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We are gearing up for the Pancake Breakfast. Looking for some way to help? We have the ticket cutting party, gathering raffle prizes or volunteer to help out on the day of the event.

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Join Us for  
Opportunity  
Drawings

Bring your Model A,  
family, friends  
and appetite



54<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Pancake Breakfast

April 26, 2015 (Sunday)

Expecting  
300+  
Model A's

Breakfast served from 8am-11am

Includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, coffee & tea

Donations: Adults \$6/Kids \$3 ~ Entrance to park is FREE

*Come to the Annual Pancake Breakfast Ticket  
Cutting Party on March 28th at 1pm at the  
home of Sheila Plotkin.  
This will be a very fun event.*



**Don Ratzlaff**  
**President**

## President's Message

Before I get into this note, I want to say I spent last Friday afternoon at the Big-3 swap meet held in the Qual-Comm Stadium in San Diego. That place is huge and locating Model A items involves a lot of walking. Overall, it was fun and there were many Model A pieces about. If swap meets are your thing, try it next year, you'll enjoy it.

Funny How Time Slips Away; isn't that a song title? Anyway, here we are at the end of February; looking forward to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Brunch at the Ham and Scram

and also the technical seminar scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>. We've had a busy month starting with the BS Breakfast and followed by a nice tour to the ARTIC in Anaheim and then lunch at Original Mikes in Santa Ana. We also had a well-attended general club meeting the evening of February 14<sup>th</sup>; about 70 members and 7 model A drivers. Of course the roster drawing went uncollected and will be for \$220 at the March meeting. I wish you all good luck with that. It was decided at the February meeting to retire the traditional "Hard Luck Trophy". It will be replaced with a smaller, easier to handle, trophy provided by fellow member David Hoonsbeen. The new trophy displays a "well-used" model A roadster (scale model). Remember, the trophy award presents a good-natured way to identify typical Model A service problems and report on the solutions thereof. We all stand to learn from actual practical-problem-solutions.

At risk of repeating myself, I want to encourage you to sign-up with Frank Reese and Richard Bolls for activities/pancake breakfast duties and with Pete Cruz for technical seminar topics. There are just 2 general club meetings before the Pancake Breakfast on 4/26/15. Sign-up sheets will be available at the general meetings and do help in planning for a successful event. Donations of prizes for the "raffle" (Cont'd 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.**

## 9th Annual Hubley Derby Day Saturday, March 7th

Test runs begin at 9am

Women's Club of San Bernardino  
503 W 31st St, San Bernardino 92404.

Call to register Richard and Cheri  
Bronstrup at 909-227-1853



## Technical Seminar

Gas gauge  
float into  
the gas  
tank



March 14<sup>th</sup> 9am

at Ed & Patty  
Côté's home  
2435 Bonnie Brae  
Santa Ana 92706  
714-542-6161



## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**Mar 5-8** Ford Tri-Motor Aeroplane ~ Long Beach Airport, contact Jeff Hood 562-597-

5936



**Mar 7 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



**Mar 7 (Sat)** 9th Annual Hubley Derby Day, 9am at the Women's Club of San Bernardino.

To register, call Richard/Cheri Bronstrup 909-227-1853

**Mar 7 (Sat)** Laguna Patriot Day Parade, for info go to [lagunabeach-parade.org](http://lagunabeach-parade.org)



**Mar 12 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests always welcome. Board Meeting at 6:15PM. All

members are invited to attend board meetings.



**Mar 14 (Sat)** Technical Seminar ~ gas gauge, 9AM at Ed & Patty Cote's home, 2435 Bonnie

Brae, Santa Ana



by Leonard Nettles and Frank Reese



**Mar 26 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ at 8:30AM at Watson's Drugs & Soda Fountain, 116 E Chapman Ave, Orange. For info contact Terry Collings (714)970-7194



Beach, 92626



**Mar 21 (Sat)** Tour of member Leonard Nettles' residence of World War II memorabilia lead

**Mar 26 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ at 8:30AM at Watson's Drugs & Soda

**Mar 28 (Sat)** Ticket Cutting Party, 1PM, Sheila Plotkin's home, 9371 Portsmouth Dr., Huntington

**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, Santa Maria, CA



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

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

**Apr 25-26** Floral Park Home Tour/Vintage Auto Display, 9:30AM, corner of 19th St. and Victoria

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

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

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

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



*No sunshine or sorrow this month, so we assume everything is good!!*

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

**Mar 28** - Driving for a Cure for Alzheimer's Disease, 7th Charitable Classic Car & Truck Show, 9am-12:30pm, \$10 for spectators/kids under 12 free, 18631 Chapel Ln, Huntington Beach, 92646

