

# Orange County Model A Ford Club

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This summer promises to be busy for our club with lots of activities and tours

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**June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Zito's Pizza**

**6pm-8pm**

(details in Calendar)

**Thank You**

**PIZZA PARTY**

**To show our appreciation to all those who volunteered at the Pancake Breakfast**



**Don Ratzlaff**  
**President**

## President's Message

Guess I'd better sit down and write a little note for the June Distributor. Of course when you read this, most will be history. Today is May 25<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day 2015 and we had a nice service at Fairhaven Memorial Park. The club was well represented with about 14 model A's present. They attracted a lot of attention by passer-byes. Earlier in the month we attended the Concourse d' Elegant at the Muckenthaler in Fullerton. Our club members were part of the 35 old-cars - parading through Fullerton and it was a lot of fun. Last Saturday we held a tech

seminar at Frank Reese's home. The goal was to replace the exhaust manifold, the head and the gas gauge. We did manage to replace the gas gauge, eat the donuts and drink the coffee. However, we did not get the head or manifold installed. Guess we need to reschedule.

Then there is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Breakfast coming up on the 28<sup>th</sup>; it will be held starting at 8:30am at the Original Pancake House in Orange, 3322 E. Chapman Ave. Sounds good. Don't forget to thank Terry Collings for arranging it.

And now let's mention a couple things coming up in June. On Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> we have a tour up to the Mount Baldy Lodge scheduled. I will email the tour details in the next few days. We will be traveling up along the Glendora Ridge Route arriving at the lodge for an early lunch. On our way back home we will be stopping by Olive and Art Moore's home in Upland for a short visit. You will like Art's garage and Olive's artistic endeavors.

Then, of course there is the general club meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June; I believe the roster raffle needs to be won, so let's attend the meeting. As an aside I have heard that we might have a couple candidates for the hard-luck trophy.

And as a final item the club is planning a Pizza party for the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, 6-8pm; as a way of thanking the membership for their hard work in making the 2015 Pancake Breakfast a success. Details will be available at the June 11<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

Thanks for listening and, let's take the Model A out for a drive.



# JOIN US FOR THE TOUR ON JUNE 4



WE WILL BE MEETING AT PANERA BREAD  
AT THE BREA PLAZA AT 8AM TO START  
THE TOUR AND HAVING LUNCH AT THE  
MT. BALDY LODGE



## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**Jun 4 (Thu)** Tour to Mt. Baldy. We will be starting out at Panera Bread at 8AM and having lunch at the Mt.

Baldy Lodge.. See website for more details.



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

**Jun 7-12** MAFCA National Tour, Kennebunkport, Maine



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



**Jun 18 (Thu)** Pizza Party for Pancake Breakfast volunteers, 6PM-8PM at Zito's Pizza, 2036 N

Tustin Ave, Orange  
**Jun 21-26** MARC National Meet,

Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada  
**Jun 23-27** NW Regional Meet 2015, Walla Walla, WA. Info call Don & Norda Gibbard 509-525-9497



**Jun 25 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ at 8:30am. Citrus Café, 1481 Edinger Ave, Tustin. Dogs are welcome at this location. For info contact Terry Collings (714)970-7194

**Jun 28 (Sun)** Henry Ford Picnic, Heritage Park, 12100 Mora Dr, Santa Fe Springs. \$12 each, includes BBQ and parking. Info contact Leroy 562-865-2246



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



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



**Jul 9 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are

always welcome. Board meeting at 6:15PM



**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. Registration packet on our website



**Jul 23 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ at 8:30am. Loca-

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

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

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

**Jun 6-7** - 8th Annual Friends of Steve McQueen Car & Motorcycle Show, Boys Republic in Chino Hills; info [www.stevemcqueencarshow.com](http://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

**Jun 27**—18th Annual Model T Ford Club Parts Exchange, info contact Ronnie Eliot 714-296-8258

**Jun 28**—Antique National Drag Race Auto Club Dragway, 9300 Cherry Ave, Fontana, 8AM, \$20 for adults/under 15 free. Info Ron Mosher 661-255-1931

**Jul 25**—Los Alamitos Swap Meet, Long Beach Model T Club, Los Alamitos Race Track, info call 562-597-5936

**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



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Roster Raffle

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**What You Missed****By: Esther Goff**

The recent "A" trip to the CCRG in Santa Maria was fantastic and kudos go out to the Santa Maria club for putting on a tremendous weekend.

