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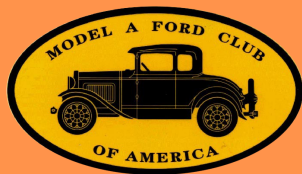
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President's Message

Another year is almost gone. It seems like this time of year we have too much to do and too little time to do it. November has been a busy month. Two tours the first week, the Alzheimer's Walk, Thanksgiving, and don't forget Black Friday. It is that time of year again; time to renew your membership and make plans to attend the Installation Banquet. I also want to welcome all the new members.

I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving, with family and friends. Sometimes we forget to tell people thank you for being in our lives and how much they mean to us. I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of you, for your support this past year. Thank you! May the best things in life be yours, not only this holiday season, but throughout the year. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jim



Jim Runyon, President



SUNSHINE & SORROW

By Pam Heiland

This was a very busy month. Lots of cards went out to our club members. Please keep all these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

A "thinking of you" card was sent to dear Mel Collings; A get well card was sent to Tina Mowrer, Frank's wife, who had gallbladder surgery recently; a get well card was sent to Carol Persons who is suffering from pneumonia and a get well card was sent to Carolyn and Don Ratzlaff who are both fighting bad colds. Hope all you folks will take care and get better in a hurry!

Please let me know if you hear of anyone who needs a card, flowers, etc. sent.

Here's your thought for the month:

"Gentleness helps us make a point without making an enemy"

Happy Thanksgiving everyone. We all have much for which to be thankful. One of the things I'm thankful for is our wonderful Model A Club family.

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



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



Dec 9 (Sat) Technical Seminar on oil pumps at 9:30am to be held at Rick & Louise Hall's home, 3532 Marywood Dr, Orange



Dec 14 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. CHOC Hospital Complex, 455 South Main Street, Orange. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



Dec 28 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast at 8:30 am at Flappy Jack's, 2848 Santiago Blvd., Orange, 92867, 714-283-2800. For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



Jan 6 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



Jan 7, 2018 (Sun) Annual Installation Banquet, 1pm-4pm at The Villa, 510 E Katella Ave, Orange 92867



meeting at 6PM



Jan 11 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



Jan 25 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast location to be determined. For info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194

Apr 8-10, 2018 CCRG in Cambria hosted by Cuesta Cankers, San Luis Obispo

Jun 24-Jul 1 MARC National Meet, Branson, Missouri



Swap Meets/Car Shows

Dec 3 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Pomona Fairplex, Fairplex Drive and McKinley Ave, Pomona, enter at Gate 17. 5am-2pm

December 9 (Sat) 3rd Annual Change for a Cure Holiday Car Show hosted by Barry's Speed Shop, 1640 Commerce St., Corona, 9am - 2pm. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. Info: 951-273-9284

December 10 (Sun) Long Beach Hi-Performance Swap Meet at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach, 6am-1pm

December 10 (Sun) El Segundo Christmas/Centennial Holiday Parade, 1pm-3pm. Meeting at 12:30 at North end of town. Contact Dick Wyckoff at (310) 322-8863 (h) or (310) 292-1929 (c)

April 8-10 Bakersfield Swap Meet, Kern County Fairgrounds, 1142 South P St, Ming St. offramp.

Test Your Knowledge of Model A Ford Trivia

Courtesy of Ken Blankshain
Information taken from Wikipedia

1. What month and year was the Model A first produced?
2. What day was the Model A first available for sale?
3. What was the date that one million Model As had been sold?
4. What was the date that two million Model As had been sold?
5. What was the date that three million Model As had been sold?
6. In March 1930, how many Model A body styles were available?
7. A previous model use the name "Model A" during what year (s)?
8. The 1928 model A was available in how many standard colors?
9. What month and year did the Model A production end?
10. When Model A production ended, how many had been made?
11. Engine displacement was ____ cu in, with ____ horsepower, and a top speed of ____ mph, ____ inch wheelbase, with a final drive ratio of ____.
12. Name the various Model A body styles.
13. What countries did Ford have Model A plants?

Answers on Page 8

SEMINAR
Saturday, December 9th
@ 9:30am



Rick and Louise Hall's home
3532 Marywood Drive, Orange
A tutorial on the oil pump, disassembly and inspection, what to look for, what to replace etc.

SEND A BRICK FOR CHRISTMAS!

