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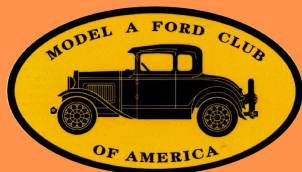


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Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher

Being on the Board of the OCMAFC is an extremely rewarding experience. Let your opinions be known. It makes the club a stronger and better organization.



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Auto Detailing Seminar

Saturday, September 17th 9:00 am

Don Geisen's Shop



Don Ratzlaff
President

President's Message

Hey, we had a nice, "4th Thursday Breakfast" at the Schooner or Later restaurant in Long Beach. I believe there were 22 or 23 club members in attendance. Good setting, good people and good food, awesome!

Anybody besides me enjoy the Potluck Dessert setting at the August Club Meeting? A rousing thanks to all you who prepared and brought those desserts! I think we should make it an annual event; what say you?

We had a good technical session on fly-wheel and housing installation early in August; who knew that such meticulous measurements/adjustments were required? Just another chapter in the successful assembly of the Model A. While at the seminar, Art Moore delivered a certificate of recognition from MAFCA; our club has successfully completed 55 years as a chartered chapter of MAFCA. The certificate was given to Art at the recent national convention held in Colorado. I'll bring it to the September meeting for all to view.

So what's coming up for the month of September? We'll start with the BS Breakfast on Saturday, the 3rd, and on Sunday, the 4th, those of you that signed up, will be attending the Disneyland Half Marathon as spectators. It's an early start time, like 5am, so it will test your resolve. Then there is the general club meeting on Thursday, the 8th, and on Saturday, the 10th, an "International Model A Day" tour through Fullerton, lead by Norm Kredit. On Saturday, the 17th, we will be having a technical at Don Geisens's shop on "Auto Detailing". Then, on the 22nd, it's the 4th Thursday Breakfast. And on Sunday, the 25th, there is the 55th annual swap meet, hosted by the Paradise Valley Model A Ford Club. So it looks like a busy month. Check the September Newsletter and/or the Club Web Page Calendar for times and locations.

Remember, Joe Goff is now accepting nominations for next year's Club President, Treasurer and Secretary. Also volunteers are needed for the Club of Historian and Banquet Chairpersons. This is YOUR TIME.

Who will have a September story about their Model A? Driving, or working on, your Model A makes for all kinds of stories; we'll be listening!

Thaaaaaat's all folks,
Enjoy, Don R



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PRESIDENT



YOUR NAME
TREASURER



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SECRETARY

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



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

Sep 4 (Sun) Disneyland half marathon starts at 5am. Must register with Disneyland to receive Disney Park Ticket along marathon route and cheer contestants as they run.



Sep 8 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



Sep 10 (Sat) Drive Your Model A Day for International Model A Day. Starting at 8:30AM at Santa Fe Café, 136 E Santa Fe Ave, Fullerton, hosted by Lori & Norm Kredit



Sep 17 (Sat) Technical Seminar 9AM auto detailing your Model A at Don Geisen's shop, 23011 Moulton Parkway, #H-1, Laguna Hills,

CA 92653

Sep 19-22 MARC Tour, Hudson Valley tour, Newburgh, NY



Sep 22 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast 8:30AM at Black Bear Diner, 1011 N Harbor, Fullerton 92832, 714-515-3481. For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



Oct 2 (Sun) 24th Annual Frazier Park Potluck and Meet, 10:30AM-3PM, potluck at noon, hosted by the Bakersfield Model A Ford Club, Frazier Park Recreation Bldg, 3800 Park Dr, Frazier Park 93225



Oct 8 (Sat) Progressive Brunch, appetizers at Carmen & Dick Smith's home; main course at Cathy & Jerry O'Brien's home, dessert at Becky and Bruce MacIntosh's clubhouse. For info, contact Sheila Plotkin or

Karen Gaynor



Oct 13 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM

Oct 14-16 Idyllwild Tour hosted by Arthur Wright. Currently, the plan is to leave on 10/14, check in to motel. On 10/15 there will be a short tour of the area, then travel out to Arthur Wright's home for a light lunch. Then enjoy evening activities and a return to the motel. On the morning of 10/16, have breakfast and check out of motel to return to Orange County.

