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Come to our first event in 2016, the Annual Installation Banquet and meet the new members of the Board

Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership for 2016!!

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Elections will be held during the

**VOTE** 

November General Meeting

November 14<sup>th</sup>  
7AM Alzheimer's Walk  
at Angel's Stadium



RING IN THE NEW YEAR

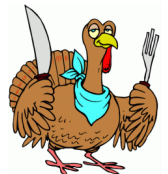
ANNUAL INSTALLATION BANQUET



FULLERTON ELKS LODGE  
JAN 3<sup>RD</sup> -1PM to 5PM



Happy Thanksgiving  
Gobble till you Wobble



OCMAFC  
RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP





**Don Ratzlaff**  
**President**

### President's Message

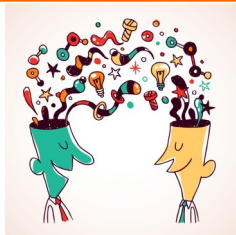
Well, here we are in Orlando, FL; have been in Florida since the 16<sup>th</sup>. I haven't noticed any Model A Fords touring about; guess I may have a blind spot. The weather here has been perfect; right around 80 degrees so it can't be the weather.

I see I missed the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday brunch, hope you drove your model A's and enjoyed the outing. Not only that but, by time you read this I will have missed the tour to Idyllwild; bummer! Everybody have a good time? Model A's all performed well?

Hey, hope you all had a good October and are looking forward to an awesome November.

We'll see you at the BS Breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning of November. Go ahead; take the Model A out for a drive. It needs it!

Don



**Looking for Ideas: Kathie McCall is seeking ideas for the program/entertainment and center pieces for our Annual Installation Dinner. Share your imagination!!**

## *Old Towne Orange Historic Home tour*

### *Nov. 7-8 at 10:30am (Volunteer Event)*



To purchase tickets, go to [www.otpa.org](http://www.otpa.org). To volunteer your car, contact Wendy Bennett at [wendyinorange@att.net](mailto:wendyinorange@att.net) or 949-433-4591



Featuring 5 beautiful properties within a one mile radius of the Orange Plaza. If you are willing to park your Model A in front of these homes for a few hours, you will receive 2 free tickets (a \$40 value) to the tour.



## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



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

**Nov 7-8 (Sat/Sun)**

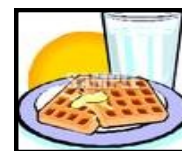
Old Towne Historic Home Tour [Volunteer Event] See page 2 for details.



**Nov 12 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



**Nov 14 (Sat)** Meet at Angel's Stadium by 7AM. Enter from the Orangewood Ave entrance. Donuts will be provided. Walking is encouraged, but optional. T-shirts will be provided by Ideahall. Leaving Angel's Stadium at 11:30AM to go to Lazy Dog Café for lunch. For info, contact Rick Hall.



**Nov 26 (Thu) NO FOURTH THURSDAY-BREAKFAST** For info contact Terry Collings (714) 970-7194

**Dec 2-5** MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Medford, OR; for info contact Jerry Mathern (541) 941-1424



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

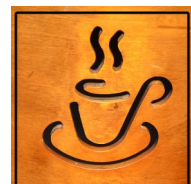


**Dec 10 (Thu) NO GENERAL MEETING**



**Dec 24 (Thu) NO FOURTH THURSDAY BREAKFAST**

For info contact Terry Collings (714) 970-7194



**Jan 2, 2016 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



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

Sign up at the General Meeting. \$15 per person.



**Apr 10 (Sun)** Pancake Breakfast, Hart Park, Orange. See Frank Reese if you would like to

volunteer

**Apr 15-17** CCRG Jamboree - a full weekend of activities, tours, great food, moonlight boat rides and entertainment. The host hotel is The Homewood Suites in Clovis, CA. 559-292-4004 Ask for "Sierra Model A Ford Club" to receive the Group rate. Info: Bill Jones, 559-355-3994

**Jun 16-24**, MAFCA National Convention, Loveland, Colorado. Info: milehighcountry2016.org

**Jun 25-Jul 1** MARC National Meet, Perrysburg, Ohio

**Reminder—No December General Meeting**

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

**Nov 8 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-1pm

**Nov 15 (Sun)** Pickers Paradise Auto, Bike & Motorcycle Swap Meet, Elks Lodge #2046, 7212 Melrose St, Buena Park

**Nov 21 (Sat)** 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Albany Indoor Swap Meet, at the Linn County Exposition Center, Albany, OR. Info: [Glen Osborn](#), 541-928-1218

**Nov 29 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-1pm

**Dec 6 (Sun)** Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show at the Fairplex, 5am-2pm

**Dec 20 (Sun)** Pickers Paradise Auto, Bike & Motorcycle Swap Meet, Elks Lodge #2046, 7212 Melrose St, Buena Park

### History of the 20 Millionth Car

Riding the roads and the airwaves. The Ford Model A was the subject of the 1928 song, "Henry's Made a Lady Out of Lizzie," which sang the praises of Ford's new addition to the road.

