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Model A Ford Club



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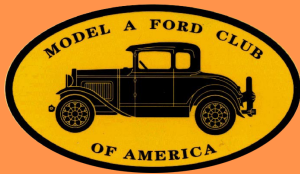


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There is
always,
always,
always
something to
be thankful for



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Installation Banquet
The Villa
510 E Katella Ave
Orange, CA 92867

Cash or Check
\$25/per person
Reserve your space
with Marilyn Hawkins
or Kathie McCall

President's Message

I want to thank Dale and Kathie McCall for organizing a great weekend in San Luis Obispo; with a tour of the San Luis Obispo Train Museum. Fourteen club members made the journey up. Six rode the train and eight of us drove our moderns. Sorry, no Model A's this trip. Dale has a friend who works at the museum and he gave us quite a tour. A little history of how the train station came to be and even took us out back to a storage yard. The weather was a little warm, during the day, and cool nights. Just a very nice relaxing weekend with good friends.

It looks like November is going to be a busy month. We have two tours scheduled for the first week. Richard Parrish and Frank Mowrer will be leading a Poker Run on Wednesday November 1st. After the 1st Saturday Breakfast on November 4th, Frank Reese will be leading a tour to the Kellogg House in Santa Ana. November is also election month. We need to vote in two new board members. VP/Activities and Technical.

We never did find the Hard Luck Trophy. We had to dig deep into the club storage unit and find the original trophy. So, bring your hard luck Model A stories to the next meeting and you could take home this masterpiece. Just a reminder, November 11th is Veteran's Day. Let's take a little time to remember and thank a Veteran for his or her service. I wish you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Jim



Jim Runyon, President

Wednesday, November 1st



Meet at 8:30am at Panera Bread, 423 S Associated Rd, Brea 92821 (located in the Brea Plaza). Plan is to depart at 9am. Richard Parrish and Frank Mowrer will be leading the tour.

NEW MEMBERS
CHANGES
CORRECTIONS

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SUNSHINE & SORROW

By Pam Heiland

A card was sent earlier this month to Janice Weaver, wife of our former Treasurer. Janice tripped and broke her ankle in three places. Please pray for a speedy recovery. Guess I should have sent a card to myself as well. I managed to catch an infection in my throat and was down for a few days. That's why you didn't see me at the meeting this month. Fortunately I caught it soon enough that it did not go into my lungs. Thank God! I'm doing better now but need to be very careful because I have NO immunity. Please, if you have any kind of cold, etc., don't hug me at our next meeting. I love the hugs, but can't afford to get sick again. Thanks.

Here's a thought for the day from Charles Dickens:

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else."

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



Nov 1 (Wed) Poker Run, meet at Panera Brea in Brea, 8:30AM. See page 2 for additional info



Nov 4 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange



Nov 4 (Sat) Kellogg House tour begins at the conclusion of the BS Breakfast at the Katella Grill in Orange. Watch for an email detailing the schedule.



Nov 9 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. CHOC Hospital Complex, 455 South Main Street, Orange.

Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



Nov 11 (Sat) Alzheimer Walk, be there at 7AM with your car. Details on Page 11



Nov 23 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast 8:30AM Canceled due to Thanksgiving. Enjoy



Nov 29-Dec 3 MAFCA's National Awards Banquet, Oklahoma City, OK hosted by Sooner's A's



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



meeting at 6PM



Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



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

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

Dec 28 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast location to be determined. For info contact

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



Swap Meets/Car Shows

November 5 (Sun) 8th Annual Day of the Dead Car Show presented by Kustom Kulture Kars. Held at Glen Avon Heritage Park, 7701 Mission Blvd. Jurupa Valley, 9am - 3pm.

November 12 (Sun) Long Beach Hi-Performance Swap Meet at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach, 6am-1pm

November 25 (Sat) 11th Annual Rockabilly Extravaganza & Music Festival presented by Rockabilly 66 Productions and hosted by the Cadillac Kings Car Club. Held at the Riverside Municipal Airport, 6951 Flight Rd, Riverside, 9am - 6pm.

November 26 (Sun) Gasoline Alley Customs and Classics Car Show presented by Regis & Shelley. Held at Original Mike's, 100 S. Main St., Santa Ana, 11am 2pm. Monthly car show with trophies, live music, 50/50, and food. Info: 714-550-7764

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

Ford vs. Windows

Courtesy of Steve Pavich

We have all sworn at our computers. For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on.