Our club members included the Runyons, Goffs, Halls, Earharts, Ratzlaffs, Marshalls and Parrishs. There were 175 "A's" on display, total of 215 applications per family.

Special technical seminars were held in addition to tours of the area. We went to Vandenberg AFB on Friday and had lunch at the Officers Club!! We were SPECIAL invitees and were told by the hosting club that a lot of coordination between the base and the club was necessary for security clearance purpose. Later that evening we had a BBQ dinner at the Veterans Center.

Saturday we went to see an antique car collection and then went to the Madonna Inn where we had lunch and enjoyed this vintage and historic place. The men's bathroom is famous for it's copper wall urinal that has a waterfall effect. After lunch we went to

a Jaguar restoration shop. The men just oohed and awed at these rare and prestigious automobiles. They do not make cars like this anymore....such detail and design.

That evening we had a gourmet banquet and raffle consisting of 225 prizes. Our group did well in winning prizes. Drain won 4 brake hubs, which he has for sale, and Jeannie won a gorgeous handmade quilt. Oh yes, last but not least, the hard luck trophy went to our own Rick Hall. Would you believe his car broke down half way up there and they were towed back to Orange County. But, to show his perseverance and not to be left out, he turned around and drove his modern back up to the event and got in after midnight. Now that is dedication!!! Did I mention we ate a lot!!

Thanks again, Santa Maria Club.

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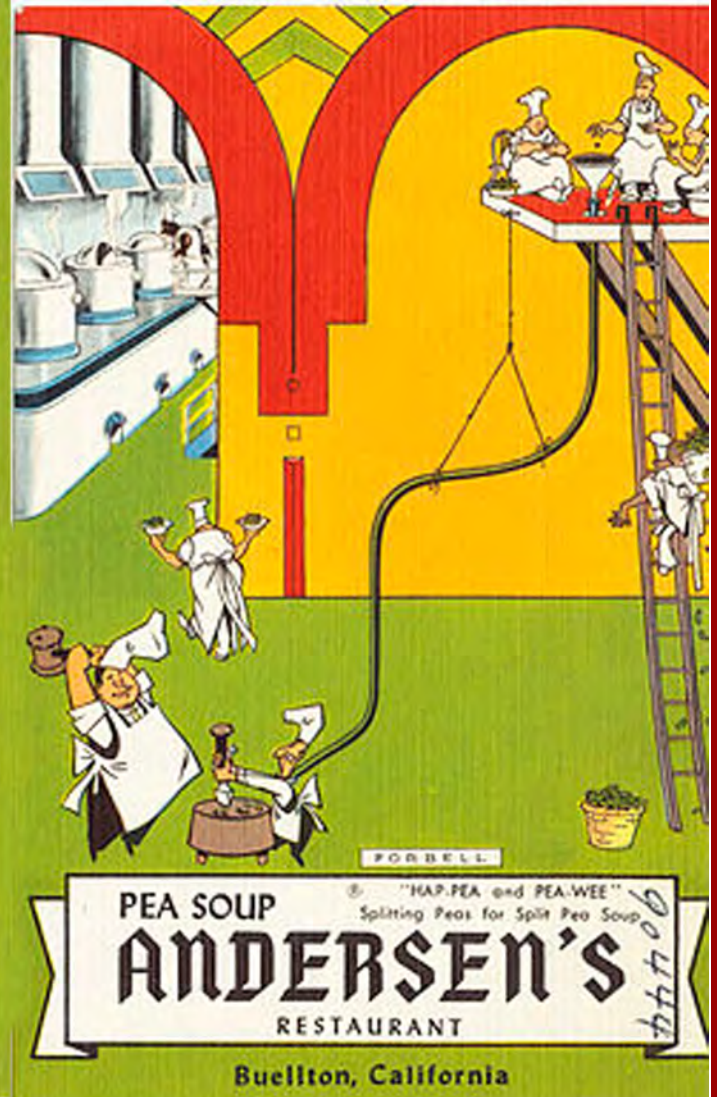
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**JULY 17TH - 19TH**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL LEO GAY**  
**MEMORIAL WINGS AND**  
**WHEELS**  
**TOUR TO SOLVANG**