The first Model A Ford engine, stamped "A1" by Henry Ford himself on October 20, 1927, was put in a Tudor Sedan that Ford personally drove and tested before giving final approval to begin production of the car. At Henry Ford's request, the engine was eventually placed in a 1928 Phaeton that was reserved in Dearborn for the use of his friend and fellow innovator, Thomas Edison.



The 20 Millionth Ford was a 1931 Ford Model A 160-B Slant Windshield Town Sedan. Accompanied off the assembly line by Henry and Edsel Ford, the black car was lettered on the sides and, so it could be seen from the air, the roof, with "The Twenty Millionth Ford." The Sedan would be taken on a tour of the U.S., stopping at nearly every Ford territory and dealer along the way. Rumored to be lost in a fire sometime after the publicity tour, the car was discovered in Michigan in 1999. After Ford determined it was indeed "The Twenty Millionth Ford," the company agreed to lease the car from its current owner. Ford then devoted their resources to a complete restoration of the car in preparation for their 2003 Centennial celebration. As part of the lease agreement, the Town Sedan was displayed at Ford World Headquarters for the following 10 years.

**Do you know the many ways the club contributes to the community through donations and activities? In addition to gifts to other clubs' events, here are some of the organizations.**



**Model A  
Ford Youth  
Scholarship  
Fund**



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**Please Note: Some information contained in our newsletter has been reprinted from other newsletters; we thank and acknowledge them.**

**General Meeting Minutes****Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting****Thursday, October 8, 2015****Wade Education Center @ CHOC  
44 in attendance. 1 Model A**

**President** Don Ratzlaff called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Diane Runyon led the flag salute.

**Greeter** Doris Marshall once again attempted to remember the punch line for her now infamous jokes with extra help from hubby Drain.

**Minutes** were approved as printed in the newsletter for September.

**Financial:** Tom Weaver reported membership now at 162. Cash flow is adequate and accounts are balanced.

**Activities:** Frank Reese is absent; however Arthur Wright presented the Idyllwild overnight tour 10/23-25. There is still time to sign up for this fun tour.

Other tours and events are listed separately in the newsletter.

**Technical:** Wheel Balancing seminar is planned for 10/17 at Pete Cruz' garage.

**Announcements:** Don reported on the recent Restorer's Class Judging held at MAFCA offices in La Habra. Certificates were presented to Dale McCall, Norm Kredit and Robert Werbeck for providing their cars. Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a judge in this fairly new category is encouraged to contact Dave Vestal ([530-626-5555](tel:530-626-5555)) or call MAFCA office.

Don/Carolyn Ratzlaff, Jim/Diane Runyon, Greg and Fran Earhart, and Drain/Doris Marshall attended Frazier Park annual event hosted by Bakersfield Club.

A donation was made to the raffle.

**4th Thursday Breakfast.** October 22 at The Monkey Business Café 8:30 am. No breakfast in November due to Thanksgiving.

**Model A Driver's** cash award was presented to Pam Heiland, being the ONLY A outside in the parking lot.

**Name Badge** cash drawing went to Jim Runyon.

**Membership Drawing** of \$40.00: Denis Key's name was drawn but alas, he was not present to receive it.

**Newsletter.** Editor Tissy is always looking for Model A related stories and pictures. Monthly deadline is always 25th of the month.

**Election Chairperson** Joe Goff announced that Ken Blankshain has agreed to be Technical Chair and Frank Reese will continue on as VP/Activities. Nominations remain open to others who are interested.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Joe Goff to have the club finance the entire cost of the January 3 Annual Banquet for members, 2nd by Colleen Schmidt. A lively discussion followed resulting in 2 in favor, majority opposed. The motion failed. The cost will remain \$15.00 to members with remaining cost to be subsidized by club treasury.

