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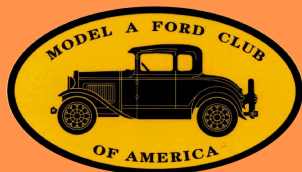


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Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher

Let's end the year with a roaring good time at the December 15th General Meeting. There is no one I would rather share the night with, but YOU



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*Share some good Model A stories
while wearing that ugly sweater*



*Bring a \$10 wrapped gift and play
a fun game*



Lots going on
at the holiday
PARTY. Don't
miss out.

**Dec
15th**



Bring a couple of canned goods



Join the holiday Sing-A-Long

President's Message



Don Ratzlaff
President

Well, the end of my term as club president is fast approaching. Before that happens I want to express my appreciation for the support I have enjoyed from all club members. My special thanks to my fellow board members and to the hard working chair persons and volunteers; you have all been so great! In January, the new club officers of president, treasurer and secretary will be installed and I know you will offer them the same level of help and support I have received, thank you so much! Kudos to the health and good will promoted by the Orange County Club.

Today is the 27th and I hope you all had a pleasant Thanksgiving Day; lots to be thankful for! We have made it through a National Election, a Thanksgiving Day and a Black Friday Sale day; not to mention the many football games that were

watched. Now I see there are only 30 days left before Christmas and Carolyn hasn't done the Christmas shopping yet. Did you notice that the Christmas decorations were in the stores along with the Halloween decorations; didn't that seem a little bit much?

I hope you noticed that we managed to include a few club activities along the way. We had a good turn out for the "Alzheimer walk" held at Angel's Stadium on the 12th. The weather was great and the Model A's attracted a good deal of attention. We had a nice walk through and around the stadium; no medical help needed. After the walk, we all enjoyed a lunch break at the Lazy Dog Restaurant. That evening Carl and Ellie Pease, along with Carolyn and me, parked our Model A's at the Fullerton Museum. They served as a "period" accessory to the museum's Prohibition-Era Exhibit. We were then treated as "special" guests with free passes to the exhibit and an awesome dinner. Again, let me encourage you to take part in those special opportunities to display your Model A in public settings.

Due to CHOC scheduling priorities, The December Club Meeting will be held on the 15th, not on the 8th. The meeting will be more informal and the agenda will have a Christmas theme; i.e. games, stories, youtube clips, carolers, desert table, etc. You are asked to bring canned goods for donation to Mary's Kitchen (a volunteer organization that provides food and services to the homeless of Orange County).

In a more serious vein, **The Annual Club-Installation-Banquet** will be held on Sunday Afternoon,, January 8th at the Fullerton Elks Lodge. The cost is \$20 per individual; can be given to Tom Weaver at the December meeting or can be mailed in to OCMAFC, PO Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711. Payment deadline: December 20th.

And, don't forget, your membership renewal for year 2017 is now due; \$30 per family. Payment deadline: January 30, 2017. Take your Model A out for a drive; find out what it sounds like! That's all folks! Enjoy, Don R



SUNSHINE & SORROW

By Marilyn Hawkins

An animated card was e-mailed to **Pam Heiland** for her chronic bronchitis. Mailed a comical get well card to **Richard Parrish** who is still adapting to his ear implant. At our last meeting **Colleen Schmidt** was enduring a bout of bursitis. Sent her a cheery get well card. Stay happy and healthy for the holidays!

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

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Dec 3 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange

Dec 3 (Sat) Tour of Superior Automotive Engineering, 761 Monroe Way, Placentia at 10AM.

Dec 5-8 National Awards Banquet, Reno, NV



Dec 15 (Thu) Special Date General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. This will be an informal get

together. Bring canned goods for Food Bank, dessert potluck, \$10 gift exchange, share stories about your Model A and sing-a-long. Board meeting at 6PM



Dec 22 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast 8:30AM TBD For info contact Terry Collings at 714-

970-7194



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

Jan 8, 2017 Annual Installation Banquet at Fullerton Elks' Lodge, 1400 Elks View Lane, Fullerton.



No host bar at 1:30PM, buffet at 2PM. Contact Kathie McCall to reserve your space.



meeting at 6PM

Jan 12 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board



Jan 26 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast 8:30AM TBD For info contact Terry Collings

at 714-970-7194

March 24-25, 2017 CCRG Jamboree in Porterville, CA. Hosted by Porterville Happy Honkers. For info: Dr. David Bockman, carnut123@gmail.com
Apr 2, 2017 Annual Pancake Breakfast, Hart Park, 701 S Glassell St, Orange, CA

Reminder to club members

All donations made on behalf of the club must be pre-approved by the Board



Swap Meets/Car Shows

Dec 4 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, 5AM-2PM, Pomona Fairplex, Fairplex Drive and McKinley Ave, Pomona 91768 Enter at Gate 17.