"WINGS AND WHEELS" HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION TO USE THEIR HANGAR AT THE SANTA INEZ AIRPORT FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST. THE STAGING AREA WHERE THE AIRPLANE RIDES WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WANT TO FLY, WILL BE AT THE WEST END OF THE AIRPORT. IT WILL BE APPRECIATED IF THE MODEL A DRIVERS WILL GIVE THE PILOTS RIDES ON THE SATURDAY TOUR. CONTACT CAROLYN RATZLAFF FOR RESERVATIONS AT PEA SOUP ANDERSEN'S IN BUELTON. USUALLY WE HAVE A COCKTAIL PARTY NEAR THE POOL ON FRIDAY NIGHT. BRING SNACKS TO SHARE AND YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT BEV MARSH (714) 373-9769 OR CAROLYN RATZLAFF (714) 529-5062



**NEW MEMBERS**  
**CHANGES**  
**CORRECTIONS**

**SMYSER, Rick & Judy**, 9072 Rhodesia Dr, Huntington Beach, CA 92646; Hm: 714-963-3466; Cell: 714-272-3640; Email: smyser1@verizon.net; 1930 5B Tudor Sedan (WIP/Driver); MAFC member since 1-18-13

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## General Meeting Minutes

Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting  
Thursday, May 14, 2015  
Wade Education Center @ CHOC  
President Don Ratzlaff opened the meeting at 7:30 pm



56 people were present. No Model A's.

Terry Collings led the flag salute.

Doris Marshall (Club Greeter) was welcomed back after her recent surgery.

Doris introduced Ron Nichols who has a newly acquired 1931 deluxe coupe, and admits to having problems already and is seeking advice.

**Minutes:** Approved without correction as printed in the newsletter.

**Financial:** Tom Weaver provided accounts overview.

**Activities:** Frank Reese reviewed May/June events and encouraged people to participate and sign up at front table following the meeting.

Carolyn Ratzlaff announced Wings and Wheels event on weekend of 7/17.

Rooms are reserved at Anderson Pea Soup in Buellton. Registration form available on website.

Patty Cote encouraged "save the date" for 4th of July Ice Cream Social at Cote home.

**Technical:** Rick Hall spoke on a problem with the car thermostat based on his personal issue on the way to Santa Maria (CCRG), which required a tow home, and resulting in the engine needing to be rebuilt. A sad tale indeed.

**Pancake Breakfast Report:** Tom Weaver reviewed financial details.

Frank Reese and Don Ratzlaff praised the volunteers for the hard work and excellent teamwork, which resulted in a very successful and fun event.

**Newsletter:** Tissy Smith-Hatcher reported that more articles are needed and encouraged members to contact her by the 5/25/15 deadline.

**Sunshine/Sorrow:** Doris and Drain Marshall were welcomed back following health issues for both. They were missed as indicated by the cheers and applause.

**ACCG:** No significant legislation is pending, according to David Knapp.

**Hard Luck Trophy:** Rick Hall was a good sport; however, the reluctant recipient, due to already holding the HLT from the CCRG event. At least it is a small piece and well deserved.

Terry Collings announced the 4th Thursday Breakfast at Original Pancake House in Orange.

**Name Badge Drawing:** John Hollins.

No Model A's were out there in the parking garage Perhaps next time.