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX): Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating: If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics (and I just love this part):

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash.....twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed an Illegal Operation" warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door- handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.

PS - I'd like to add that when all else fails, you could call "customer service" in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language how to fix your car yourself!

Please share this with your friends who love - but sometimes hate - their computer!

Life doesn't owe you anything.....Life is what YOU make of it!

A Day with Dennis-Fun with Model A Buddies By: Ken Blankshain

Recently, a few of the "buddies" from the club went to Dennis Kliesen's house to help him install his freshly rebuilt Model A engine into his 29 Tudor. While using a "cherry picker" to do the job, a question came up about the weight of the motor. Our best guess at the time was: something less than 500lbs. After doing a little research on the MAFCA website, I learned that: "a complete engine minus flywheel and clutch assembly, including generator, manifolds, etc. is listed as 350 pounds." In Dennis' case there were no manifolds, or generator, but the transmission, flywheel, and clutch assembly were attached. So, I think we were in the right ballpark of between 400 to 500 lbs.

While working at Dennis' place, I observed a lot of numbered containers in his garage. He has a master catalog on his mobile phone using the "Notes" app. It tells him what's in each container or which container has a particular item. So when he needs something, he just consults his master catalog to select the right container. What a simple, efficient, and great idea.

We were also given a tour of the "inner sanctum" and saw some of the neat projects he's working on for the car. He bought an upholstery sewing machine from Don Geisen and is working on new upholstery. He also acquired some old trunks through a friend in the antique furniture business and is restoring and modifying one of them to fit behind his Tudor.

One last fun fact, Dennis is apparently a "train buff". He has built a little caboose office / storage room in the backyard as well as an elaborate train track that covers the complete hillside in his backyard including tunnels and extensive trestles and bridges. He had a model train business and guess what the name of it was: "Hillside Railway." It is no coincidence that he lives at the end of a cul de sac with an unobstructed view from his garage of an operational train track. We observed a number of trains go by while working on his car. What fun!!!

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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, October 12, 2017
Wade Education Center at CHOC**

President Jim Runyon called the meeting to order.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Patty Cote.

Jim welcomed everyone, and a special guest, Jeff Hodes, was present. Jeff has a 1929 Model A with a 1930 registration. In absence of our greeter, Doris, and her humor, Marilyn Hawkins rose to the occasion with some humor.

Secretary Norm Kredit referred for approval the minutes of the September meeting as published in "The Distributor". They were moved, supported, and passed.

Treasurer Marilyn Hawkins presented the financial report. She pointed out Joe Goff's help, that is worthy of recognition, for helping her fill out the State of California's forms for non-profits. Big Thanks Joe! The Alzheimer's Association was sent a donation of \$250. The City of Hope received \$200 and our auto related Sacramento legislative watch dog group, ACCC, was given \$100. Marilyn is working with the Board on the budget for 2018. Marilyn reported our membership count remains at 163. There were 50 members present this evening.

For Sunshine and Sorrow it was shared that Jim and Carol Persons took a cruise and Carol ended up with pneumonia. Our best wishes to Carol for her quick recovery. Also we received word that Tom Weaver's wife, Janis, slipped and broke her ankle very badly. Two are better than one in retirement. We wish Janis a strong recovery.

V/P Activities Frank Reese announced the date for the Pancake Breakfast to be April 22, 2018. Hart Park has been reserved and the focus is getting the shirts printed. A club member drawing was held for those volunteering their cars for the photo on the new shirts. It looks like we will have a 1931 Victoria, owned by Jerry and Diane Gaughen, on next year's shirt. Last year's shirts are now on sale for \$5.00 each. See the O'Briens for sizes available.

Frank pointed out that Richard Parrish and Greg Witz will be helping with the tours. The Kellogg House has been mentioned as well as other upcoming events to be held locally. Richard is known for his Poker Runs and Greg has some other spots up his sleeve. Stand by for more.

Our "Technical Guys", Dennis Kliesen and Ken Blankshain, mentioned that we want to finish Don Dormeyer's Model A. That means getting his car on the road. Ken and Dennis are going to work with Don on the date. The special event of a used parts give away and parts auction will be on Saturday the 21st of October on the driveway of Ed and Patty Cote. These are parts bought from the wife of a member who passed away and others that were donated by someone not needing them. Thank you Ed and Patty and the members who moved the parts to storage and are setting them up at the Cote's.