Since 2011, when we first started raising money for the construction of the Model A Museum, over 1400 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of our favorite Model A'ers, Model A clubs and regions. We have room under the gas canopy at the Museum for about 200 more bricks. It would be a wonderful thing if we could finish off that area this year! You could help us make that goal by ordering a brick for a loved one for Christmas. It would make a great gift for that loved one in your family who really doesn't 'need' anything and of course, it would benefit the Model A Museum as well. If your Model A region or club doesn't yet have a brick at the Museum, now would be a good time to do that as well. Use the brick order form in this issue of the 'A' Preserver to order your engraved brick. It will be in place at the Museum by next September. Loukie Smith, Brick Coordinator

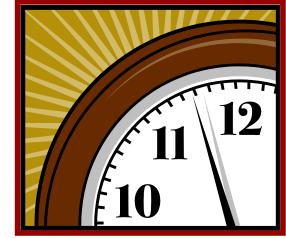
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Please Note: Some information contained in our newsletter has been reprinted from other newsletters; we thank and acknowledge them.

General Meeting Minutes
OCMAFC General Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 2017
Wade Education Center at CHOC


President Jim Runyon called the meeting to order.

Ken Blankshain led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Club Greeter Doris Marshall gave the familiar, "Hello Everybody", and Marilyn Hawkins followed with some "heavenly humor". There were 56 members present. The club welcomed Don and Judy Johnson who came for the first time and own a 1930 two door sedan.

Secretary Norm Kredit called for any corrections to the October 12, 2017 minutes. Hearing none it was moved, supported, and passed to accept them as presented.

Treasurer Marilyn Hawkins reported that we now had 166 members. The club received "Thank You" letters from Samaritan's Purse and City of Hope for our donations. The 2018 budget was approved by the Board. Adjustments were made to increase allowance for the larger storage unit and costs for the Ice Cream Social. Our budget is changed very little from last year. The parts auctioned off at the Cotes' home brought in \$660.

Vice President of Tours and Activities, Frank Reese, reported on the Kellogg House tour in Santa Ana. A special "Thank You" to Ed Cote who became our acting docent. He had an interesting role in its preservation and success. Thanks, Ed. 12 Model A's were there and many went on to have lunch together at a Mexican restaurant on the corner of Fairview and Warner.

Frank announced the correction to the date of the 2018 Pancake Breakfast at Hart Park as being Sunday, April 22, 2018. Please make note of this date and tell your friends and other club members.

Rick and Louise Hall had sign-up sheets for displaying cars at the Alzheimer's Walk at Angel Stadium. The club has made a donation and members are welcome to walk or lend their support by talking to those who come to see the cars. It is a great cause and event.

Other events presented by the information table in the front of the room were a Harbor Light Tour and the American Outreach car show on December 11, 2017.

Richard Parrish and Frank Mowrer were thanked for a great Poker Run out to Chino Airport and then to the Tractor Store in Norco. All made it safely from beginning to end, even with some freeway driving.

The slides presented before and after the meeting are from the restoration of the Barkers' Model A at its restoration prior to being made into a custom roadster. We received those unused part for our auction.

Technical Dennis Klesen and Ken Blankshain announced the next workshop will be at the home of Rick and Louise Hall on December 9 at 9:30. The topic will be the oil pumps in a Model A engine. Tips on what to look for in terms of wear and trouble shooting before pulling one out.

Election Monitor, Joe Goff, rose to conduct the election of two members of the Board. The office of Technical Seminars and the office of Tours/Activities are to be filled. Members Dennis Klesen (Continued on Page 6)

(Continued from Page 5) and Richard Parrish have offered their names respectively for the above positions. Joe called for other names to be nominated from the floor and none were offered. The vote was called for and these two men were voted onto the Board. We thanked them for standing for election.

President Jim Runyon announced the achievement of member, Frank Mowrer, for his 25 years of membership in the Model A Ford Club. Frank has been a valued member of our club, as well as national. He has contributed much to other Southern California clubs and councils as well. He was given a round of applause.

Cards of encouragement were sent by Marilyn Hawkins on behalf of the club to Terry Collings and Mel. Jim Persons also shared in the meeting how his wife Carol was doing. Everyone wished them well. We were reminded by Kathie McCall of Frank Mowrer's wife, Tina, who will have or has had gallbladder surgery.

4th Thursday Breakfast - Terry Collings wanted everyone to know turkeys take priority over pancakes, so there will not be a Thursday breakfast this month. Giving thanks is a great activity on that date instead. Terry enjoys a month off.

Jerry and Diane Gaughen shared some hard luck/good luck adventures as they left Grand Rapids, Michigan on their trip home with their Model A. Watch for more to come.

Mark Schwing's ticket was drawn for the Attendance Drawing and James Bush's name was drawn for the Membership drawing. James was not in attendance so the pot of money grows to \$90 next time.