The refreshments were provided by Pam Heiland.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Kathie McCall, Secretary



**Check back next month and read the article by Tom and Connie Archbold, some of our newest club members!**

## What You Missed—Idyllwild Tour, Oct. 23-25 By Esther Goff

We gathered at Carl's Jr and left at 9am for the arduous adventure. There were 5 Model A's and 6 moderns. Around 11:45 we met with Arthur Wright (our host), at the base of mountain road aka CA 74, the Idyllwild National Forest Highway or known as the Palms to Pines mountain road. (For those who do not know, this road starts in San Juan Capistrano.) This is a typical mountain road with many "S" curves and switchbacks. The A's took it all in stride. Beautiful views and scenery. Rick Hall had a vapor lock on the way up but was able to catch up with us in a short while.

On the way up, we stopped for lunch at Mountain Center Café - great food and large portions. Upon arrival we stayed at Blue Bird Cottage Inn. A very rustic cabin style complex and each cabin appointed differently. Quite an experience. We then followed Arthur to his place for a large BBQ of pulled pork, ribs and all the fixin's for dinner. Arthur has 4 horses and 1 goat that roam his land. The weather was beautiful and we ate outdoors.

Saturday we went to breakfast at the Mile High Café. There were 30 of us! Two men from Los Angeles met up with us in their Model A. Arthur then took us to "Lookout Mountain" to take in the spectacular views. Back in town, we had free time to shop (yeah!!). About 2pm, we gathered for another trip to Arthur's for a second large pig roast dinner. I think we should change the club's name to the "Let's Eat Model A'ers". Kudos to Art and his family for all their hard work, spectacular meals and being the tour hosts. Another big thank you to Frank Reese for providing a detailed map/directions.

On Sunday, we left for home around 10am. Joe and I broke off the road where the 74/79 split. We needed to go towards south county and, on the way, we passed the infamous Hell's Kitchen hangout for bikers. There must have been over 100+ bikers on site. This part of the 74 is full of switchbacks, but with the most awesome views. Watch out for the bikers!!! They often travel together in groups of 12 or more.

Deadline for submissions for the next **Distributor** is November 25, 2015

Submit all articles and ads to  
tissysmith1@gmail.com  
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Santa Ana, CA 92711



**M O D E L A**  
Roster Raffle

**CURRENT JACKPOT 50 DOLLARS**



**Al Zwicky**, 415 W. Main St., Tustin, CA 92780, Phone: 714-788-8070; email: ocpd44@gmail.com; 1931 Special Coupe - daily driver  
**Mark Parkinson**, 1 Auto Center Dr, Tustin, CA 92782; Hm: 714-606-9905, Wk: 714-669-3699; email: Mark@TustinBuick.com; 1931 Tudor Sedan

### Invitation To Join Model A Ford Club of America

**New Membership**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permission to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

**Gift Membership**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permission to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

~ Membership Benefits ~

*The Restorer* magazine • Technical Support • Local Chapters • National Meets • Era Fashion Guidelines • "How To Restore" Series • Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards

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 U.S. Membership – \$40  
 Canada/Mexico Membership – \$50  
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**Optional Initiation Package**  
 For New Members Only  
 1 - Back issue of *The Restorer*  
 1 - MAFCA Lapel Pin  
 1 - MAFCA Decal  
 1 - Name Badge  
 Only \$10 extra





## FASHION OF THE 30'S

Even though people were broke in the 1930s they still didn't dress like it!

Men still dressed up nice, sporting fedoras and double-breasted overcoats. The boys wore short shorts and tall socks.

The women wore dresses and kept their hair close to their head. Fur was in and so were floral patterns. Makeup was chic and shoulder pads were very important until the late 1930s.

Although hats were still popular for women, they were gradually becoming less popular.

One way to tell if something is from the Thirties is if it has initials engraved or stitched. This was a common free service that stores offered. Fashion in the 1930s was just as glamorous as the 1920s, just in a different way.

*Courtesy of retrowaste.com*

# Election Form

## Now is your time to VOTE

BALLOT	BALLOT
Vice President/Activities Director (2-yr position)	Technical Director (2-yr position)
<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Reese	<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Blankshain
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Write in)	(Write in)

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!!



**2016 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 12/31/15 to be included in the club's 2016 Roster**

## Historian's Corner—What's in a Name?

By Dick Smith  
Club Historian

What's in a name? In the world of business, the answer is simple . . . everything! The Ford logo is one of the world's best known trademarks. The Ford script logo, without the oval ("1"), was designed by C. H. Wills. He was an engineer and draftsman who came to Ford soon after the company's founding in 1903.

Wills used a script typeface from his boyhood printing kit to spell out Ford Motor Company as a corporate logo and also for a bold Ford nameplate that could be used as a stamping on the car's radiator. His script adorned Fords from the 1904 Model C to 1927.