Dec 11 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-1pm

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

Feb 12 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet & Car Show, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, 6am-1pm



TOR

The club will be visiting this state-of-the-art facility that performs expert diagnostics and repairs.

**Saturday, December 3rd
10am**

Superior Automotive Engineering

761 Monroe Way
Placentia, CA 92870



*Are you interested in stepping back in time for a day? The Victorian Tea Society is asking for Model A drivers willing to transport passengers from their homes through the Arboretum gardens to Dr. Clark's Heritage House (Fullerton). Lunch will be served. Event date to be determined later. Contact Cathy or Jerry O'Brien
email: ylgarden@aol.com*

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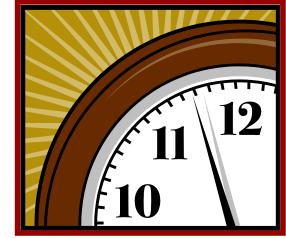
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Please Note: Some information contained in our newsletter has been reprinted from other newsletters; we thank and acknowledge them.

General Meeting Minutes

OCMAFC General Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2016
Wade Education Center at CHOC
60 in attendance/3 Model A's



President Don Ratzlaff opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

Flag salute was led by Jeanne Parrish.

Doris Marshall welcomed all with her "Hello Everyone", but had no funny story to share. Colleen Schmidt, Richard Parrish and Arthur Wright stepped up with their versions of humor.

Minutes: Louise Hall moved, Pam Heiland 2nd to approve minutes from October meeting as printed in newsletter. No corrections. All approved.

Financial: Treasurer Tom Weaver reviewed the records and reminded members to send in membership dues in order to be included in the 2017 roster (\$30.00 per family).

Current membership is 169. Payment of \$20.00 pp can be sent to PO Box or Tom directly for the Annual Installation Banquet to be held 01/08/2017, Deadline 12/20/16.

VP/Activities: Frank Reese reviewed upcoming events and tours. See the newsletter calendar or web site.

Technical: Ken Blankshain discussed potential ideas for seminars, also listed in the newsletter or web site. President Don Ratzlaff also sends frequent reminders of current events, tours, seminars etc. by e-mail.

Merchandise: Cathy O'Brien introduced new merchandise to be ordered if members in support. Hubby Gerry modeled a non-white t-shirt with pocket, and a white driver's cap in white with club logo. A significant number of members indicated they would like these items.

Sunshine/Sorrow: Marilyn Hawkins had no issues to report and suggested we all just "celebrate health".

Election Chairman Joe Goff introduced nominees Jim Runyon for President, Norm Kredit for Secretary and Marilyn Hawkins for Treasurer. There were no further nominations, either in writing or from the members in the audience. All unanimously voted to accept these very willing members to serve for 2017-18 Board of Directors, along with continuing VP Frank Reese, Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher, Technical Ken Blankshain. Rick Hall will turn over his position as Past President to Don Ratzlaff. Committee openings include Sunshine/Sorrow and Historian.

Hard Luck Trophy: Bob Werbeck, Frank Reese, Jerry Reed and Richard Parrish shared tales of unfortunate incidents in the past month; however, Richard won hands down with his story of the rear wheels locking up subsequently blocking traffic on a major thoroughfare for 2 hours. Richard encouraged everyone to get those cars out and just drive them, so that they too could receive this coveted award.

Potential future event: Cathy O'Brien shared information regarding a charity event hosted by the Fullerton Victoria Society for their annual luncheon in March 2017.

The organization is looking for a few vintage cars to (Cont'd on Page 8)

Manifold Gasket

By Richard Bates,
San Diego, CA

Reprinted from mafca.com/tqa_tt_man_gasket.html

I recently made an interesting repair to a failed exhaust manifold gasket. We were on an extended trip (4,500 miles.) from San Diego to the deep woods of Vancouver Island, BC when the gasket blew out. The primary cause of the failure was the warping of the manifold. We didn't have a replacement gasket so we cut gaskets from regular higher temperature stock. As we knew would be the case, the misalignment of the exhaust manifold with the engine block did not allow gland rings to be fit, but in this particular circumstance we needed something to augment what was obviously an inadequate seal.

