, 9AM-3PM, Savi Ranch/Home Depot; registration fee \$35

Jun 21-26 MARC National Meet, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Jun 23-27 NW Regional Meet 2015, Walla Walla, WA

Jul 4 (Sat) Ice Cream Social at the Cotes' home. Details to follow.

Jul 11 (Sat) SCRG Meeting, Vicky Barlett's home, 1625 Fletcher Ave, South Pasadena, 10AM. Info 626-799-6338

July 17-19 Wings & Wheels tour to Solvang. Contact Carolyn Ratzlaff for hotel reservations.

We hope to see EVERYONE at the Pancake Breakfast on April 26th at Hart Park in Orange. Promises to be a Fun, FUN day!!

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Apr 10—Bakersfield National Swap Meet, 1142 South P St., Bakersfield, 7AM \$5

Jun 6-7 - 8th Annual Friends of Steve McQueen Car & Motorcycle Show, Boys Republic in Chino Hills; info www.stevemcqueencarshow.com

Jun 13-14 - Model T Club of Riverside Swap Meet, Western Little League Headquarters, 6707 N Little League Dr, San Bernardino 6AM Free

Sep 27—Paradise Valley Model A Club Antique Car Swap Meet, 6AM-3PM, Free admission, Western Little League Regional Headquarters, 6707 N Little League Dr., San Bernardino, 92407

Mystery Person—Do You Recognize Me?

By Esther Goff

Our mystery person was born in Long Beach and attended Whittier Christian high school where he was football's most valuable player. (At least that is what he tells me).

He first met his future wife while working as a dispatch manager for General American Transportation Corp (GATC) and she was in administration. They were both on the company's co-ed softball team. But, he did not know this was to be his future wife!

In his late teens/early twenties he played guitar and banjo with folk music groups and stills enjoys playing. He loathes RAP music and quotes: "Music is like a candy bar where you get rid of the rapper"

After 20 years with GATC, he went to work for an environmental business. They were working on cleaning an asphalt storage tank, this is where he re-connected with his future wife, who worked for the asphalt storage company.



Not being a big-time spender, he took his lady friend to dinner at Charlie Browns where they indulged in drinks and dinner, and it was love at first sight again after all these years. Dancing was a big date and going to Music City in Fountain Valley three times a month was their favorite past time. Swing dancing was their thing, so ask him to show you how to "cut a rug". Now

married 18 years with 6 grandchildren and lives in Huntington Beach.

Besides his Model "A", his other obsession is riding his Harleys (HOG) which he has two, a Soft Tail and a full dress Electric Glide Limited. Bet you did not know we had a biker among us. I wonder if he hangs out with all the other HOGS at Cook's Corner! Forgot to ask him and I bet he would not admit it anyway!! Recently gave up surfing after 50 years due to old age and is an avid golfer but refused to give his scores. As you can see, this person has many talents and hobbies. (Answer on Page 6)



Sunshine and Sorrow

By: Marilyn Hawkins

Doris Marshall – We missed Doris, our greeter, at the last meeting. She just had foot surgery. Sent her a get well card.

Carl Pease – His brother Bob and Aunt Lucy passed away in the same week. A sympathy card was sent.

Polly Hollins (John's wife) - She had a pacemaker operation. Get well card was mailed.

Take 5 minutes out of your day and call these members or better yet, send them another card.

Stay healthy and happy!

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What You Missed By: Esther Goff Tour of our members Leonard & Kay Nettles' residence

WOW !! What a feast was put on by Leonard & Kay Nettles at their home, March 21st.

While the men watched videos on Model A repairs the ladies made up raffle baskets of goodies for the Pancake Breakfast drawing. Kay knew this group liked to eat and she made sure no one went home hungry. She had enough food to feed an army and it was all good !!

The men oohed and awed at Leonard's oversized garage and his amassed collection of tools. He must have stock in Sear's Craftsman. (ha ha). Additionally, Leonard has a collection of World War II memorabilia that he prizes.

Thank you Leonard and Kay for an enjoyable day and good companionship.



