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We are having great events, amazing tours and awesome technical seminars

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General Meeting
August 13
6pm (Potluck)
7:30pm (Meeting)

Last Name A-M
Bring appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert
Last Name N-Z
Bring main dish



July was a busy month for us. Check out all the photos!

TECHNICAL SEMINAR

REMOVING A MODEL A ROADSTER BODY

Saturday, August 8th
9:00am

The Cruz' Home
2715 E Brookside Ave
Orange, CA 92867

Coffee & Donuts will be served



Don Ratzlaff
President

President's Message

Hey, I thought the "ice cream social" on July 4th was fun. It was well attended and ice cream treats were great. A big THANK YOU to Ed and Patty Cote.

That Saturday several of us had a few hours to kill between the BS breakfast and the ice-cream social so we journeyed down to a reported car show at Enderle Shopping Center at 17th and the #57 freeway. The car show had vacated so we parked the Model A's and had our own car show. It was nice to just socialize and relax.

July has been a busy month including the Wings n Wheels event at Santa Ynez, CA and, the Tour of the Orange County Plating Facility in Orange, CA. We had a very good turn-out of members at the plating facility and all learned what goes into chrome plating and powder coating.

At Santa Ynez, on Saturday the 18th, we toured to the Fess Parker Winery in Los Olivos, CA for a cooling wine tasting respite. That was followed by a tour to the Santa Maria, CA "Museum of Flight"; an interesting collection of flight related items from early days to the present. Then there was the evening barbeque, outstanding food and visiting. On Sunday, the weather had deteriorated to the point that any possible flights were cancelled, however we enjoyed an early breakfast of Danish **Aebleskivers** and **sau-sage**. Following that, we toured a garage/workshop; **6000 square feet of floor space** and all the tools to fabricate anything you could want. The owner has a **Model A Pickup** and at least **3 airplanes** in early assembly phases. It was an amazing visit. And then it was time to head for home; the end to a great week end. I'll send Tissy a few pictures of the above events for inclusion in the Distributor.

Coming up in August we have the general meeting on the 13th. The meeting is a pot-luck meeting starting at 6pm at CHOC. The details will be found in the following pages of the August Distributor. Then on the 15th we have a tour to the Orange County Model (Railroad) Engineers facility in Costa Mesa, CA. Again you will find the details in the Distributor.

And there you have it. Dust off the Model A and drive it down.

Don

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Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



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



Aug 8 (Sat) Technical Seminar—Removing a Model A Roadster Body, 9am, Cruz' Home, 2715 E Brookside Ave, Orange 92867. Coffee & donuts will be served



Aug 13 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Potluck begins at 6PM. Guests are always welcome.

Board meeting at 6PM



Aug 15 (Sat) Tour of Orange County Model Engineers, 2500 Placentia Ave, Costa Mesa, 92626 . More details

to follow.



Aug 27 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ Kathy May's Lakeside Café, 6622 Lakeside Dr, Huntington Beach, 92648, 714-842-7700 at 8:30am. For info contact Terry Collings (714)970-7194



Sep 5 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



Sep 10 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM

Sep 14 (17-Day Tour) Model A Touring Club. Starts in Reno, NV and tours 4 states. Info contact Brad Richter 559-255-0121



Sep 24 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ at 8:30am. Location to be determined. For info contact Terry Collings (714)970-7194

Oct 11-18 CCRG Grand Tour—Avenue of the Giants, contact Ron Stevens Sr, , 805-878-5550

Jan 3, 2016 (Sun) Annual Installation Banquet at Fullerton Elk's Club., 1pm-5pm Save the date.

Want to know what you missed when you couldn't make it to a general or board meeting? The minutes will now be published on the website, so check them out.

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Aug 15—Rock 'N Roll Car Show, 2335 208th St, Torrance, Rock Ola Jukebox Factory, 10am-2pm

Aug 22— 18th Annual El Segundo Main Street Car Show, 100-500 Main St, El Segundo, 10am, Free Admission

Aug 23—San Fernando Valley Model A Club's 50th Annual Swap Meet, Rancho San Antonio, 21000 Plummer, Chatsworth, 6am-12pm, \$5 donation, Info: Alan at 818-317-2531

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

Feb 26-28, 2016 - Big 3 Swap Meet, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego

What You Missed - Thank You Pizza Party

Ice Cream Social



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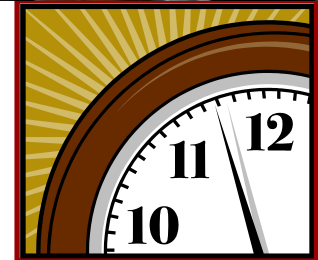
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**General Meeting
 Minutes**



Not General Meeting in July, so no minutes.

