There will be a Pizza Party on 4/28 to show the club's appreciation to those of you who volunteered to help with the Pancake Breakfast



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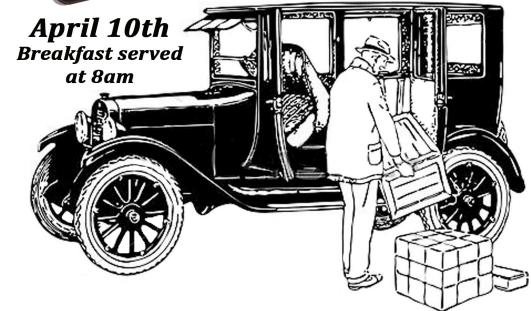
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**Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher** 



We have packed up the eggs, sausage and pancake batter and are headed to Hart Park in Orange. Come for breakfast, many raffles, friendship and lots of beautiful Model A's





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**Don Ratzlaff** 

# President's Message

Can you believe March is just about history? April 10<sup>th</sup> and The Pancake Breakfast is almost here. We will have the BS Breakfast on April 2<sup>nd</sup> so that will be the last chance to take care of any last minute issues. But first let's finish up with March. I think we should ask John Hollins to buy the club a Lotto Ticket, wasn't that the 3<sup>rd</sup> time he has collected the roster drawing prize? Probably don't want to ask Terry Carey or Joe Goff to buy the ticket since they are busy with the "hard-luck" trophy

(just kidding). Did you all enjoy the question and answer session with the 3 CHP officers on meeting night? I apologize for the lack of a PA system. CHOC updated their system but neglected to put us on the list of users; should be corrected by the April meeting. If you did not attend the dual tech and basket assembly activity hosted by Leonard and Kay Nettles, you missed a stellar event. Ray Salman answered everything you always wanted to know about pouring Babbett; while Kay, and the attending club ladies, put together about 35 baskets for the Pancake Breakfast drawing. On top of that Kay and Leonard tabled a gourmet luncheon. Maybe next time you should sign up. Next up was the ticket cutting and utensil wrapping session hosted by Sheila Plotkin and Karen Gaynor; I'm told it went like clock-work and the pot-luck dishes brought by the attendees were awesome (great results). The last event in March will be the Poker Run scheduled for 3/26/16. This event will be hosted by Richard Parrish and is sure to be memorable. If anyone would care to send me pictures of the above events I will be glad to post them on the club's webpage, what say you?

Carolyn and I have been busy doing preliminary purchasing of supplies for the pancake breakfast and unfortunately saying good bye to a dear friend from our days at Rockwell. In addition, Carolyn has seen to it that I'm ready to drive up to Tacoma, WA tomorrow morning. Our car has accumulated 324,000 miles and we are passing it down to the grandsons, assuming it makes the trip.

Following the Pancake Breakfast activity we will again have a pizza "volunteer appreciation" party at Zito's Pizza, 2036 N. Tustin St., Orange. I refer you to the April newsletter for the details. The April club meeting is on the 14<sup>th</sup> so we should hear a preliminary review of the Pancake Breakfast results at that time. Remember to drive your Model A to Hart Park on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April!

Okay, that's a wrap, Don R.



Join us for good food and company

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

April 28th 8:30 am

Woody's Diner 10136 Adams Avenue Huntington Beach 92646

Info: Terry Collings 714-970-7194

## **Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar**



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

**Apr 7-9** MARC Membership meeting, Flint, Michigan



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



Apr 14 (Thu)
General Meeting
will be at 7:30PM.
Guests are always
welcome. Board

meeting at 6PM

**Apr 15-17** Imaginology [STEAM] at Orange County Fairgrounds. Look-



ing for volunteers to stimulate interest in Model A's. Contact Colleen Schmidt at 724-

524-2659. Event is free.



