

December, 2018

Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher

Wishing you peace and joy this holiday season and throughout the coming year.



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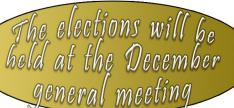


Drive your Model A, it will be daytime. This is a great opportunity to wear your era clothing.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED FOR AN AFTERNOON OF TOASTS, GOOD CHEER AND DELICIOUS FOOD SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019 1 РМ-4 РМ THE VILLA RESTAURANT 510 E KATELLA AVE ORANGE, CA

CONTACT KATHIE MCCALL OR MARILYN HAWKINS FOR TICKETS (\$25/EACH). PAYMENT MAY BE MADE AT THE DEC. GENERAL MEETING OR BY MAIL TO OCMAFC, PO BOX10595, SANTA ANA, CA 92711





We will have a \$10 gift exchange and the trivia game challenge. December 13th General Meeting

Also, if you would like to participate in the refreshments, bring an appetizer or dessert for 6-8 people.

Orange County Model A Ford Club

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#### President's Message

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! I think most of us had s busy November, with club activities. I<sup>st</sup> Saturday Breakfast, Technical Seminar, Alzheimer's Walk and tour. I want to thank Ed and Patty Cote for hosting the November tour, to the Driving Museum in El Segundo. We had 22 members and ten Model A's. Best of all, nobody got lost and we didn't have any breakdowns. After viewing several antique and classic cars, we drove to the Proud Bird Restaurant for lunch. Great tour!



December brings a close to a very busy year and my term as President. It has

been a pleasure to serve and I want to thank everyone, for all your support. Just a reminder, it is time to renew your membership and start making plans to attend the Annual Installation Banquet. As always. I want to welcome all the mew members. Dianne and I will not be at the 1st Saturday Breakfast in December. We are leaving tomorrow morning on a road trip, to Washington State, near Seattle. I just checked the weather report, no snow, but a

lot of rain. I hope to see everyone at the December meeting.

Be safe, lim

#### Service and Park Brake Adjustment Procedure

# By Dennis Kliesen Technical

**Emergency Brakes:** With the car off the ground and rear brakes adjustment completely relaxed at the adjusters. Visually inspect all brake rods, service and emergency, to be certain all are straight. Straighten all bent rods first. The park brake lever all the way forward in released position, adjust individually each side. Pull on the rod from the rear wheel and turn the adjustable end so that it will slide on the park brake cross shaft arm. Turn the rear wheel and check that it does not drag. Go to other side and repeat the procedure adjusting the park brake rod and checking for drag. With both sides connected to the cross shaft and the park lever pulled back a notch at a time, check for drag at both rear wheels. You should feel slight drag at the first notch. With lever pulled a few notches, neither of the wheels should be able to be turned by hand off the ground. Release park lever to move on to service brakes.

**Service Brakes:** With the car off the ground set the brake pedal and rod to cross shaft so the arms on the cross shaft are straight up and down, or vertical. Early 1928-1929 had a different rod from the pedal to the cross shaft that did not go through the crossmember. Make sure the end of the rod is not touching the inside of the crossmember. Later models the rod went through the crossmember and connected to the brake switch.

Make sure all four rods to wheels are disconnected. The rear wheel rods disconnect at the cross shaft, the front brake rods remove pins at the front wheel brake lever.

Turn the adjuster at all four wheels so that brakes are tight and wheels don't turn. Try to rock wheel forward and back. I would do this slowly with Flathead Ted's floater kits, shoes will need to center and don't overtighten the adjuster. Standard brakes the adjuster will click while being turned. Now adjust rods so that pins drop in. The front brakes you will need to turn the lever by hand back to get the free travel out. The lever on the front wheels cross shaft should be angled forward about 15 degrees when pulled back. If not, then the front hub will need to be removed and correction made at the brake operating pin going through the kingpin. This can usually be corrected with pills in the top of the wedge. On the rear brakes pull on the rod to remove slack, turn the adjustable rod end and drop pin in. Now back off the adjusters so the wheels turn.