Thank you to Frank Reese and Jim Persons for the tasty refreshments enjoyed by all present. Guys, follow their example and sign up with the ladies. This is a gender neutral activity.

Remember, the special on last year's Pancake Breakfast T shirts at \$5.00 each. See Jerry and Cathy O'Brien in the back of the room.

The December meeting will be our traditional party with members bringing White Elephant gifts of \$10 or less. It is fun to see who ends up with what you bring. Also each is asked to bring light refreshments or snacks to munch on. Finger food is appropriate and can be divided into take home packages at the end of the meeting. Look forward to an enjoyable evening. Also bring canned goods to be donated to Mary's Kitchen who provide food and assistance to needy families.

Kathie McCall has worked hard to arrange for our Installation Banquet on January 7, 2018. It will be held at The Villa located at 510 E Katella Ave in Orange. The Darden Sisters will be the entertainment for the night, as well as good food. Send checks for \$25 per person to Kathie or Marilyn Hawkins or bring it to the next meeting or Saturday breakfast.

Norm Kredit, Secretary

*Lots of fun going on at the
December General Meeting*



*White Elephant
Gift Exchange [Optional]
(Bring a wrapped gift worth no more than \$10)*

For a treat, bring an appetizer or dessert (to serve 6 or so)



Did you know Mary's Kitchen provides 200+ meals per day to the homeless? Let's all bring a few canned goods to the December meeting and spread the holiday spirit.

The Poker Run: November 1 (Only One U-Turn) By: Kathie McCall

Eight Model A's and three moderns with drivers and friends showed up at Panera Bread in Brea to participate in a favorite club activity organized by Richard Parrish and Frank Mowrer. We ventured onto roads previously unexplored through Brea Canyon, Chino Hills and eventually through outer Mongolia (no, sorry, it was Norco) and Corona. Who knew there was such beauty, winding around hairpin turns and great Model A roads in those hills, or that a tractor supply superstore held treasures of every sort, it seemed like almost everyone came out with a purchase!

The first stop was at the Chino Airport Museum, where alas, there was also a gift shop and where some of the grandparents came away with treasures for young ones, and even themselves. (Cont'd on Page 10)

Fun, Fun, Fun



Poker Run





Info:
Terry Collings
714-970-7194

Answers from Page 4

1. October 20, 1927
2. December 2, 1927
3. 4 February 1929
4. 24 July 1929
5. March 1930
6. Nine
7. 1903-1904
8. Four
9. March, 1932
10. 4,858,644
11. 201, 40, 65, 103.5, 3.77:1
12. The Model A came in a wide variety of styles including a Coupe (Standard and Deluxe), the Business Coupe, Sport Coupe, Roadster Coupe (Standard and Deluxe), Convertible Cabriolet, Convertible Sedan, Phaeton (Standard and Deluxe), Tudor Sedan (Standard and Deluxe), Town Car, Fordor (2-window) (Standard and Deluxe), Fordor (3-window) (Standard and Deluxe), Victoria, Town Sedan, Station Wagon, Taxicab, Truck, and Commercial. The very rare Special Coupe started production around March 1928 and ended mid-1929.
13. In addition to the United States, Ford made the Model A in plants in Argentina, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom. The Soviet company GAZ, which started as a joint venture between Ford and the Soviet Union, made a licensed version 1932-1936.[8] This served as the basis for the FAI and BA-20 armored cars which saw use as Soviet scout vehicles in the early stages of World War II.



Reminder ... If you haven't already paid for the Annual Installation Banquet on January 7th, your last chance to pay is at the December General Meeting.

Don't Forget Just \$25 per person.



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Annual Dues

Orange County Model A Ford Club

NAME(S): _____

AMOUNT: \$30.00

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If so, please list below:

Cars: _____

Telephone numbers: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address(es): _____

Any other changes: _____

Please check the current Roster for accuracy!!!!

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(OCMAFC) and mail to the club at:

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**Payment MUST be received by 1/31/18 to be included in the club's
2018 Roster**



FOR SALE: Early 1928-19 Model A frame with solid front engine mount cross member. Forged running board support, riveted to frame. Frame has been stored inside and is in good condition. Priced at \$650. Contact Jim Nichols 714-546-2969 (post 11/17-1/18)

FOR SALE: 1931 Delux Cabriolet Model A 68B, great condition. I believe it is all original except for running boards and 6V alternator, I've replaced water pump, hoses, LED tail light, new battery, cut off switch on battery and tail pipe. Has original trunk, dual spare tire fender wells, good black wall tires, new top and upholstery, turn signals and spot light. No rust that I know of. Good paint (original Ford color). Asking \$24,000 OBO. Contact Frank Reese 714-348-2507

FOR SALE: Ford 1929 Model A 4 Door Town Sedan. Green on Green. Rebuilt H&H motor. Restored to show condition in the late 1970's. California car always garaged. Mohair interior, turn signals, 6v Alt. Currently in WA State. \$17,500 obo. Mark Plotkin (360) 431-1237 or Mplotkin12@comcast.net for full photo set.