Historian Steve Pavich brought past issues of The Restorer magazine for the members to pick up or peruse after the meeting. There (Cont'd on Page 6)

(Cont'd from Page 5) are a lot of good tips and articles in these past issues.

Elections - Joe Goff has reminded everyone that November is election month. It is at that time that Richard Parrish for tours and Dennis Kliesen for technical will be officially voted on. There are many positions to volunteer for or members who could use a hand. Activities, Tours, Refreshments, and Technical are all areas of continuing efforts by members. Step up with ideas and lend a hand. It is always good to be affirmed and encouraged by helpers.

4th Thursday Breakfast Terry Collings has picked the IHOP on Lincoln Ave. in Anaheim. The address is 2250 E. Lincoln Ave., Anaheim, CA. That is October 26 at 8:30 A.M. There is good parking and great company.

Phillip Joujon-Roche took the microphone and thanked the "A Team" for all the effort to get his car on the road. He held up his International Drive Your Model A trophy for the most persistent effort he and his navigator displayed even though he came in last. He made it all the way. Way to go Phillip!

Railroad Days invitation was extended by Kathie and Dale McCall. Several are driving and several couples are taking the train. This is in San Luis Obispo from October 13-15. Lots of activities are happening and should be a great weekend. "Happy Anniversary!" to Dale and Kathie.

Refreshments were arranged by Lori Kredit and Ellie Pease who captured the season with pumpkins in decorations and good cobblers. The gobblers were also in good attendance. Thank you ladies for your good work.

Drawings Master, Ed Cote, took his iconic hat off for the Membership drawing. The jackpot was \$70 that is now \$80 dollars next month because Chris Foster was not present to accept her prize.

The Name Tag Drawing was won by Dennis Kliesen.

Remember the Installation Banquet will be held in "The Villa" in Orange. Reservations can be made by contacting Kathie McCall or seeing her at the General Meeting or the breakfasts. Cost is \$25 per person and it will be Sunday, January 7, 2018 from 1:00-4:00 P.M. It is a great time to thank all who made this past year a wonderful one and encourage new board members and volunteers in committees.

Meeting adjourned,
Norm Kredit, Secretary

The A Team assisted Phil Joujon-Roche this month. Do you have questions or need help? Let them know. They are here for YOU!

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Did you know?

The colors of the Promise Garden Flowers represent the reasons people walk for the Alzheimer's Association



Blue *I have Alzheimer's or dementia*



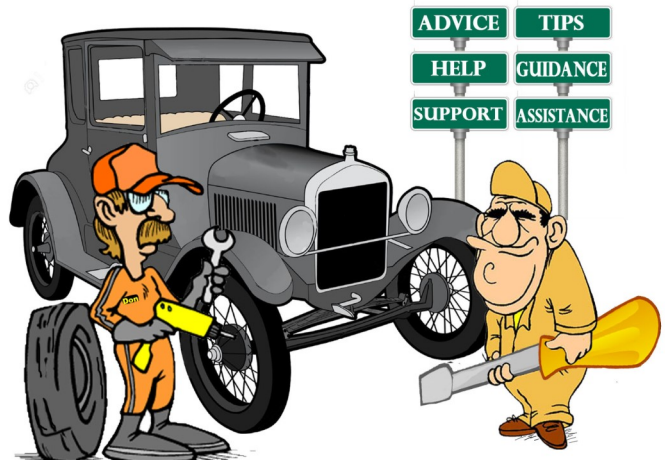
Yellow *I am supporting or caring for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia*



Purple *I have lost someone to Alzheimer's or dementia*



Orange *I support the cause and a vision of a world without Alzheimer's*



San Luis Obispo Tour

By: Kathy McCall

The pictures tell it all!

3 Model A couples left the vintage autos at home on Friday 10/13 and traveled by AMTRAK to the Central Coast Annual Railroad Days in SLO. 4 other Model A couples chose to drive their “moderns” to the event.