**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

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

## Mystery Person—Do You Recognize Me?

By Esther Goff



This month's Mystery Person was born in 1932 and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, the youngest of three boys. Fun times were going to his grandfather's club house on the Meramec River with all his aunts, uncles, and cousins: swimming, playing volleyball, ping pong, chess, horse shoes, baseball, you name it. He and his middle brother were what you might call rowdy young boys who loved to have fun and frequently got into trouble, but never into any "real" trouble. They loved to tease their grandfather. Things like spinning the toilet paper tube around and around, making him think they were using a lot more than needed.

His parents eventually divorced, and one evening when he was 14, his mother and new husband picked him and his brother up from the movies. He fell asleep on the drive home and woke up on his way to California. This did not make him happy, but his brother was excited about going to California and seeing all the cowboys. He attended Samuel Gompers Junior High and Washington High School in Los Angeles.

In his teens, he would hang out with his brother and some older boys at the home of the neighborhood auto mechanic. A shy young girl who lived next door, and just happened to be related to the mechanic, mentioned to her sister that she thought he was really cute and would like to invite him to be her date on a school sponsored hayride. Her sister, who was not shy, took it upon herself to do the asking for her. He was smitten, and at the age of 20, he married his high school sweetheart in the little church they attended. They have three children, a girl and two boys. They moved to Gardena and became active in the church there, joining the Young Marrieds class. He chaperoned the youth group on outings and also served as an usher, deacon, and finance officer. They had great times with their church family going to parties, family camp, and picnics.



While raising a family of three, he worked at Sprague Engineering as a mechanic, assembling ground support equip-

ment for the aerospace industry. He attended night classes at El Camino Jr. College, and Long Beach State. With three small children in the home, he found it best to do his studying in their camping trailer in the evenings and weekends, eventually becoming an Electro/Mechanical Engineer. He left Sprague and started working for Garrett AiResearch (later known as AlliedSignal). As a Special Test Equipment Engineer, he worked on the BART and APALO programs, including life support equipment for aircraft and space, which required a secret clearance.

They have kept in touch with several couples they've known since school days: partying, playing cards, camping, gathering together on holidays; but lately, it's mostly been just getting together and discussing politics and their health.

He is now retired and has 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He loves his God, his family, and his country...and he loves to talk. Just don't get him started on politics. . .

(Answer on Page 6)

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## What You Missed Tour to the ARTIC (Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center)

By: Esther Goff

Tour to the ARTIC  
(Anaheim Regional  
Transportation Inter-  
modal Center).

What a fabulous  
turnout! There  
were 13 Model A's  
and 34 members!! As  
usual we left from  
Panera Bread. Caro-  
lyn Ratzlaff was into  
the Valentine Day  
mood and brought Seas  
candy hearts for the men  
and rosebud stems for  
the ladies. Thank you.  
Don Ratzlaff hosted the  
ARTIC tour and kept  
us all in line. Job well  
done.



ARTIC is the premier transportation hub for southern Calif. It is over 67,000 sq ft with 12,000 sq ft dedicated for retail & restaurant space. The iconic dome-like glass shape can be seen for miles. Truly one of a kind. It is the hub for all manners of transportation and of course is located between the Honda Center and Angel Stadium.

The hope is people will start using this form of transportation instead of cars. Especially while attending events at the two arenas.

After the tour we all caravanned to Original Mike's to for good food and chit chat.

**MODEL A**  
Roster Raffle  
**CURRENT JACKPOT 220 DOLLARS**

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



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## Historian's Corner

By: Dick Smith  
Club Historian/Librarian

### ***In this issue we honor the life of John Graves (Part 2/update)***

In the months following Alice's passing, John & I kept in touch most everyday. We would talk late into the night until my cell phone battery died. Every Thursday, we would have brunch at Las Brisas which may have had something to do with my ever shrinking clothes. Sometimes other members would ride down with me. We would then sit on John's deck and watch the world go by.

The pile of parts was coming together with many members working on it. The camaraderie helped John through his grief and depression but it was taking a toll on him. We were worried. The best we could do was to be there, His friend.

Time, they say, heals all wounds and in time John improved and The pile of parts became *The car named Alice*.