Oct 15 (Sat) 6th Annual Year End Roundup hosted by Santa Maria A's, RSVP by 10/8, to jemccord@aol.com or 805-598-8133



Oct 27 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast 8:30AM TBD For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

Dec 5-8 National Awards Banquet, Reno, NV

Swap Meets/Car Shows

Sep 10 (Sat) 14th Annual All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet hosted by Santa Maria A's, 201 S Broadway, Orcutt, 93455, 9AM-3PM, For info contact Curt Warner at 805-478-1231, ckw71977@yahoo.com or santamariamodelaclub.com

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

Sep 11 (Sun) Santa Margarita Ford Car Show

Sep 24 (Sat) Car Show & BBQ, Jane Adams Park, 15114 Firmona Ave, Lawndale, 11AM-4PM, no entry fee

Sep 25 (Sun) 55th Annual Antique Car and Swap Meet, Western Little League Regional Headquarters, 6707 N Little League Dr, San Bernardino, 6am-3pm, hosted by Paradise Valley Model A Club, admission & parking free

Mystery Person

By: Esther Goff



Our mystery member was born in Lynwood, California but spent most of growing up in Downey; a true native of this fine state. He has been married 28 years and they have a son and daughter.

Worked as an electronic engineer for Rockwell-Collins, a big radio company in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A business that worked making aerospace radios that started up in WWII. He earned a BS in this field and in the 1980's they made LED displays for military phones (but by today's standards it is old hat LEDs and is now known as LCD s in cell phones). After spending 40 years in aerospace he retired two years ago.

Enjoying the retired life, he and his wife love camping and they have a 19 foot travel trailer, fully loaded with kitchen, bath/shower, and can be gone for one to two months hitting the open road. Recent road trips were to Montana, Idaho and Utah. This year they are looking to go up the Pacific Coast to Oregon and Washington.

Leisure times is spent reading non-fiction, i.e. history and biographies. Also being on the computer is a fun past time and loves programming languages. He also claims

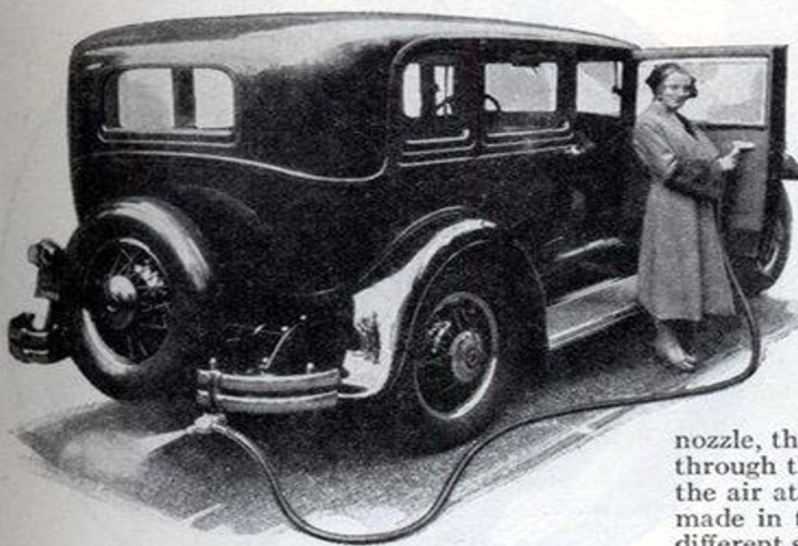


he is an ardent gardener and loves yard work. Other sports/hobbies included tennis in the past, but now spends many hours swimming at the HOA pool, walking 3-4 miles a day, with his wife who also is an avid walker/hiker, and previously had a touring bike when in his 30's, but recently purchased a mountain bike which he states is easier on the old body.

Being a big Angels fan they attend many games with a group of 10 others. He got interested in Model A's from his father, but dad had a Model "T". Go figure!! Guess old cars just fascinated him as long as it was a Ford. He counts on his wife to keep things organized as that is one of her assets, to which he says, he has a "take on whatever comes" attitude. Just goes to show that opposites attract. (Answer on Page 11)



USE CAR'S EXHAUST TO CLEAN CUSHIONS



With the car's engine idling, gas from the exhaust creates a vacuum that cleans the cushions

Using the exhaust gas of the automobile to clean the upholstery is the accomplishment of a recently invented device. An aluminum attachment is fastened to the exhaust pipe and the engine is allowed to idle. As the exhaust gas passes through this device suction is created at the inlet hole. Collected by a nozzle, the dust and dirt are drawn through the hose and expelled into the air at the rear of the car. It is made in three models, for cars of different size.