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

Apr 17 (Sun) Fabulous Ford Day



Apr 28 (Thu)
Fourth Thursday
Breakfast at
Woody's Diner,
10136 Adams Ave.,

Huntington Beach 92646 at 8:30AM. For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



Apr 28 (Thu) Pizza Party for Volunteers of the Pancake Breakfast event, Zito's Pizza,

2036 N Tustin St, Orange at 6PM



May 7 (Sat)
First Saturday
Breakfast BS
Session ~
8AM at The
Katella Grill,

1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



May 12 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM.

Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM May 21 (Sat) Hubley Derby at San Bernardino Women's Club, 503 W 31st St, San Bernardino 92404, sponsored by the Pomona and Paradise Valley Model A Ford Clubs, 9AM -2:30PM



May 26 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast ~ location to be

determined at 8:30AM. For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

# Swap Meets/Car Shows

**Apr 10 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-Ipm

Apr 17 (Sun) Pomona Car Show & Swap Meet at the Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave., Pomona, 91768, 5am-2pm

May 7 (Sat) 46th Annual Antique Nationals, Auto Club Dragway, 9300 Cherry Ave, Fontana, 8am

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

May 30 (Mon) - Big 3 Swap Meet, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego

Jun 5 (Sun) Pomona Car Show & Swap Meet at the Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave., Pomona, 91768, 5am-2pm

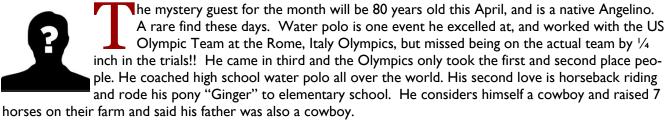
**Jun 12 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-Ipm

Jun 25 (Sat) 19th Annual Orange County Model T Ford Club Pre-War (WWII) Parts Exchange & Car Show, 6am-2pm, El Dorado High School, 1641 Valencia Ave, Placentia 92870omona Car Show & Swap Meet at the Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave., Pomona, 91768, 5am-2pm

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## **Mystery Person**

## By Esther Goff



Schooling played an enormous part of his life and he received an AA degree from Pasadena City College and later went on to the University of Houston. He also attended Los Angeles State college where he received his BA and teaching credentials and later a Master's degree from Cal State Fullerton in social sciences. He retired from teaching at age 73.

He calls Laguna Beach home. At the ripe age of 12 he kissed his first lady friend. What a Casanova! Then, at age 14, he bought a '31 Model A , '38 Plymouth business coupe and a Model T four door. This brought out his love of old cars and started him on the path of being a collector. Within a short time he had 5 cars and sold one each year to help pay for his room and board from his freshmen to senior school years. This was a very well thought out plan. Over time he has amassed 320 plus cars, unbelievable. YES, 320 CARS!!! Another hobby was collecting motorcycles. His other love was drag racing at the Pomona Fair Grounds and in Long Beach.

He currently drives a 1929 roaster and a 1930 pick-up truck which he recently restored after 16 months of very hard work. Here is a clue: it has bright orange wheels, which should help you recognize the mystery member. (Answer on Page 7)

We would like to invite you to the **2016 CCRG Jamboree.** Join

us for 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.



More information on the Jamboree and the registration materials are now available on the Sierra Model A Ford Club's website or contact Bill Jones at 559-355-3994. Or: 1557 E. Vartikian Avenue, Fresno, California 93710

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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**

### OCMAFC General Meeting Thursday, March 10, 2016 Wade Education Center @ CHOC

The meeting began at 7:30 pm with the flag salute led by Terry Collings.



President Don Ratzlaff then introduced California Highway Patrol officers, PIO Olivera, VIN Specialist Officer White, and Officer Fox.

Members had interesting and practical questions for the officers including queries specific to our vintage automobiles, such as seat belt and turn signal requirements. These particular queries seemed to stump these experts who referred to the CHP/DMV manual where they discovered that some laws do not apply to vehicles prior to 1958. The officers and members enjoyed the interaction and several myths were confirmed, such as towing, touring and speed on the freeways.