Alice had always been very active in Laguna causes. John followed through, recruited us old car guys to drive in the Laguna Beach parade each year for Alice's group, *La Playa*, a group that taught migrant workers to speak English. The city named a low income housing project in her memory, *Alice's Garden*.

John took on the meeting raffle as chairman and appointed me his assistant. He came up with a neat little machine to cut raffle tickets for our famous pancake breakfast. He threw a great party for the group each year. After eating we would all sit on his deck and watch the sun sink into the Pacific on it's way to the Hawaii.



John's health problems gave him a lot of pain. He took medicine but worked through these things and continued each year with his family and his Model A family.

I've never met anyone who visited Heaven and reported back. I wouldn't enjoy sitting on clouds and strumming a harp so I have an interesting theory, I think the good people in heaven might be just be allowed occasional visits to share some of the fun they had on earth with their earthly friends.

On the tour to San Antonio Winery, were John & Alice riding along in *your* back seat, ours, enjoying a beautiful day and memories of past trips with us?

Perhaps John recalled Sally Fields famous remark at the Academy Awards.

Did he say? Alice I told you, "They like us" They really like us.

We will miss you and Alice John, together, and in our memory forever.

Richard Parrish

(Cont'd from Page 2) are also solicited and much appreciated. Check the web-site calendar for activities coming up in March. I know the 7<sup>th</sup> is a busy day, i.e. the BS Breakfast, the Laguna Patriots Day Parade, the Hubley Races, etc. Then there is the general meeting (3/13) and the tour to Leonard and Kay Nettles (3/21). It promises to be a busy month. Gas up the Model A and bring it along!

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).

**Mystery**  
**Person**  
**Answer**

**Don Schmidt**



## General Meeting Minutes

Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting  
 Thursday, February 12, 2015  
 Wade Education Center @ CHOC  
 President Don Ratzlaff opened the meeting at 7:45 pm.  
 72 people in attendance. 7 Model A's.



Flag Salute led by Ed Cote'.

Greeter Doris Marshall was absent: Marilyn Hawkins and Richard Parrish filled in with some funny stories and jokes.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Financial Report: Treasurer Tom Weaver indicated that there are currently 149 members including 6 life members who have paid membership dues and will receive the 2015 roster. Bank balance including CD's are more than adequate, details available for review to any member.

Lee Jackson reported that a thorough review of the records was done along with Mike Kuester as new leadership transition has taken place. Joe Goff was available for any queries; Tom Weaver and Kathie McCall were witnesses. Lee complimented outgoing Treasurer Joe Goff for excellent records with no discrepancies.

Hard Luck Trophy. The old HLT is being retired to make room for a smaller version.

David Hoonsbeen has donated a model A coupe in a case, damaged during an earthquake. There were 3 potential candidates; however, Jerry Neat easily won out with his story of mistakenly using Drano instead of H2O in his radiator.

Vice President/Tour Leader: Frank Reese has sign up sheets available for various upcoming tours which are listed separately in the newsletter. Frank thanked Richard Parrish for planning and leading the recent San Antonio Winery tour.

Pancake Breakfast Update: Frank Reese still in need of volunteers for set up and clean up, as well as a truck to pick up the food. Various committee leaders seeking volunteers for kitchen crew, cooking, ticket takers and sellers for both the breakfast and raffle. Parking Coordinator position is vacant.

Raffle ticket cutting party will be at Sheila Plotkin's home on 3/28 1:00 pm.

There will be no trophies for cars this year, ribbons will be placed instead.

Tom Weaver is working on a resource for a golf cart type vehicle to transport people from the parking area to the top level.

Members are encouraged to distribute flyers.

Technical: A slide presentation on Model A "wishbones" was done by Pete Cruz and an entertaining video on different models of vintage cars used for advertising.

Sunshine & Sorrow Report by Marilyn Hawkins. Condolences to the families of Tom Marshall, Ellie Pease (her father) and for John Graves.

4th Thursday Breakfast 2/26/15 will be at "Ham and Scram" in Westminster.

Membership Drawing: \$210. For #99 (Leonard & Kay Nettles). Too bad they were not at the meeting. Next month \$220.00.

Name Badge Drawing: Arthur Wright

Model A Driver Drawing: Rick Daniel

Other Business: Hubley Track issue. Mark Schwing has been storing the track and needs to move it out of his business. Mark is also seeking a Model A to use as a photo backdrop for his MIL's 90th birthday celebration.