Upcoming Tour to OC Model Engineers



**SAVE THE DATE ~ August 15th
2500 Placentia Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92626**

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**NEW MEMBERS
CHANGES
CORRECTIONS**

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92647, Ph: 949-973-6224, Email: repguy@pacbell.net; 1931 De-
luxe Roadster

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

By: Dick Smith
Club Historian

This month we will look back at some early attempts to control drivers of these new contraptions called automobiles.

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THE FIRST SPEED TRAPS January 24,2012

Ropes, wire, and logs-Oh my! Think traffic cops today go to extremes when trying to get drivers to slow down? Helicopters and radar guns have got nothing on some of the crazy measures police resorted to 100 years ago.

We will now look back around the turn of the century. We're talking way back, when traffic laws were virtually nonexistent and vehicle registration was unheard of.

From the earliest days, automobiles were controversial because of the noise they made, the dust they raised, and the danger their high speed posed to other drivers and pedestrians alike.

A Call for Law

In his book examining the formation of America's automobile culture beginning upon its introduction, *America Adopts the Automobile, 1895-1910*, author James Fink noted the quick public demand for regulations in response to newspaper reports of reckless driving, speeding, and traffic accidents. As early as the turn of the century, municipalities began to heed their cries.

"Local automobile ordinances were passed," writes Mr.Flink," which almost invariably required registration, including the display of an identifying numbered tag on the vehicle, so that an automobilist guilty of speeding or reckless driving could be more easily apprehended."

Early registration systems-administered only at a local level-made it easier to assess personal property taxes against car owners. But the system proved too clerically cumbersome, not to mention an expensive hassle for the vehicle owners expected to register their car in every town they might pass through. It wasn't long before states took over the business of registering cars. But that didn't mean America's first motorists took willingly to the new process.

Catch me If You Can

As states passed laws requiring operator's licenses and imposing speed limits, drivers began to evade law enforcement. Initially, avoiding police in a car was easy because the cops didn't have cars themselves.

Police tried to admonish reckless drivers by issuing letters of warning, sent to the address to which the vehicle was registered. But early car owners scoffed, according to Mr. Flink, who recounts stories of some wealthy motorists framing their official looking letters and hanging them on an office wall to serve as a funny conversation piece. Other drivers made failing to comply with registration requirements into a kind of sport, speeders began using bogus license numbers, and goggles with masks that concealed the driver's face became popular.

The cops responded by setting up the nation's first speed traps.

Crude and dangerous to say the least, turn-of-the-century police decided that the best way to stop reckless motorists was to string ropes across roads frequented by speeders. Canny drivers responded by mounting cutting blades on the fronts of their vehicles.

According to Mr. Flink, police upped the ante by substituting cables for rope or by throwing logs in the roadway. Automobile clubs responded to such measures by putting up signs warning of speed traps or even posting club representatives, dressed in club colors, along roadsides where police were known to lurk.

Historic Vehicle Association can be contacted at;

1-301-407-1911 or dparker@historicvehicle.org / www.HistoricVehicle.org

Today's Question, Why do they lock gas station bathrooms, do they think someone will break in and clean them?

Do you collect the MAFCA Restorer magazines? If so, I have many copies from (Continued on Page 11)



Wings & Wheels - A Visit to Solvang



Lobsters and Lighthouses: MAFC National Tour

By Kathie McCall

Kennebunkport, Maine was the meet up place for eight of us who ventured to the east coast for this “Model A adventure”. Most of us stayed at the Nonantum Resort with beautiful views of the Kennebunk River as it empties into the Atlantic Ocean. We happened to be there for the 90th birthday celebration of Barbara Bush, which was evident throughout the area with large banners and balloons. Walker Point, which is the Bush family compound, was nearby. The little town was busier than normal with lots of invited birthday guests. We met up with friends from San Diego area and recognized faces from all over the country. 200+ Model A’s of every description along with more than 400 people were all about.



The Pine Tree A’s put together an outstanding tour over six days. Highlights included visiting a restored 18th century community in Portsmouth, NH, exploring the oldest trolley museum in the U.S., schooner sail trips out of Kennebunkport and time to walk about in the village for lobster and delicious ice cream.

We set out in small groups or individually with maps and guides for way too many choices along the way to Portland and ending up in Freeport (home of LL Bean).

Lighthouses were the goal and we had opportunity to visit many all along the coast.



In between we enjoyed “lobstah” in every form.

The 3rd day, we headed out towards Camden/Rockland, but enjoyed a prolonged pause at the “Owls Head Transportation Museum” where a fabulous lobster bake for 400+ was held. The local news was there and the A’s were all over the evening news.

In Camden, we stayed in a quaint cottage with the forest for the backyard and ocean front just across the road. We were able to relax and have a casual dinner with our OC friends.

We left Camden for our final destination of Bar Harbor. This was a highlight as we followed Route 1, through quaint fishing villages and houses with lobster traps and netting and the ocean for background. Water, wa-

ter everywhere including rivers and ponds.

Bar Harbor is located on Mount Desert Island and home to Acadia National Park.