Shared fun, treats, naps, and great coastal views on the Pacific Coast Surf Liner also avoided heavy traffic through Los Angeles. The 14 travelers met up at the SLO Train Station or at the Peachtree Inn. More relaxing and treats as we sat together in the central grass area of the Inn followed by a pricey but delicious dinner together at The Apple Farm Restaurant. A few chose to head over to the nearby iconic pink hotel and grounds of The Madonna Inn, especially those who had never been there before.

On Saturday the 14 of us took over the breakfast room before venturing back to the train station for the activities which included a swap meet, model train displays, gift shop, wine tasting, beer garden and the SLO Train Station Museum tour and even entertainment. A short walk took us to the “restoration bone yard” where we finally found the Pacific Motor Trucking (PMT) trailer from the 1930’s which was the purpose of this journey. PMT was a division of Southern Pacific Railroad. The curator was excited to talk about this vintage piece of memorabilia with Dale McCall due to his work history with PMT in years past.

Former club members Dean & Pam Berto, now living in nearby Arroyo Grande joined us.

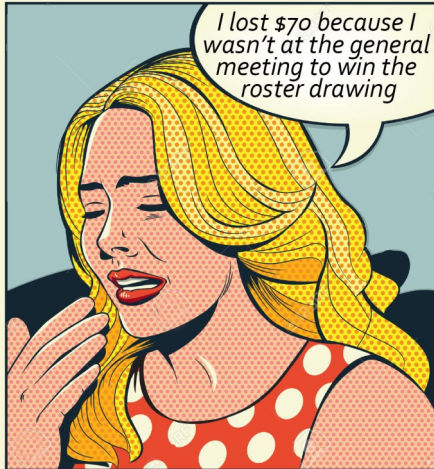
Later we hung out again monopolizing the grass area of the Inn prior to walking to a nearby Italian Restaurant where we celebrated Frank Reese’s birthday and shared more stories.

Sunday we had breakfast all together before the drivers headed out for home. 4 Amtrak travelers also headed for home and work the next day.

We stayed over 2 more days and spent time with Berto’s at their home.

Some went home with additions to their RR hobbies and other SLO treasures, but mostly with memories of a good time with Model A friends. Perhaps we can do this next year and include a few Model A’s.



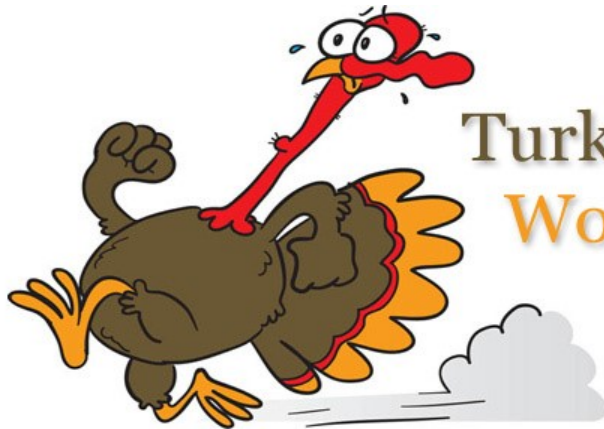


CHRIS FOSTER

MODEL A
Roster Raffle

CURRENT JACKPOT **80** **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.



Turkey Day Workout

We always have opportunities to volunteer. You only have time for a single event? That's OK. You are what makes our club GREAT.



Deadline for submissions for the next **Distributor** November 25, 2017
 Submit all articles and ads to tismith@cookseylaw.com or mail to P.O. Box 10595 Santa Ana, CA 92711

Election Form

Now is your time to VOTE

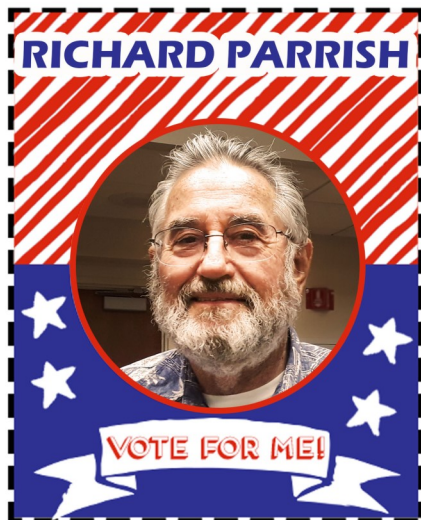
Please complete your ballot, one per person, and mail to your club at P.O. Box 10595,
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OR

Bring to the November General Meeting at CHOC Hospital Complex
PLEASE BE SURE TO VOTE!!