The trick we used was to make exhaust manifold gland rings from copper water pipe. We cut with a hacksaw, as carefully as we could, lengths from the pipe that would extend out of the engine block just the thickness of the gasket material. These rings were split and the joint hand filed until they could be tapped firmly into the engine block counter bore. Our reasoning was that when the manifold assembly was tightened into place the gasket would be compressed somewhat and the interference of the misaligned manifold faces with the copper glands would fix them into place and provide exhaust gas barriers for the vulnerable gasket material. There was no failure of the gasket after the rings were installed. Other antique automobile engines I am familiar with

do have these exhaust manifold sealing rings and they make an almost foolproof manifold seal in conjunction with a gasket. Ford had a terrible problem with warping of the manifold and had to abandon the gland ring in production. Our experience in the North Woods with this copper ring approach suggests that the seal can be greatly enhanced. It directs the hot exhaust flame away from the gasket seal and is held firmly in place.

Subsequently we have machined the manifold assembly gasket face flat, and have installed copper glands just because it is so easy to do, and as was demonstrated to us, is effective even without the ring penetrating the manifold counter bore.



FOR SALE:

Late 1930 45
-B Deluxe
Coupe with
Rumble
Seat LED



Tail lights, Ford Maroon Directional
Signals Owned since Sept 1972.

\$12,500.00 Records available. Seat
Belts in Driver/Passenger positions.

Engine rebuilt @ 87,661 Miles, Inserts and hardened
valves, High Compression Head Lightened and Bal-
anced Flywheel V-8 Clutch Trans rebuilt @ 90,398
Miles 4 New Brake Drums @ 92,900 Miles New
Brake linings @ 112,922 Luggage Carrier. Lots more-
too much to list-extra parts-etc. prhyland@att.net or
714) 633-5797 Please leave message.

SUCH A DEAL: 6 volt battery for a Model A. It tests
as good, although it struggles to start my A. Its free, so
the price is right! Dave Knapp (949)243-5210 Thanks!



Singer-Hawkins, Marilyn—

change to email: Old:
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Ph: 909-385-1486

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Marshall, Drain & Doris—new cell: 310-883-3721

Hawkins, Bob & Marilyn—change to address: 5200 Irvine
Blvd. # 417, Irvine, CA 92620-2002

Gaynor, Jeremy & Susan—new address: 104 Oakbriar Court,
Penfield, NY 14526-2637 (everything else remains the same)

How Old Are Your Tires?

By Gene Reinhart

(reprint from The Distributor December 2005
Published in the Santa Anita A's "Spoken Wheels")

The useful life of a tire is only five to seven years. For cars and trucks driven every day, the tread usually wears out in less than five years. For RVs that sit for a good part of the year, five years can pass with a lot of tread still left on the tire.

Although you may not want to replace what looks like a perfectly good tire, riding on tires more than five years old greatly increases the risk of a blowout.

Every tire has a date code stamped on the sidewall, which gives the date that the tire was manufactured. They look something like this: DOT PDHH MLOR 3403. The date code can be on either side of the tire, so you may have to crawl underneath the rig and look on the inward facing side. The date code always starts with the letters DOT and ends with a 3 or 4-digit number. That last number is the date code, which tells you when the tire was manufactured. The first two numbers indicate the week (out of 52) and the last one or two digits indicate the year.

That jumble of letters and numbers on the sidewall is the tire size designation. The first letters indicate the type of tire: P for passenger car, LT for light truck, and ST for special trailer. Bus and medium-duty truck tires have such designation. The next number is the width of the tire, given in millimeters, followed by a slash. The number following the slash is the ratio of width to section height (only important to tire engineers) followed by a letter: R for radial ply or D for diagonal (Cont'd on Pg 9)

*Join us for the
2017
Installation Banquet
as we celebrate the
accomplishments of the
outgoing and
welcome the newest
Board and Committee
Members*

*January 8th
1:30pm - No host bar
2:00pm - Buffet served
Fullerton Elks Lodge
1400 Elks View Lane
Fullerton, CA
RSVP by December 20th
to Kathie McCall
\$20 per person (club to subsidize balance)*

MODEL A Roster Raffle

CURRENT JACKPOT **10** DOLLARS

If the roster jackpot grows to \$100, and the name pulled is not at the meeting, a second name will be pulled; should it get to \$200, up to 4 names may be called each month until a winner is in attendance.