**Auction:** Football Tickets for the KISS, indoor football team was awarded to Ken Blankshain, with proceeds donated to the club account.

Frank Reese announced the thank you pizza party for Pancake Breakfast volunteers to held at Zito's in Orange on 6/18/15.

**Membership Roster Drawing** (currently \$240.00) 155 members listed.

Jeremy and Susan Gaynor were drawn, but alas, they were not present.

Carolyn Ratzlaff and Esther Goff provided refreshments in recognition of Joe Goff's 80th birthday. Happy Birthday Joe!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted by: Kathie McCall, Secretary

**Have you moved, changed numbers or email address(es) or, better yet, gotten a new Model A? Let us know and we will include in the newsletter.**







## Restoring License Plates

By Pete Cruz  
Technical Director

I was perusing Fordbarn the other day and I found a posting from a guy in Canada wanting some information on painting his license plates. The guy mentioned that his hand was shaky so he didn't want to try lettering them by hand. Short of screen printing at the factory (or the state pen, if in fact they still do that!), nothing is going to work like hand lettering with a brush. If you simply do not want to tackle that job or pay a sign painter to do it, the next best option is to mask the characters VERY carefully with painters tape and spray paint them. Remove the tape before the paint completely dries to avoid chipping.

Since hand lettering is the best option let's discuss that process. First, no matter which option you choose, as with all painting, the key is in the prep work.

1. Strip or blast off the old paint
2. Carefully pound out the dents
3. Primer the plates
4. Paint the plates the background color

You will now be ready to letter the plates. You'll want to use a good enamel paint such as "Sign Painters 1 shot enamel" to do the work. This paint can be (and should be) thinned to the proper consistency to ensure it "flows" correctly. If you're using 1-Shot you can thin it with mineral spirits. You'll need to practice thinning the paint along with applying painting before you tackle the actual plates. There are two methods you can use. The first is to use a long bristle "Quill" brush from manufacturers such as "Kafka" (about \$12). This type of brush will allow you to put down plenty of paint while the long bristles "straighten" the line as you work. Load the brush well with paint then "pull" the brush along the edge you want to keep straight. You'll use two strokes for each change in letter direction. So for a "T" that is four

strokes, two for the vertical element and two for the horizontal element. The second option is to use a long bristle "liner" brush to outline the characters then use a Quill brush to fill in the centers. The KEY is to let the long bristles straighten up the line as you paint.

There are two key principles to keep in mind:

A long bristle brush cleans up the line as you pull it to keep it straight

Experiment with the paint consistency until you can get smooth lines (too thick and the paint won't flow, too thin and it will run or not cover. No amount of explanation can replace you simply fiddling with it! You'll know when you have it right.)

A good looking set of plates can really set off a nice original or restoration to take your time and have fun with it!

Join us for good food  
and company

Fourth Thursday  
Breakfast Bunch  
June 25th 8:30 am

Citrus Café  
1481 Edinger Avenue  
(at Redhill)  
Tustin, CA 92780  
714-258-2404  
Info: Terry Collings  
714-970-7194



Deadline for submissions for the next  
**Distributor** is June 25, 2015  
Submit all articles and ads to  
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## **Next General Meeting**

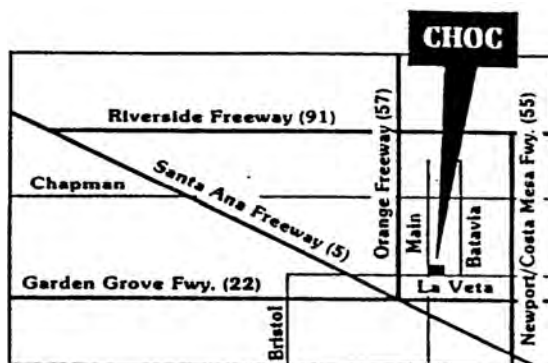
**7:30 PM**

**[Second Thursday of every month]**

**June 11, 2015**

**CHOC Hospital Complex**

**455 South Main Street, Orange, CA**



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