Refreshments provided by Trish Cruz and Bev Marsh.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Kathie McCall, Secretary

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**ROSTER FOR 2015 are available at the General Meeting. Please save the club postage fees by picking up yours and your neighbor's.**





# Pancake Breakfast Ticket Cutting Party

March 28th

1:00pm

Sheila Plotkin's home  
9371 Portsmouth Dr  
Huntington Beach 92626



Don't miss out on the  
great camaraderie that  
happens at the

**BS Breakfast**  
March 7th 8:00 am

**Katella Grill**  
1325 W Katella Ave  
Orange, CA

(1st Saturday of Every  
Month)

Join us for good food  
and company

**Fourth Thursday  
Breakfast Bunch**  
March 26th 8:30 am

**Watson's Drug & Soda  
Fountain**  
116 E Chapman Ave  
Orange 92866  
714-633-1050

Info: Terry Collings  
714-970-7194

**Membership Roster Correction:**

McMahon, David & Judith—telephone number is 562-879-8068

Limbrock, Scott & Belinda, 8 Mandrake Wy, Irvine, CA 92612; cell: 949-981-8776; email: skl@cox.net; 1931 180-A Deluxe Phaeton

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**Membership Renewals After Roster Published:**

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## Member Dakota Parrish

By: Richard Parrish

OCMAFC member Dakota Parrish graduated from USAF Basic Training December 12, 2014 at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio TX. He is presently stationed at Ft Leonard Wood Army base in Missouri for his technical training in emergency management. He will be part of the 1st responder team in any base or community emergency.

Dakota has been a familiar face within OCMAFC from an early age, riding in Grandma & Grandpa's Model A on local tours, the Hawaii tour, Utah summer tour, Dallas TX, Vancouver Canada and San Diego MARC national meet, and annual banquets. He learned to drive a Model A at age 13, making figure 8s under the big A at angel stadium. He just had a birthday in January and is now 19 years old.

He is proof positive that OCMAFC youth memberships and MAFCFA restoration award encourage youth participation.

2014 was a very rewarding year for young Dakota. He received his varsity letter, achieved Eagle Scout rank, the highest in Boy Scouting. He also graduated from Garden Grove High School in June of 2014.

Dakota's cousin Keith Munson was in attendance at his graduation. Keith has completed 4 years of his 6 year enlistment in the USAF. He is stationed at Hickham AFB in Honolulu. He is a base security officer. He has earned an AA from the armed forces on-line college and is now completing his junior year. He should have a BA by the time his enlistment is up. He then intends to pursue an advanced degree at Pepperdine or USC using his VA entitlement.

Many will remember Keith is a past youth member of OCMAFC and a familiar face at past local tours, Utah tour, MAFCFA national meet in Portland Oregon, technical seminars and yes, he too chased dust devils under the Big A at the stadium, driving a Model a at age 13. Keith had a birthday last week and is 24 years old.

OCMAFC can be proud of their role in forming these fine young men, as are their families.

Grandpa and Grandma Parrish



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

See Pete Cruz for titles





**FOR SALE:** Model  
TONS. Long  
pump ac-  
9769 or cell

**SOLD!**

A engine, stand and PIS-  
block and head. Has pan (oil-  
cessible). No manifold. \$300  
OBO. Contact Bev Marsh at 714-373-  
714-397-4593



**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.



## 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](http://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.



As many of you know, Thom Marshall, son of Drain & Doris Marshall passed away recently. We are going to purchase a memorial stone in his memory. If you would like to donate I will be passing around an envelope at the general meeting. If you can't make the meeting and would like to donate please let me know.

Thanks, Elaine Pisu

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## Next General Meeting

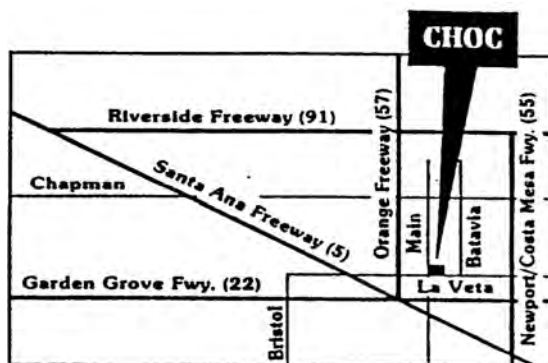
7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

March 12, 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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