We are honored to present the newest members of the OCMAFC Board



(Cont'd from Page 5) transport raffle prizewinners to the 2018 luncheon. Individuals are to contact Cathy directly if interested. This is not a club-sponsored event due to liability and insurance issues.

Name Badge drawing: Richard Parrish.

Roster drawing: Jim Persons \$30.00.

Model A Driver: Tom Weaver.

Announcement: December will be 12/15, third Thursday. It will be informal with a holiday atmosphere and refreshments.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm with refreshments provided by Jeanne Parrish and Esther Goff.

Submitted by Kathie McCall, Secretary



OCMAFC thanks you for your continued support

**Orange County
Ronald
McDonald
House**

Deadline for submissions for the next

Distributor is

December 25, 2016

Submit all articles and ads to
tissysmith1@gmail.com

or mail to

P.O. Box 10595
Santa Ana, CA 92711

What You Missed—BS Breakfast

By Esther Goff

Whoever said having breakfast was the ideal way to start the day, must have known our Model A members would capitalize on this. November's chow down was no exception to the rule, with a full participation of twelve ladies, twenty-four gentlemen, and ten Model A's on display. After two hours of eating and sharing words of wisdom among one another, many of us went to Red Gum Studios. At this point you ask yourself...what is this? Where am I going?

Red Gum Studios is run by Darin and Don Dormeyer. Don was our host. This is an awesome place that is called a campus, as it consists of three stages, with one stage having a revolving floor. There is also a pool and kitchen. Don has over 35 years of experience, as a photographer, and used this talent to create images that are superimposed onto a specific staging. Numerous, varied backdrops are used to compliment the subject being photographed.

Visualize a roadster (the subject) traveling along a long and winding road (backdrop) or a woman swimming underwater in a lake with mountains in the background. Better yet, picture Julia Childs in the kitchen cooking up a scrumptious desert.

These scenarios and others (whatever you dream up) are ways in which the studio is utilized. Many commercials that you view on TV may have been filmed in a studio such as this. The ceilings in each stage are lined with high intensity lighting that can be used to create many degrees of illumination from low, dim or bright, thus being able to set a 'mood' to enhance the subject.

This was a very informative tour. We now know, that many commercials were not necessarily filmed in the context we see them, but maybe inside a studio.

Thank you Red Gum/Don

(Cont'd from Pg 7) on bias ply. It ends with a number that gives the inside diameter of the tire in inches.

A tire with the designation ST225/75R15 is a special trailer tire that is 225 millimeters wide with a width to section height ratio of 75. It is a radial ply tire that will be mounted on a 15-inch wheel.