(Cont'd from Page 7) Cruising around the perimeter of the State Prison led us into more unexplored areas and the aforementioned tractor supply store in Corona.

Eventually cruising through Corona and attracting much attention with the ahooga horns and very old autos (not so young drivers either) the caravan ended high in the hills overlooking beautiful landscaped and mansion style homes and onto Green River Drive merging onto the 91 freeway for a few easy miles, ending up at Keno's Restaurant in Anaheim where the hungry card sharks enjoyed a great meal together and divided up the spoils.

Carolyn Ratzlaff was the big winner of \$50.00 with Pat Cimarusti, Debbie Parrish, Ken Blankshain and Jeanne Parrish also enjoying the kitty.

There were no mishaps, breakdowns or complaints and only the one U turn, which is a record. Thank you Richard and Frank for a well-planned and fun event.

MODEL A
Roster Raffle
CURRENT JACKPOT 90 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.

Leseney, Steve & Brenda, 3047 Sandbar Circle, Orange, CA 92865-1155, Cell: 714-402-6762, Email: lesenesc@aol.com, Joined 2017, 1931 Model A Pickup
Foster, Brian & Stacey, 12 Harrisburg, Irvine, CA 92620-2622, Cell: 949-212-0125, Email: brian@foster.us.com, Joined 2017, 1929 Model 50A Sport Coupe
Hodes, Geoff & Pam, 10 Oriole, Irvine, CA 92604-3603, Hm 949-857-5992, Cell 949-246-1502, Email ghodes@cox.net, Joined 2017, 1929 Model 150A Station Wagon, Driver

Johnson, Donald & Judy, 13409 Naoma Lane, Cerritos, CA 90703-1426, Hm 562-926-6886, Cell 562-650-2015, Email donjohn1@verizon.net, Joined 2017, 1930 Model 55-B Tudor Sedan

Runyon, Jim & Dianne - REVISED 1929 76-A Roadster Pickup, Note: sold other car to Don Johnson

Schnur, Richard & Hedda, 21591 Bahama Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646-7807, Hm None, Cell: Richard: 714-878-7032/Hedda: 714-878-7033, Email: rmschnur@aol.com, Joined 2017, 1931 Model A Closed Cab Pickup

Harris, Bruce & Joanie, change of email—from harrisjoanie5@gmail.com to harrisjoanie7@gmail.com

**NEW MEMBERS
CHANGES
CORRECTIONS**

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: ____

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The Dream Takes Shape



My Mom kept a notebook with many facts about their trip - where they stayed, what time they left town, what they spent for lunch, etc.

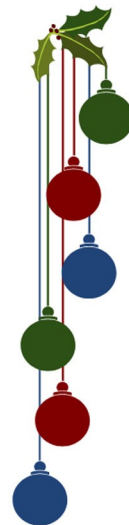
I thought about following in their tire tracks some years ago, but nothing ever came of it until last year when our son Brendan's dissertation topic stoked the fires again - the influence of place in our lives.

I still had the old notebook and I wasn't getting any younger. So when I brought it up to honorable husband, Gerald, he said, "It won't be authentic unless WE do it in a Model A."

OK - so we bought a 1931 Model A! By the time you're reading this, the car will already be back in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where I was born, ready to recreate that 1934 trip.

Mother Vi in 1933

We are offering this excerpt of Diane Wood Gaughen's interesting article about recreating her family's trek to California. Many thanks Diane.



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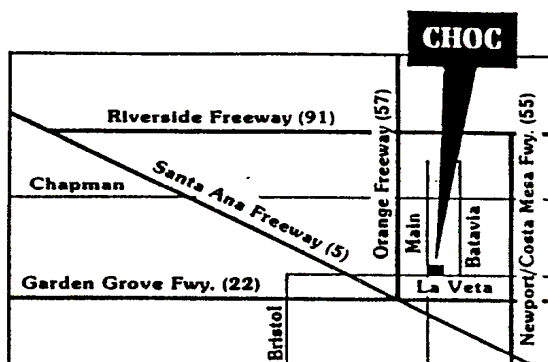
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[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting December 14, 2017

CHOC Hospital Complex

455 South Main Street, Orange, CA



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