Editor Note: Please don't try this,

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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, June 6, 2016
Wade Education Center @ CHOC
48 in attendance

Orange County Model A Ford Club
 General Membership Meeting
 8/11/2016 CHOC Education Center
 58 in Attendance 4 Model A's

The meeting commenced at **7:40 pm** with the flag salute led by Steve Povich.

President Don Ratzlaff asked for visitors in the absence of club greeter, Doris Marshall. Mike Green has a '31 Cabriolet and has attended at least 15 of the pancake breakfasts and is joining **tonight**. Greg Witz ('29 fordor) and David Gonzalez ('31 Victoria) new members.

Minutes from June meeting were approved as printed in Distributor.

Financial: Tom Weaver reviewed the records, all within budget. No discussion.

Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher has extra 2016 rosters @ \$3.00 each. Deadline always 25th of the month, articles and pictures always needed.

Activities: Frank Reese reviewed upcoming events, which are listed separately in newsletter. Tentative date for pancake breakfast is **Sunday 4/2/17**. Progressive Brunch is in the works. Contact Sheila Plotkin or Karen Gaynor.

Technical: Ken Blankshain is working on future technical seminars. See calendar.

Sunshine/Sorrow: Marilyn Hawkins was absent. Don reported on the Memorial for Mike Watson. Bob Jeffries had eye surgery recently. Bill Hatcher is recovering from a recent hospitalization.

Monthly 4th **Thursday** Breakfast: Terry Collings. See calendar.

Election Chairman: call or message Joe Goff if interested in serving the club as President, Secretary and Treasurer for 2017-18 term of office.

Also open for same term is Historian (appointed position), Dick Smith resigning.

Hard Luck Trophy: Kathy and Jim Glendinning ran into trouble on the way to National Meet in Colorado, making it as far as St. George, Utah, resulting in tow to local garage and use of a rental car, repair still pending: Pete Hyland broke down on Chapman Ave in Orange, final diagnosis broken axle, also still in repair mode; Bill Mowry told of his recent purchase of a '29 roadster in Arizona with lots of problems getting it home. Glendinnings went home with the coveted HL Trophy.

Don Ratzlaff told a long story about his car being involved in a movie shoot requiring driving his car onto a car hauler very early in the morning (dark) and off again many hours later, also in the dark. In between fun and interesting.

Model A driver award: Dale McCall



Aligning the Model A Ford Flywheel Housing

Revisited by
Bill Barlow

Those of you that do the final assembly and installation of your own engines after a rebuild have probably read and used the article written by John T. Shepherd of Arlington, Virginia. This article was written for the Restorer, January/February 1984, pages 10-15. The article was reprinted in the How to Restore Your Model A, volume 4, pages 10-15. The information covered by the article is one of the most critical procedures for eliminating vibration in a Model A. Misalignment of the transmission can not only produce vibration, but will also cause your transmission to jump out of high gear while driving down the road.

Over the twenty years since the article was published, several people have come up with variations of the procedure that made it simpler or less time consuming, or even better yet, more detailed for better results. Now don't take this wrong. John's willingness to produce this information for all Model A restorers to learn from is probably one of the best bits of information every printed, but after 20 years it needs an update.

I will pass on to you what I have learned from my own experience following the procedure in the article, plus what others have told me they have learned.

First I would recommend you pull the article from your library and read it again so you understand what I am referring to below. If you don't have either publication, I would suggest you buy a copy of the How to Restore Your Model A, volume 4. They are available through most Model A parts vendors or direct from MAFCA Headquarters.

One thing I learned was to forget the handy dandy crankshaft checker. Buy a dial indicator with a magnetic base. I made the crankshaft checker as described in figure 3 and it cost me over \$30.000 by the time I bought the material and had a local machine shop bend the bar and drill the holes. A magnetic based dial indicator is less than \$20.000 at Harbor Freight when on sale and not much more when every day priced.

Learn to use it and if you have a problem just call or email me and I'll give you a lesson. It's not that hard to learn. As your new Technical Director I would be glad to help.