Now road test the car for brake operation. To correct pulling to the left or right, start by removing pins to the front brakes, and carefully road test. Don't go fast as you only have half the brakes working. If the car pulls to the left or right, adjust rear shoes accordingly to stop pulling to the side. If it pulls to the left, back off the left side and or tighten the right side. If it pulls to the right, back off the right and or tighten the left. When the car will stop without pulling reconnect the front brake rods. Disconnect the rear brake rods and road test the car slowly. If it pulls to the left or right, turn the adjusters to correct the pulling. When the front brakes are adjusted to eliminate pulling to the left or right, reinstall front brake rod pins. Both front and (Cont'd on Page II)

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### **Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar**



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



Orange **Dec I3 (Thu)** General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. CHOC Hospital Complex, 455 South Main

Street, Orange. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM



rd meeting at 6PM **Dec 14 (Fri)** Newport Harbor tour of holiday lights at dinner, 5:30PM-limited spaces available **Dec 27 (Thu)** 

Fourth Thursday Breakfast at Flappy Jack's Restaurant, 2824 N Santiago Blvd., Orange, 92867, 714-283-2800. For more info, contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194 -2019-





Jan 5 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange

Jan 6 (Sun) Annual Installation Banquet, The Villa Restaurant, 510 E Katella Ave, Orange, IPM-4PM

Jan 10 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 7:30PM. CHOC Hospital Complex, 455 South Main

Street, Orange. Guests are always welcome. Board meeting at 6PM

Jan 24 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast. Location to be determined.

Mar 24 (Sun) Pancake Breakfast, Hart Park, Orange

Mar 29-31 Merced CCRG Jamboree, sponsored by The Gateway Model A Club, rooms at Hampton Inn, 209-386-1210

**Apr 14** All Ford Day at Angel's Stadium

Jun 9 Henry Ford Picnic—more info to follow

**Oct 6-10** MAFCA Canyonlands National Tour, starting in Kanab, Utah

Apr 16-18, 2020 CCRG Jamboree

## Swap Meets/Car

Dec 2 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show, 1101 W McKinley Avenue Pomona CA 91768. 4am-1pm

**Dec 9 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm

**Jan 6 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm

Jan 13 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show, 1101 W McKinley Avenue Pomona CA 91768. 4am-1pm

Jan 26 (Sat) Henry's "T" Party at the Auto Driving Museum. Open to all A's and T's. 10am-2pm

Jan 26-27 Turlock Swap Meet, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N Broadway, Turlock 95380, 7am-5pm Feb 10 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm

Feb 22-24 Big 3 Swap Meet, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego

Car Show, Pomona Fairplex, Fairplex Drive and McKinley Ave, Pomona, enter at Gate 17. 5am-2pm

Mar 3 (Sun) Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show, 1101 W McKinley Avenue Pomona CA 91768. 4am-Ipm

Mar 10 (Sun) Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm

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# Harbor Lights Boat Tour (It's a 2-Hour Boat Ride) December 14



Gilligan and the Skipper may not be joining us, but there will plenty of fun-loving people with whom to share a great memory. Along the way, we might see a millionaire and his wife or even a movie star as we cruise by their beautifully decorated homes and twinkling lights in the bay at Newport Beach. For your pleasure, a light dinner will be provided, along with sodas and/or water. You

may bring your own beverage, if you prefer. The weather will probably be cold, so dress warm and bundle up. The tiny ship will leave the dock at 5:30 sharp! This will be one of the last events for the club in 2018.



Fun Zone Boat Co. 700 Edgewater Pl, Newport Beach (Between ferris wheel and the pavilion)

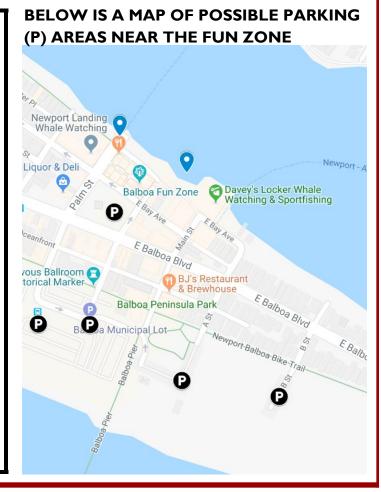
Join us for good food and great company!!

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

December 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am

FLAPPY JACKS 2848 N Santiago Blvd Orange, 92867 714-283-2800

Info: Terry Collings 714-970-7194



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#### 2018 BOARD MEMBERS

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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 8, 2018 Wade Education Center at CHOC

President lim Runyon called the meeting to order at

7:30 PM. The US flag was saluted. Another enthusiastic greeting by Doris Marshall "HELLO EVERBODY" followed by a joke from Marilyn Hawkins' archives.