We passed numerous antique shops and other places that attracted many of the Model A people.

We could see the beautiful and very high expanse of the Penobscot Narrows Bridge as it crosses the Penobscot River, so we stopped and a couple of us went up in an elevator to the very top of the expanse; what a view. Fort Knox is also right there and was built during the War of 1812. Lots of history here.

We spent 2+ days in Bar Harbor and most of us went on a trolley tour into Acadia National Park and visited Cadillac Mountain (elevation only 1300’) which is noted as the first place to see the sun rise in the East.

Lighthouses and lobster were in abundance here and too many other choices to even see in the time allotted.

The final banquet was at the Atlantic Oceanside Resort where slides evidenced the wonderful time we all had and the food was great (no lobster though).

Ed & Patty Cote said they enjoyed the Kennebunkport area and the BB Birthday banners. Ed says they stopped to sightsee in a spot by the shore and were asked to move because they were blocking access for partygoers. They stopped at a swap meet near the town and Ed bargained for a couple of antiques to add to his collection (ask him about it).

Jim and Diane Runyon shared (Continued on Page 10)



Our Own Bonnie and Clyde



It may have been a few years since this photo was taken, but do you recognize us?
(Answer below)

Answer: Richard & Jeanne Parrish

Join us for good food
and company

Fourth Thursday
Breakfast Bunch
August 27th 8:30 am

Kathy May's Lakeview Café
6622 Lakeview Dr
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
714-842-7700

Info: Terry Collings
714-970-7194

Sunshine and Sorrow

By: Marilyn Hawkins

Pamela Steele Otto (wife of Walt Otto) passed away June 27th. Her Celebration of Life was held at Bluebird Beach. The club sent a sympathy card and a basket of plants with flowers to their home.

Joan Mariola passed away in July. She and her belated husband (Vincent) were longtime members. The club sent a sympathy card to the family and a floral arrangement to the crypt-side service at Fairhaven Memorial Park.

May you always have love to share, health to spare, and friends that care

(Continued from Page 9) that Maine was the "most beautiful state" they had ever visited and also "loved" the ice cream.

Richard and Jeanne Parrish wished they could have stayed longer. The view out their room in Kennebunkport and the lobster opportunities were highlights.

All of us agreed that the Maine folks were genuinely nice, hospitable and seemed to enjoy having us visit their state.

Those of us, who flew into Boston, survived the harrowing drive to and from Logan Airport and those 'round-about's'.

We want to go back!

Model A Tips

By Pete Cruz
Technical Director

First a quick story about me and my best friend growing up. We lived a short block from school but were constantly late because we would find all sorts of things to “get involved with” on the way. Getting home we didn’t do much better. On one particular day his Grandpa met us at his door and asked, “Have you two been out ‘sparkin’ with the school Ma’rm again?” I really had no clue what he was talking about but later found out he meant ‘kissing’ and as Kindergartners it just cracked us up ‘cause it sounded so funny.

Anyway that story and a “Model A tip” I read reminded of those two lovebirds, Don and Carolyn Ratzlaff (always sparkin’ like high schoolers). It turns out that when you are “parked” in your Model A you can lift the shifter up and turn it towards the firewall to make additional room so that your sweetie can snuggle up close. There are a number of other reasons this might have been designed into the car including the fact that some of the city streets back then were narrower and thus it was safer for the driver to exit on the curb side of the car. Moving the shifter made that much easier as you can imagine. Then again it may just have been an accident of design. Either way apparently many a father imparted that wisdom to their sons in case they found themselves wanting to do some “sparkin” with their sweetie. Feel free to ask our illustrious President about it next time you see him!

Another tip that sounds pretty good is that some folks used to hang their keys on the gas valve so that you wouldn’t forget to turn it on before taking off. Got any tips of your own? If so let’s share ‘em at the next general meeting!

Happy tootling!



(Continued from Page f7) the mid-70’s too current, they were donated by our members to be shared with the **Orange County Model A Club** members at no cost. Just contact me with the issues you desire.
Dick Smith, Club Historian/Librarian at modeladick@yahoo.com or call 949-770-6847

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Roster Raffle
CURRENT JACKPOT 20 DOLLARS

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Next General Meeting

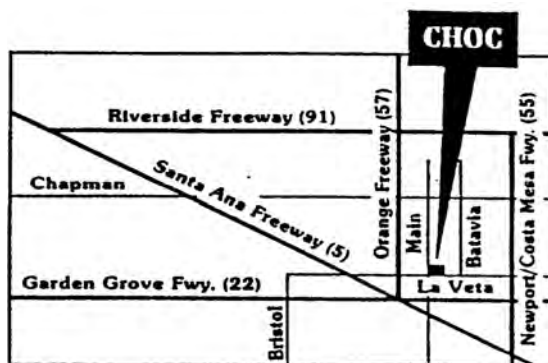
7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

August 13, 2015

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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