The magnetic base attaches to the crankshaft flange and the tip of the indicator is dialed in at zero on the edge of the flywheel housing and around you go reading the dial at different locations on the housing by turning the engine over from the crank nut with a 1-3/8" socket or the crank if it's not too tight because of the rebuild.

Next, and probably the most important, you need only to check the flywheel housing alignment from the pan rail up. The bell housing will pull the lower half into alignment when it is bolted up. The lower half of the flywheel housing can be moved fore and aft by hand pressure as you can prove by placing the dial indicator at the center of the bottom portion of the flywheel housing and give it a pull and a push. This brainstorm was the idea of engine builder, Mike Flanigan of Arizona. It can cut the alignment procedure time from as much as two days to as little as 20 minutes.

Always adjust using the ears on top of the flywheel housing, Mickey Mouse ears as Mike call them, rather than shimming at the other four attaching bolts. A shim under the lower right hand bolt (Cont'd on Page 7)



Green, Mike & Debbie, 2 San Solano, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688, Ph: 949-697-0622, Email: mgreenfun@gmail.com; 1931 Cabriolet (68B) and 1924 Model T Touring
Witz, Greg & Kathleen, 1506 Concord, Fullerton, CA 92831, Ph: 714-680-5100; Email: gkwitz@dslextreame.com; 1929 Town Sedan

Welcome!



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.

(Cont'd from Page 6) will cause a major oil leak at the rear of the cam shaft as it will break the seal of the gasket.

Before placing the gasket on the back of the block you should check the thickness to assure the gasket and the horseshoe shims come in .010" thickness, but the paper gasket can be a completely different size. I have one that measures .016" and that's before the gasket sealer is applied. Using this combination will naturally warp the housing when the six attaching bolts are tightened. I use a used set of main bearing shims and cut them to the horseshoe shape. The main bearing shims are usually laminated in layers of .003" so two under each ear to go with the .010" will give you a better starting point than just using the gasket and the .010 shims.

The Ford Service Bulletins on page 218 states the housing should be within .006" with the crankshaft flange. By using the .003" shims you can bring the housing into perfect alignment with a little time and patience. If the .006" is OK then perfect must be better.

The dial indicator with the magnetic base should also be used to verify that the centerline of the crankshaft is centered in the inside step machined in the flywheel housing. This is done by securing the magnet to the crankshaft flange and setting the indicator point on the inside surface of the step and turn the engine over checking the reading in several places. If the babbitt shop centered the crankshaft and the flywheel housing is not warped or out of round the readings should be within .005". If more than .005" you will need to try another flywheel housing and go through the steps again. If the readings indicate a second housing is out the same as the first then the bearings were not align bored properly and you will have a misalignment of the crankshaft and transmission input shaft causing the unwanted vibration.

If all checks OK then the next step would be to attach the flywheel and use your dial indicator to check the clutch surface for wobble. Anything over .005" should be addressed by checking for debris or burrs on the crankshaft flange or the mating surface on the flywheel. If both are clean and smooth then you should replace the flywheel.

Thanks to Bill Barlow and The International Model A Ford Victoria Association for the following article (reprinted from the November 2004 Distributor



Flywheel and Flywheel Housing Seminar
Foreground is Garrett Green; background is Rick Hall.

Don Ratzlaff is presented with a certificate acknowledging our club's 55-year affiliation with MAFCA by Art Moore



MAFFI Newsletter Minute

Dear Model A Friends,

As many of you are aware, the Model A Ford Foundation is the sponsor of the Model A Museum at the Gilmore. The Foundation is a non-profit organization and run by trustees from across the nation, who are elected to the board by the MAFFI membership. Your trustees this year have been John Marshall, Jerry Morrissey, Randy Czubko, Rob Seiter, Rob Mills, Donna Lewis, Anne Neely-Beck, Janice Barker, Marsha Quesnel, Stan Braden, Joe Hornacek, Gene Tallone, Lou Ironside, Jim Thomas, Loukie Smith and our Executive Director, Art Callan. Obviously, the closer a trustee lives to the museum, the more hands on work he/she is able to do at the museum but all trustees do what they can to promote the Foundation and the museum. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of them for the work they so willingly do. I hope that if one of these trustees is a member of your club or you meet one of them at Model A Day or a national meet somewhere that you will tell them 'thank you' as well.