The officers were invited to the Pancake Breakfast and thanked heartily. Our always animated Club Greeter, Doris Marshall then told a funny story, forgetting the punch line again but recovering just in time. Doris introduced visitor, Matthew MacWillie, who actually joined on the spot.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved, with Sheila Plotkin making the motion and Esther Goff with the 2nd.

Financial records were briefly reviewed by Treasurer Tom Weaver with a reported 159 members to date.

The Membership Roster is being updated for 2016 and members were asked to submit any changes or additions to Tissy Smith-Hatcher asap. The roster will be available at the April meeting.

VP Frank Reese provided an update on plans for the Pancake Breakfast on 4/10 at Hart Park in Orange. He still needs more parking volunteers for 2-hour shifts. Sign up sheets available during the meeting for other positions, including prize table and kitchen. Frank and Mark Schwing have been busy soliciting donations of cash, and other prizes for the opportunity drawings. 3 bicycles have been purchased.

There will be a Volunteer Appreciation Party at Zito's Pizza Restaurant in Orange on 4/28/16. Ticket cutting and utensil wrap has sufficient volunteers for the 3/19-pot luck at Sheila Plotkin's home in Costa Mesa.

The club ladies will meet at the home of Kay Nettles on Saturday 3/12 to assemble baskets for the breakfast while the men attend a Babbitt Pouring seminar in Leonard's fabulous garage/workshop.

Events: Poker run on 3/26 led by Richard Parrish.

Imaginology (S.T.E.A.M) Fair on 4/15-17 coordinated by Colleen & Don Schmidt and Chris Gunst. Volunteer helpers still needed.

CCRG (Central California Regional Group) in Clovis 4/15-17.

Career Day Event 3/18 at El Camino Real High School in Placentia 11:00 am.

See calendar for other items.

Sunshine/Sorrow. Marilyn Hawkins noted that Ed Cote is (Cont'd Pg 8)

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#### Go with the Flow

## By Glenn Johnson

Part of our Series of Oldies But Goodies Tech Articles—Reprinted from February 1999, Page 10 of The Distributor

Just about all of us have experienced that first really long steep hill in our freshly restored Model A. It ran just fine around town and we thought we were ready to go anywhere. The Grapevine, the Cajon Pass, The Rim of the World all bring out the best and the worst in our Model As. I've overheated at least once on all of these hills and I've seen lots of non-stock overheating remedies that just Band-Aid the real problem. Really it all boils down (pun intended) to a clean, good flowing cool-ing system. The following are a few cooling system problems and remedies that worked for my Model As.

#### Engine runs hot

**Cause:** When you first run that rebuilt engine rust scale in the old block loosens and dumps into your new radiator top tank restricting the flow.

**Solution:** The fix is to take the car to a radiator shop and have the cooling system back flushed. Back flushing is most successful within the first 200-300 miles. If you wait much longer the radiator tubes may become too clogged for back flushing to do much good. The next solution is to remove the radiator and have the radiator shop rod the tubes, which literally means pushing rods through the tubes to clean out the rust scale. The best solution and a way to avoid all of the above is to take your bare block and head to a chemical rust tripper before you rebuild the engine.

#### Water comes out of the radiator top

**Cause #1:** The radiator tubes are partially clogged and the water pump is pushing water into the top tank faster than it can go down.

**Solution:** Back flush the system or rod the radiator.

**Cause #2:** The baffle is missing in the radiator top tank.

**Solution:** Take the radiator to a shop and have a baffle installed.

Cause #3: Engine compression is leaking into the cooling system through a cracked block or head or a blown head gasket.

**Solution:** Check for compression in the system by removing the radiator cap and revving the engine. If the water level rises, compression is probably leaking into the cooling system.

#### Water level will not stay up

**Cause #1:** Once again too much water is being pumped into the top tank and it is escaping through the overflow pipe.

Solution: Clean the radiator.