The minutes of October 11 were approved as printed in the Distributor (Motion by Rick Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Colleen Schmidt).

lim announced that Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher has officially retired from the firm where she has worked for many years. This will result in the newsletter coming only by e-mail for the December issue or on the website. Future issues and the expense involved with USPS delivery, as well as print costs to be determined by the board with member input.

Treasurer, Marilyn Hawkins, reported membership is now 170. Records were reviewed including recent donations to Alzheimer Walk, City of Hope and CHOC.

VP/Activities: Louise Hall thanked Steve Pavich for the well-attended October tour to San Pedro area historical sites. Tour leader Ed Cote provided details regarding the November 17 tour to the Automotive Driving Museum and lunch at The Proud Bird Restaurant.

The January 17 tour to Camp Pendleton Marine Base was reviewed. Details will be announced. December Newport Harbor tour still has a few openings. Technical: Dennis Kliesen: No December seminar planned to date.

Historian: Steve Pavich announced the winner of the "Ladies Queen Pin Trivia" contest is Tissy Hatcher. Member Pete Hyland has donated a number of DVD recordings of past club events, now on file with Steve.

Merchandise: Gerry and Cathy O'Brien are officially stepping away from their position as Merchandise Coordinators. Jim thanked them for their 10+ years of devotion to this service. This will remain an open position.

Sunshine and Sorrow: Don Ratzlaff announced that his sweetie Carolyn has been in the hospital for 5 days with an infection, but is home now and recovering. Carol Howard has also been hospitalized with presumed food poisoning and is home after 5 days. Dale McCall in attendance in a long leg brace for 2 fractures to his patella. Jim Persons in attendance also recovering from his tumble resulting in 2 days hospitalized, still sporting the facial bruising. There may be more so be sure to let Pam Heiland know. How about some 'good' news folks?

Frank Reese announced that the annual "All Ford Day" will be 4/14/19 with change of venue to Angel Stadium.

Pancake Breakfast plans: Tissy Hatcher's name was drawn for the t-shirt Model A design. Members are encouraged to begin working on raffle prizes. Save the date: March 24<sup>th</sup>. Be there.

Election Chairman Joe Goff announced that Louise Hall has agreed to serve as President. Marilyn will continue as Treasurer and Norm Kredit will continue another term as Secretary. There were no further (Cont'd on Page 10)



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FOR SALE: Parts for 1929 Model A Ford: 1-1/2 chassis plus fenders, steering column and steering wheel; 6 wheels and 2 old tires; 2 Model A motors; metal body for pickup truck; 1 radiator. All this comes with a pink slip for the 1929 Ford. I believe I have an oogah horn around here someplace. If found, it is part of the deal. \$1,800 or best offer. Call Hall at 909-624-0338 (Claremont area)

Five 19" Goodyear White Wall tires. Well-worn but do have just a bit of tread left. Free or best offer! David Knapp (949) 243-5210

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This Saturday, Sept. 22, has been proclaimed as National Model A Ford Day by the Model A Ford Club of America. The organization is encouraging owners of the classic car to proudly drive their vehicles around town.

Henry Ford's company built approximately 5 million Model A's between 1928-1931. Model A aficionados call them "Henry's Ladys." W ted out

The Tulare County club, The Char-Kneeland said.



The Charter Oak Model A Club will show off their cars Saturday around town. Sept. 22 is National Model A Ford Day. SUBMITTED

devi of Themarian 1975 and "We want all owners to drive their cars on Saturday," he said.

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Drivers described operating a Model A as similar to driving a horseless carriage that bounces and weaves all over ter Oak Model A Club, has been the road, so you might want to give the around since 1970, club member Phil drivers a wide latitude if you see them evelopilation of the road, though.

This article was printed in the "Sports" (Page 4-B) section under "Choices" heading, in the "Visalia Times Delta<sup>"</sup> and "Tulare Advance Register", (Visalia, CA), today, Friday, September 21st, 2018.



Santa Margarita Ranch House complex. Mark Your calendars and sign up early as entering the Marine Base will require identification prior to entry. This is a weekday tour. Please help us plan ahead as this is a great opportunity to tour an area most civilians in SoCal don't have an opportunity to

SEE. WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS.