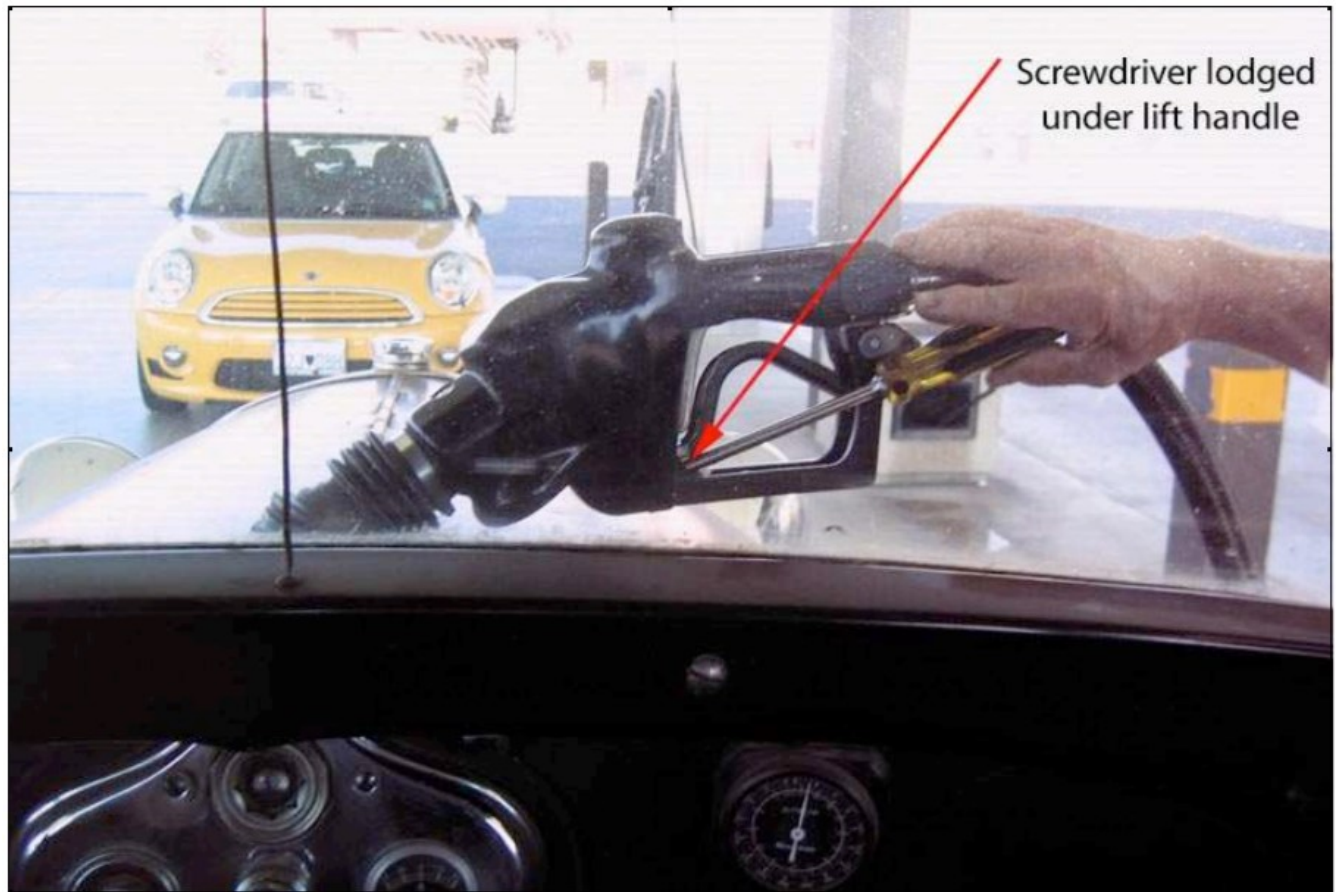
(Comment from John Knox - if your tow trailer sits around in the sun the rate of decline is faster. If you put an ultra violet coat on with regularity they last longer. A shade cover impervious to UV is the best.)

Fueling the Model A With Modern Equipment

By Clinton Osborn

http://mafca.com/tqa_member_tips.html

Using what I call the “politically correct” fuel nozzle found in today’s (California) gas stations can be frustrating. They were evidently designed for fuel tanks with filler necks, and of course the Model A has no such neck. As most Model A drivers know, the modern nozzle mechanism shuts off the fuel when the tank is just a little over three quarters full. Soon after these were introduced, I came up with this nifty technique to easily get a full tank. Model As have a nice feature that allows you to actually see the gas in the gauge glass when it’s full. I prefer to fill from the right side of the car to guard against the possibility of the pressure of the incoming gas damaging the little fine sediment screen I use in my tank shut off valve. Therefore, I start filling using the full on nozzle latch until the tank is full enough that it automatically shuts off. Then I slip my flat blade screwdriver in under the nozzle valve plunger and lift up on it while looking through the right front window until I see the gas level in the middle of the gauge and release the screwdriver handle.



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.



2017 DUES INVOICE—You can use this form to submit your dues

**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**
Annual 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. Box 10595
Santa Ana CA 92711

**Payment MUST be received by 12/31/16 to be included in the club's
2017 Roster**

ORANGE COUNTY
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Next General Meeting

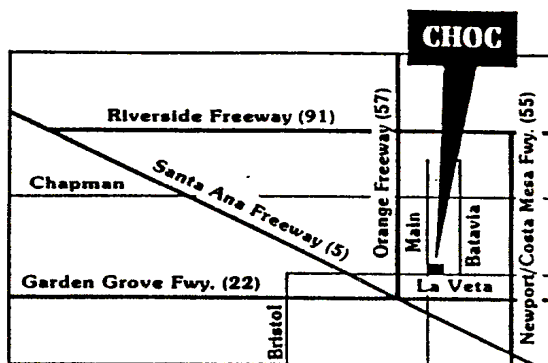
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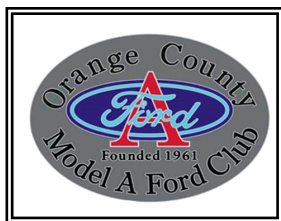
Next Meeting December 15, 2016

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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