**Cause #2:** Something is leaking like the water pump hose clamps, hole in the radiator, cracked block or head or blown head gasket.

Solution: Find and fix the leak.

#### Engine runs cold and never really warms up

**Solution:** Install a 160° thermostat in the water outlet.

#### Other comments and solutions

Leakless water pumps will eventually leak. The best ones combine some kind of rear seal with a stock packing nut with plenty of packing in case the rear seal fails.

Stock two blade fans will break at the sustained high speeds we drive. Stock looking cast aluminum fans are my favorite replacement.







## Mystery Person Answer: Walt Otto



Deadline for submissions for the next

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April 25, 2016
Submit all articles and ads to
tissysmith I @gmail.com
or mail to
P.O. Box 10595
Santa Ana, CA 92711

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(Cont'd from Pg 5) back, still covering from recent illness. Harriet Pavidis is currently hospitalized but expected to go home soon. Ken Blankshain reported that his wife's mother died just today and funeral arrangements are pending.

Hard Luck Trophy: Joe Goff was the easy recipient this month as many people observed his windshield laying on the front seat of his auto at the monthly breakfast. It was the first time he drove with the top down, so apparently the top was holding the windshield in place. Even though he drove the freeway, Esther was able to hold onto the windshield and they just kept going.

Model A Driver Award: Only 2 Model A's were driven tonight (Ed Cote and Al Zwieke). Al went home with the \$.

Name Badge Drawing: Bill Hatcher had the winning ticket.

Roster Membership Drawing: \$40 went to John Holland who was also the winner at the November meeting. Sometimes it just pays to attend the club meetings.

Refreshments were provided by Fran Earhardt and Colleen Schmidt. Thank you.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

# Tech Tips from Rick-Penetrating Oils vs. Rusted Nuts & Bolts By Rick Hall Part of our Series of Oldies But Goodies Tech Articles—Reprinted from July 2012, Page 4 of The Distributor

Every once in a while, we all come across a rusty nut or bolt that just won't budge. I'm not talking about my Model "A", I'm talking about yours!

In 2007 "Machinist Workshop" Magazine did a comparison test of some of the popular penetrating oils that many of us use. They started with "scientifically" rusted nuts and bolts and first checked them dry (no penetrating oil) to see how much torque was required for removal, then used the various penetrating oils to see how well they worked. Below is a chart showing the results:

PENETRATING OIL	AVERAGE LOAD
None	516 foot pounds
WD-40	238
PB Blaster	214
Liquid Wrench	127
Kano Kroil	106
ATF - Acetone mix	53

The last penetrating oil on the list was a "home brew" of 50% ATF (Automatic Transmission Fluid) and 50% Acetone. Looks like it works the best and may be the cheapest. Acetone is highly volatile, so don't breathe it and don't get it close to a flame! Speaking of flame, a propane torch or welding torch can be used to speed the action of penetrating oil significantly. Heat the part with a torch, turn the torch off, then apply the oil.

Another popular "trick" is to use a torch to heat the part, then touch a candle to the threads to allow wax to flow into the rusted threads. Any kind of candle wax will do, including birthday candles!

WD-40 is wonderful stuff that can be used

for many things, but remem-ber, it was designed to displace water (WD), not as penetrating oil. Kroil is really good stuff, but very expensive at \$16-20 a can. Liquid Wrench and candle wax both look like good bets to me. Good luck, and don't break anything!



IMAGINOLOGY: Encouraging young people to explore, discover, and connect with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). This is a 3-day, family-friendly event featuring S.T.E.A.M.-related exhibits, hands-on activities for all ages, contests, entertainment, food and more.

The Club will be participating again with a Model A Ford exhibit at the OC Fairgrounds.

This is an opportunity for our club to stimulate interest in the Model A Ford and share its history with today's youth and families. We will be provided with space to exhibit 3 Model A's and will need volunteers to help man the booth each day, or for part of a day. Please contact Colleen Schmidt at 714-524-2659 or, just come and enjoy the day. Admission is free.