MODEL A
Roster Raffle
CURRENT JACKPOT 230 DOLLARS

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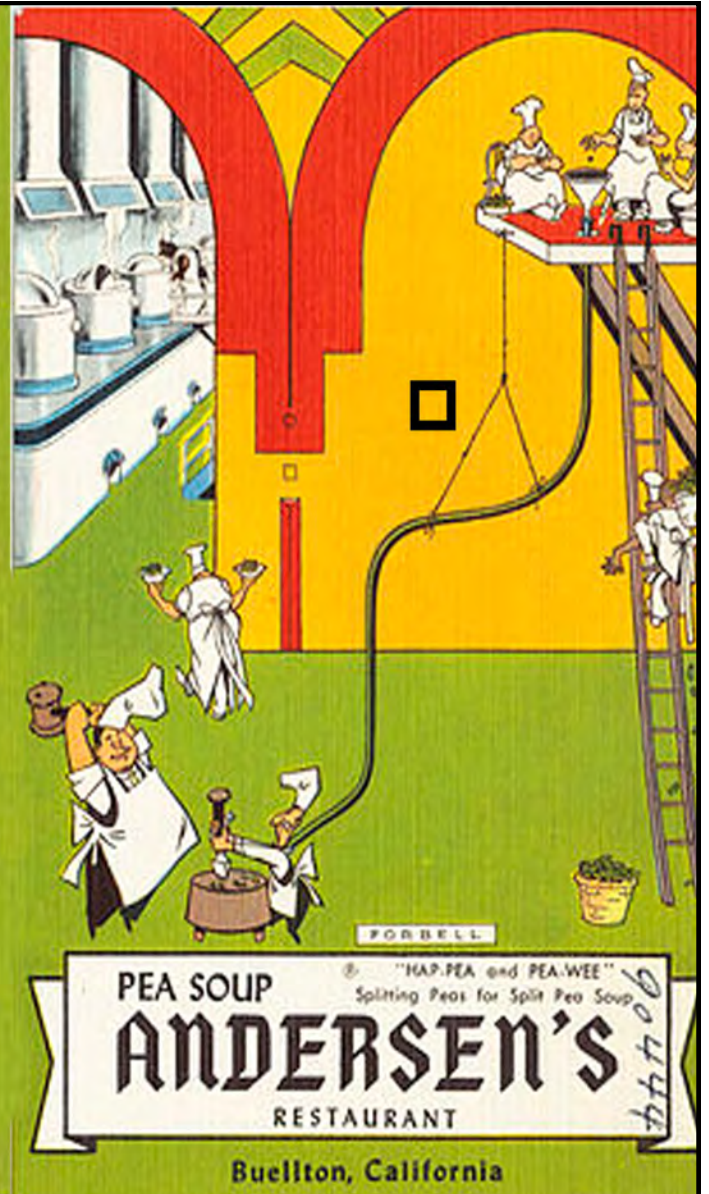
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HOUSE CHARITIES

JULY 17TH - 19TH

**WINGS AND WHEELS
TOUR TO SOLVANG**

CAROLYN RATZLAFF WAS ONLY
ABLE TO SET ASIDE 6 ROOMS
FOR THIS FUN EVENT. CALL HER
TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO GET
ONE OF THESE ROOMS AT PEA
SOUP ANDERSEN'S INN,
BUELTON, CA.

DETAILS TO FOLLOW.



(Continued from Page 2) May 2nd; and (2) The Muckenthaler Center in Fullerton has invited us to again participate in their "Concours 'd Elegance" car show on Sunday, May 17th. For participating, both patrons have offered free admission to their event. Hey, why not join in the fun and bring your Model A along. Signup sheets will be available on meeting night.

Remember; If you have ideas concerning general club issues, etc. bring them to the board's attention; you're welcome at the board meeting (6:15pm pre-general meeting night).

Don

Mystery Person — Jerry Neat



General Meeting Minutes

Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2015

Wade Education Center @ CHOC

President Don Ratzlaff opened the meeting at 7:45 pm.

59 people in attendance. 7 Model A's.

Tom Weaver led the flag salute.

Our very special greeter, Doris Marshall was absent and it seems no one could come up with an appropriate funny story or joke.

Unfinished business from 2014: Past President Rick Hall recognized Jeanne Parrish with a plaque for her 16 years serving the club as Sunshine/Sorrow Chairperson.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Financial Report: Tom Weaver reports 153 current members and a very adequate balance on hand. Records available for review during the meeting.

Activities: (see calendar in newsletter). New tours include the garage tour/ lunch at Leonard & Kay Nettles home on 3/21. RSVP if you haven't already signed up.

Knott's Berry Farm All Ford Day 4/19/15. See Frank for details.

Saturday May 2nd, immediately following BS Breakfast: Tustin Promenade Home & Garden Tour "Puttin on the Ritz" in Old Town. OCMAFC will be the exclusive vintage car display. Free tour tickets to participants.

Proceeds to benefit Tustin Historical Society.

HOLD THE DATE: July 4th. Auction and Ice Cream Social at Cote's home.

Boy Scout Troop 824 Yorba Linda presentation by troop Mom and son requesting club participation in their car show on Saturday 5/30 at SAVI Ranch/Home Depot. Registration fee \$35.00 benefiting the Boy Scouts. Flyers distributed.