If you think you may be interested in serving as a trustee, let any one of us know and we will happily talk with you about MAFFI.

Sincerely,

Loukie Smith

MAFFI president



SUNSHINE & SORROW

By Marilyn Hawkins

You have all stayed reasonably healthy the month of August. Good for you! No reports of sickness, operations or tragic loss.

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

Badge drawing: Jeannie Parrish.

Membership Roster drawing: \$50.00. Wade/Stacy Ratzlaff not present, next month will be \$60.00 (it pays to attend the meeting).

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Refreshments were wonderful as usual: Potluck dessert provided an abundance of tempting choices; however, fresh fruit, and crackers with cheese ball also were on the table. Thank you to everyone who participat-

MODEL A
Roster Raffle

CURRENT JACKPOT 60 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.

Join us for good food
and company

Fourth Thursday
Breakfast Bunch

September 22 8:30am

Black Bear Diner

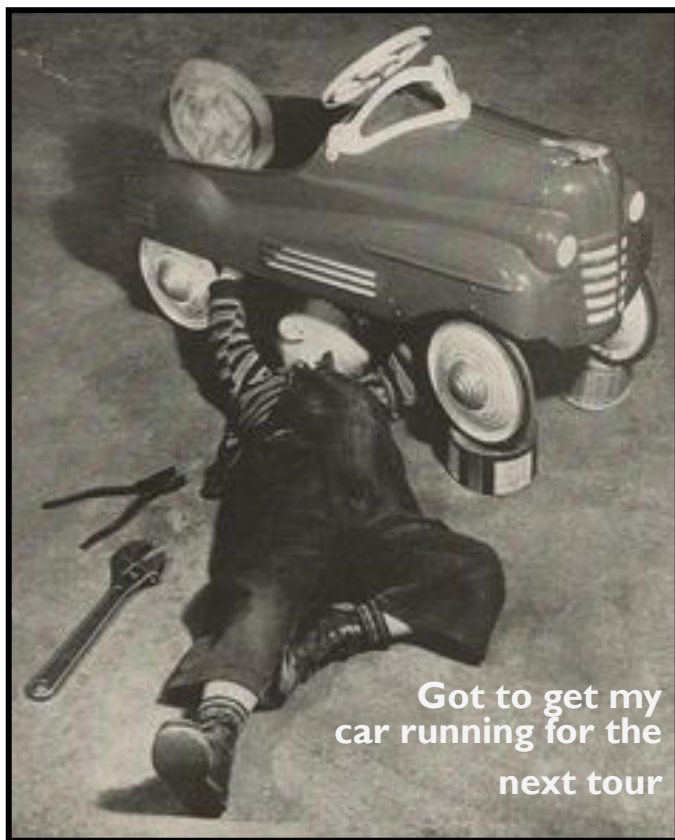
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Auto Detailing Seminar



Saturday, September 17th 9:00 am
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Got to get my
car running for the
next tour