For further info, please contact Joe Goff

BALLOT	√	BALLOT	√
RICHARD PARRISH		DENNIS KLIESEN	
Vice-President/Activities		Technical Director	
Write In		Write In	





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

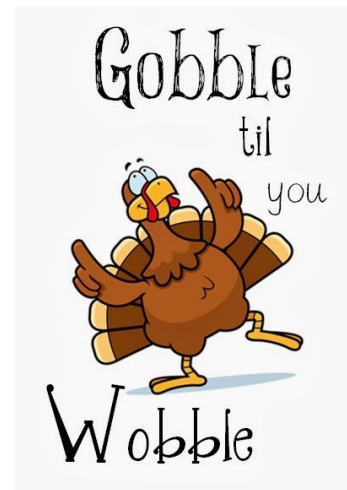
FOR SALE: Ford 1929 Model A 4 Door Town Sedan. Green on Green. Rebuilt H&H motor. Restored to show condition in the late 1970's. California car always garaged. Mohair interior, turn signals, 6v Alt. Currently in WA State. \$17,500 obo. Mark Plotkin (360) 431-1237 or Mplotkin112@comcast.net for full photo set.



Tour of the Kellogg House November 4th

The Kellogg House is a late example of Queen Anne-style Victorian architecture. The interior of the house has several unusual features that reflect Kellogg's keen interest in ships. Most prominent is the mast, salvaged from a ship in San Francisco, that stretches from floor to ceiling in the center of the house. The spiral staircase surrounding it features a landing overlooking the oval dining room that is reminiscent of the bridge of a ship. And the wooden-railed circular opening in the attic floor, through which the mast extends to the roof, suggests a ship's crow's nest.

The tour begins at the conclusion of the BS Breakfast at the Katella Grill in Orange. Watch for an email detailing the schedule.





The club made the following donations this month on behalf of its' members:

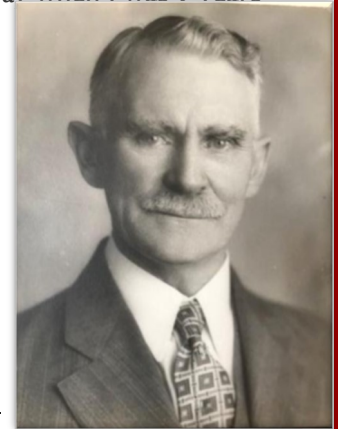
\$250.00 alzheimer's association

\$200.00  City of Hope

\$100.00  Association of California Car Clubs

The Backstory of the Dream

On Independence Day in 1934, my maternal grandmother died. I never knew her, but I did know my grandpa, because he lived with our family until he passed away when I was 9 years old. It was up to my mother to tell about the adventure she and Grandpa had that same year, when they took their Model A on the road to visit Grandpa's two brothers, who lived in California - over 2500 miles away! Now imagine this - it's the middle of the Great Depression and they're driving a Model A (ever tried that?) on Route 66, which wasn't even fully paved yet! Gutsy - yes?



Grandpa Ike in 1934

We are going to be offering excerpts of Diane Wood Gaughen's interesting articles about recreating her family's trek to California. Many thanks Diane.

**WALK TO
END
ALZHEIMER'S**
alzheimer's association
OCMAFC



*Save The
Memories*
Walk for Alzheimer's

**November 11, 2017 - Be there at 7AM
Anaheim Stadium
Bring your Model "A"**

*We need to know how many Model A's will participate so they can mark off parking spaces. Parking map will come later.
We will have lunch at the Lazy Dog Restaurant.*

Call Frank Reese for additional information.

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Next General Meeting

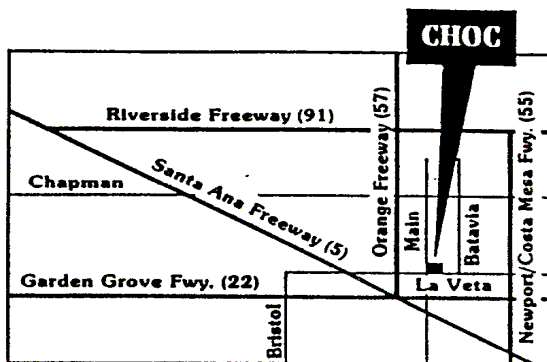
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[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting November 9, 2017

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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