Pancake Breakfast Update: Frank Reese, Mark Schwing and Richard Bolls reminded attendees of the many needs for volunteers including parking, kitchen help (split shifts), and opportunity drawing donations. Tom Weaver is seeking a driver/trailer for the 6-passenger golf cart. T-Shirts in production. Please pre-order colored shirts by contacting O'Brien's. A small number of size small will be ordered and varied sizes of regular t-shirts.

Technical: Pete Cruz and Rick Hall demonstrated materials needed for the gas gauge seminar for Saturday 3/14. Pete then had a power point presentation on "oil levels in the Model A engine", followed by a humorous video.

Ed Cote conducted a spontaneous auction for a Model A technical book and a story about the Henry Ford Trade School handbook from 1916, which will be auctioned at the July 4th garage/ice cream social. Proceeds from the auction go to club treasury.

Hard Luck Trophy: #1 contender was Don Ratzlaff whose car wouldn't start in the restaurant parking lot following the BS breakfast, and was to participate in the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade. The car was towed to his home; WD 4 was called into play, promptly fixing the "problem". Congratulations to Don.

Newsletter: Tissy was congratulated as editor of the Newsletter Of Excellence Award by the Restorer national magazine. Way to go Tissy on behalf of OCMAFC. Deadline for next newsletter 3/25/15.

Sunshine/Sorrow: Marilyn Hawkins read thank you notes from La Playa Center in memory of John Graves, and from Ellie/Carl Pease who have lost family members.

4th Thursday Breakfast: Terry Collins (see calendar).

Model A Drawing: Jerry Neat was the winner.

Model A Name Badge Drawing: Joe Goff.

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Come to a General Meeting and offer your stories of driving your Model A. You may win the right to retain our new, and very attractive, Hard Luck Trophy ~ to be treasured until the next meeting, when it will be offered up again for the best “hard luck” story.

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Membership Drawing: \$220.00 Les Redfield's name was drawn, too bad he wasn't present. Maybe next time for \$230.00 for the fortunate attendee!

Refreshments were provided by Marilyn Hawkins, Sheila Plotkin, Karen Gaynor and Colleen Schmidt.

RAFFLE TICKET CUTTING POTLUCK PARTY. RSVP to Sheila Plotkin if planning to attend on 3/28 @ 1:00pm.

Submitted by Kathie McCall, Secretary

Join us for good food
and company

Fourth Thursday
Breakfast Bunch
April 23rd 8:30 am

Morey's Place
303 El Camino Real
Tustin 92780
714-486-2528

Info: Terry Collings
714-970-7194



Jeanne Parrish
receives recognition award
for her many years of
service to the OCMAFC

Membership Roster Additions/Corrections/Updates:

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Did you know the club
has DVDs you can check
out to learn how to
repair your Model A?

See Pete Cruz
for titles

Deadline for submissions for the next
Distributor is
April 25, 2015

Submit all articles and ads to
tismith@cookseylaw.com
or mail to P.O. Box 10595
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Volunteers Needed

April 10, 11, & 12

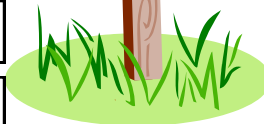
The La Jolla Concours d'Elegance is looking for volunteers. Various positions are available, including (but not limited to) the VIP Saturday Night Party, Car Parkers, Beer & Wine Garden, Security, etc. To sign up and become part of this amazing event go to www.lajollaconcours.com/volunteers. The museum will host the Saturday morning rally event and will be on-site at the show on Sunday, April 12th, with cars and information.





WANTED: 1930-1931 Model A Coupe. Contact Dan Christenson at 909-636-1365,

FOR SALE: 1929 Ford Phaeton, right hand drive car. This is an older restoration that runs and drives well. 5 new tires, new chrome, rebuilt speedometer. \$15,000.00 Contact Roger Huffman in Grants Pass, OR 541-862-0404 email: rogerhuffman@frontier.com for more photos and information.



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Next General Meeting

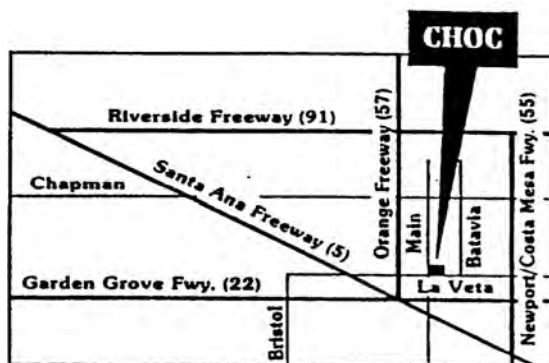
7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

April 9, 2015

CHOC Hospital Complex

455 South Main Street, Orange, CA



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