**New Members:** Please consider joining Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) at www.mafca.com/membership.html. MAFCA's members are dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Ford vehicles of that era.

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MacWillie, Matthew & Cheryl, 219 Calle Da Gama, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807; cell 714-357-0066; email: cmacwillie@aol.com; 1928 Tudor

You will need to add our latest members to your roster.







## **SUNSHINE & SORROW**

## By Marilyn Hawkins

Mailed **Harriet** (wife of Pete Pavidis) a get well card as she had a brief stay in the hospital with an attack of pancreatitis.

Our technical member, **Ken Blankshain's** mother-in-law passed away early in March. Sent a sympathy card addressed to his wife, Lesie.

**Dianne** (wife of Jim Runyon) had quite a scare...spent 5 days in the hospital when bacteria was detected in her blood combined with a high fever. She is still not out of the woods. Mailed a get well card and also an animated e-card.

As there has been no improvement on **Ed Cote's** pulmonary condition, he will have three biopsies of his lungs performed in the hospital on April 6. Let's keep Ed and Patty in our prayers.

These member are all our friends, some new ones, other long-time friends, please take a few minutes for phone call to brighten their day. Remember to inquire about the caregiver (spouse or companion).

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



**FOR SALE:** Model A-1931 Standard Coupe that is Washington blue with black reveals and black fenders. Cream pin stripe and cream wheels. Medium brown cloth interior. Standard model with trunk. Spare tire in rear. The paint has a nice patina with



some checking and some very light cloudiness. The cowl lights are wired as turn signals. Turn signals also installed in bumpers. Third brake light in

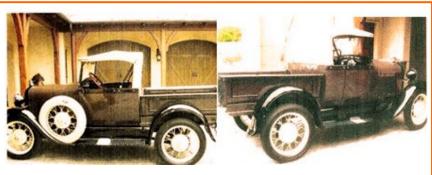


rear window. 12 Volt system with halogen headlights. LED taillights. Completely serviced recently by Jim Nichol. Brake floater kit added to front brakes. Body panels and fenders are all Henry Ford steel. There is no rust in the body or frame. The leatherette top insert on the roof is slightly lifting at the corners and needs to be reaffixed. This is a very solid and good running driver which has been stored in the garage all of its life. Includes Year of Manufacture license plates and clean California title. A

very nice car that I hate to part with, but I just bought a 1930 Roadster Pickup and I can't keep them all. Call Harley Broviak at 949-433-3303 in Corona del Mar. Asking \$12,900. Make me an offer. **NOTE: PRICE** 

#### REDUCED!!

FOR SALE: 1920 Ford Model A Roaster Pickup. Excellent running and driving condition. Beautiful Restoration, Low Miles. All Original Except for: 12-volt alternator and conversion, Float-A-Motor mounts, Mallory ignition. LaBaron Bonney interior and top, excellent paint and body. I have just turned 86 years of age and because of that I must reluctantly let her go. **Under priced** 



at \$22,000. Contact Denis Key (owner) at (714) 539-7912 or toadhallstudios@aol.com.

**FOR SALE:** 1929 Ford Model A Doodle Bug. Happy little Doodle Bug; good paint, new seats, new box, body off restoration. New, modern starter Bendix, 12 volt conversion with dash board starter button. New Front Tires (zero miles), many other goodies. A little loving attention and you'll have a nifty pickup-speedster. I have to let her go as I am too old to keep her. **Best reasonable offer** Contact Denis Key (owner) at (714) 539-7912 or toadhallstudios@aol.com.



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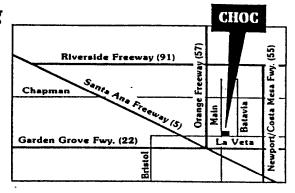
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# **Next General Meeting**

7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]
Next Meeting April 14, 2016
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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