The blue oval ("2") was first used in 1928 on the radiator of the first Model A. It incorporated a miniature replica of Wills' in an oval similar to a logo already featured on the Lincoln. This first blue oval was used on the exterior of Ford cars until 1938.

In 1939, the company went back to the plain script for its main logo. It was larger than the script in the first blue oval, but still smaller than the original. During the next few years, it was moved from the front of the hood to the side, to the front again, and finally to the top of the grill.

Ten years later, in 1949, Ford introduced a new logo to celebrate the introduction of the first truly new car of the post WWII era. The 1950 version ("3") became the Ford logo throughout the 50's and into the 60's. However, new 60's vehicles, like the Mustang, had their own logo and other Ford vehicles of the late 60's and 70's used block lettering.

The familiar blue oval of today ("4") appeared in 1982 on the Escort and Granada. It was soon applied to all Ford Division cars and trucks.



(1) The Ford script logo was designed by C. H. Wills and was used from the 1904 Model C to 1927 and again from 1939 to 1948. It's also incorporated in the blue oval.



(2) The blue oval made its debut on the first Model A in 1928 and was used until 1938. It was revived as an exterior logo on Ford passenger cars in 1982 and is now found on all Ford Division vehicles, including the Thunderbird and Mustang.



(3) A coat of arms introduced on the 1950 Ford was divided into three triangular fields of red, white and blue, separated by a black chevron marked with five golden globes. There are also three golden lions, one standing in each field.



(4) Since 1928, the trademark has undergone only slight modifications. It is one of the most recognized trademarks in the world.

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**FOR SALE:** 1929 Ford Model A pickup truck. Asking \$14,000. Contact Don Minkler at 989-871-2988 for more info.



**FOR SALE:** 1929 Model A engine. Complete with clutch assembly and transmission. It was indicated to me that it had been overhauled 1000 miles ago. The head and manifolds are nearly new. The man who overhauled the engine became crippled and put a four cylinder escort engine with an automatic transmission in his A. \$600 Contact Hal Noring at 310-880-5494.

**FOR SALE:** Darrow DeCarlo has decided he must sell his beautiful 1931 Sport Coupe. Darrow says this car was totally restored 7 or 8 years ago. He is asking \$24,500. If you or anyone you know is interested, you may contact Darrow directly at: [\(949\) 370-0434](tel:9493700434). Darrow and Marymargaret live at 27151B Via Chicuelina, San Juan Capistrano.



**OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR CAR IN THE MOVIES**

Michael Kopilec of Movievehicles.com, a company that provides cars and trucks for movies has contacted our club. Next month, he is going to be working on a period feature film in the Los Angeles area and is looking for pre-1934 vehicles for background work. All cars and trucks must have stock colors, rims, and physical appearance for the time period. Owners will be paid \$200 for their vehicle and an additional \$55 for driving or parking their vehicle in the movie, daily. Owners will have the opportunity to work at least one day, maybe more if they desire. Exact dates and locations have not been set yet but Mr. Kopilec will

give those interested as much advance notice as possible. Approximate shooting days will take place the latter part of November and the early part of December. For those interested, they may contact Mr. Kopilec at 310-659-1711 or email at [mkopilec@yahoo.com](mailto:mkopilec@yahoo.com) with their name, address, phone number, year of their vehicle, and a picture of their vehicle.

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## Next General Meeting

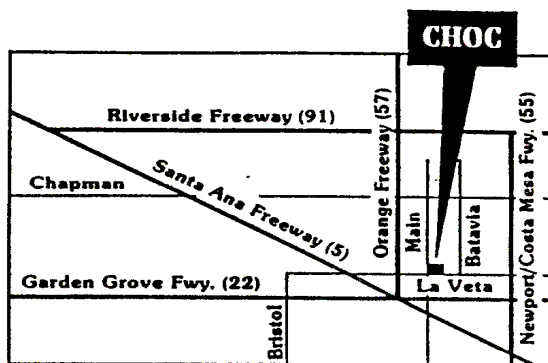
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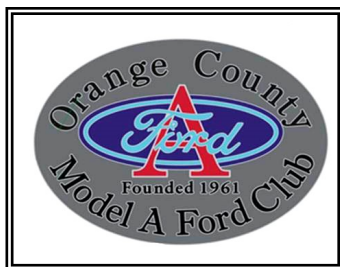
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From Main Street, turn east on to Providence Ave. and immediately on your right, enter the structure and park on the second level. Meetings are held in Building 2 in the Wade Education Center-2nd Floor. Access meeting room through the double door entry off the 2nd Floor parking structure

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