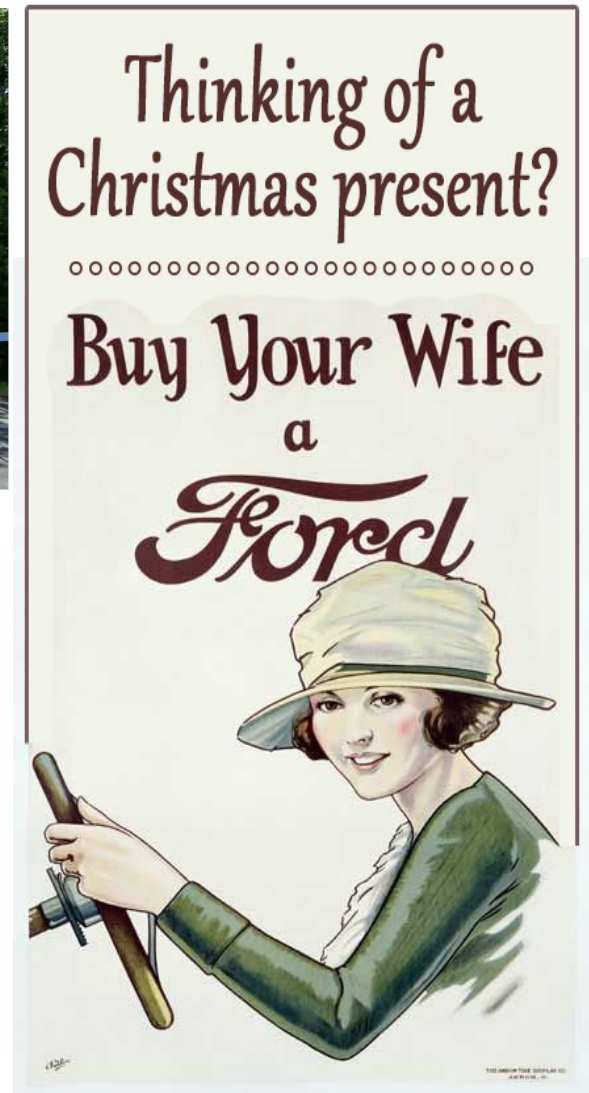
October 8th 10:30am Progressive

Appetizers Main Course Desserts



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The Model A Touring Club is planning a great California Lost Coast Tour— September 11th to 19th and will showcase the coast of Northern California and Southern Oregon. You will enjoy the quaint towns, the exquisite redwoods of the rain forest, the wine country, the jet boats of the Rogue River, delicious food and incomparable fellowship of Model A companions. See <http://modelatouring.club/schedule.html> for Application or Contact Gil Sissons, 707-462-0344 or gsissons@comcast.net



June MAFFI Newsletter Minute

Enjoy some vacation at the national meet of your choice and save a day or two for MAFFI's Model A Day at the museum September 17 & 18. Check out maffi.org for hotel information.

Drive safely and HAVE FUN!!!



OCMAFC thanks you for your continued support

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McDonald
House**

Deadline for submissions for the next

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Submit all articles and ads to tissysmith1@gmail.com

or mail to

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FOR SALE: 1929 AA TRUCK. Express Bed (TT). Original condition. First sold in Loyaltan, CA. Have original bill of sale and history. Runs. 4-speed transmission. Very well preserved. \$6,500.00 or offer. Call Robert 805 238-7505 Cell 805 674-5770, Templeton, CA express8n@aol.com



WANTED: I am a Curatorial Consultant working with Muzeo Museum and Cultural Center in Anaheim. I am putting together an Exhibition called Dressing Downtown, *Changing Fashion for Changing Times*, which opens in February 2017. I am looking for a car to include in the exhibition from February thru the beginning of May 2017. Anything from 1917 through 1930 will work. We certainly would give credit and publicize any upcoming events for you. We are expecting about 10,000 guests during that time. Can you help me out? Contact: Joyce Franklin at 714-261-0932 or jfranklinconcepts@gmail.com

FOR SALE: 1930 Briggs 4 door totally restored in 1990 or so. Body stripped to bare metal on rust free Calif car. Hoke Hokinson in Atascadero rebuilt motor. Nice trunk, Powder coated wheels, weber downdraft carb., Mallory ignition, very nice cloth interior, car starts but has not been driven in a year plus. It will need tuning up and a little tlc. Should make an excellent touring car with a little attention. Asking \$16,500 OBO. Call Dave Krill at 805-748-5538 or cdkrill@hotmail.com



FOR SALE: 1947 Ford Deluxe Coupe black with black and white tuck and roll upholstery Engine: Flathead with Offenhauser heads Dual 97S 12 Volt New Battery Red wheels with whitewall radials Price: \$29,000 OBO Glenn Johnson 539-644-1250 or gslensing@scglobal.net



MYSTERY PERSON
Bruce MacIntosh



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Next General Meeting

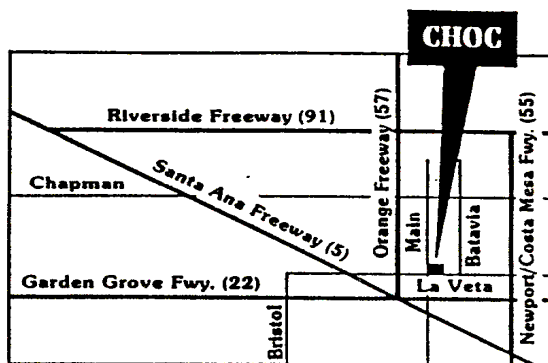
7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting September 8, 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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