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**By Lew Lewis** 

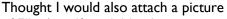
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# **Dropping in to Say Hello**

I was in looking at the Distributor this evening and reminiscing about the good times we had in the club from 1998 to 2009 when we decided it was time to leave California and go back to the woods. So now here comes a voice (E-mail) from the past saying hello to all our friends at the OCMAFC who just might remember Joan and I and my fully restored 1929 Model A Model 60C Blindback, Elliot. Thought I would include a picture of loan and I with Elliot about 6 months before I let him go to a great and appreciative

fellow in Santa Cruse, NM.



of Elliot's girlfriend, Miss Lizzy, a 1915 Model T Ford touring who used 60C Model A Ford Blindback Fordor) to share his garage in Saddlebrooke,

MO. I sold her back to the original family in October 2012 who had purchased her in April 1915. She is owned by the Great, Great, Great Grandson of the original owner.

The ownership of these cars was too much in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri. With the twisting and narrow roads we have here, when I would go out for a run, I would end up holding up so much traffic on the hills

with Miss Lizzy doing a raging 5 to 7 MPH and Elliot doing much better at about 30 to 35. On these roads, there is no passing (double lines) and deep rain ditches on both side with nowhere to pull off. It made for a very tedious drive and a lot of very angry folks. So that sort of forced the sale of both cars and a transition back to an old sport with more speed and maneuverability. You know, a man has to have his toys.

This one went bye-bye about two years ago. Finally got smart to the relief of Joan. At 78 I just wasn't as responsive, reflex wise, as one needs to be to stay alive and to stay off this mode of transportation. At 80+ I have gotten back into a toy. I got me nicely restored older sports car with just enough pep to do the hills but not to

peppy for an old man. As I said, it is all about a man and his toys. I am fortunate to have a wife that understands and puts up with me. By the way, loan is still doing great.

So in closing, I would like to say that I still miss the good times with the club, and everyone there should be grateful that there are still enough folks around to keep that hobby up and contribute their time in keeping the club as active as I remember it to be. Not having such vibrant clubs of that nature out here in MO, also helped in deflating the fun, enjoyment and the adventure you guys should expect and realize as time goes on.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to you and your efforts in keeping the Distributor up and running to that level of a really class act of



presentation and subject matter which you have developed and built since you took over that position, about 10 years ago now. Great piece of work and I hope the folks in the club show their appreciation for what you are doing. Love looking at it.

Best of luck, good wishes and continued health to all the members and family and have a Happy Holidays. Lew and Joan Lewis, 744 Seven Pines Drive, Saddlebrooke, MO 65630, E-mail hglewis@centurylink.net, Cell: 714-321-0574





Lew, Joan and Elliot (1929 Model

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(Continued from Page 5) nominations from those in attendance. A show of hands indicated support for these recommendations. Steve Pavich was appointed by the Board to serve out Louise Hall position as VP/Activities for 2019.

By-Laws require election of President, Secretary and Treasurer in even years, Technical and VP/Activities in the odd years.

Announcement: Kathie McCall reviewed conditions for the use of the Wade Education Center at CHOC. There is no charge to our club with the history of the long time employment of K Mc; however, a donation has been made annually to the CHOC Foundation as a charitable contribution. In addition the club supports Ronald McDonald House with donations of personal hygiene items, dry goods and soda tops.

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Breakfast: Terry Collings announced no November meet up due to Thanksgiving. A show of hands indicated agreement for December 27 breakfast (location to be announced).

Hard Luck Trophy: Darwin Kibby fessed up to a starter issue while on the October tour. He willingly accepted the coveted trophy.

Steve Pavich shared an exciting story about his "modern" car catching on fire; thankful it wasn't his Model A. Name Badge drawing of \$10.00 went to Tissy.

Roster drawing was Gary and Rhonda Chambers, who were not present. Gary's Dad; however, was present but that didn't count.

November birthdays were recognized (if known) with Rick Hall, Gerry O'Brien and Jim Runyon first in line for birthday cake. Jeanne Parrish and Bev Marsh were thanked for bringing the refreshments.

December meeting will be a dessert/appetizer small plate potluck, and white elephant gift exchange. Karen Gaynor will provide a game for the exchange again this year.

Well, I hope this covered it all while filling in for Norm Kredit:

Kathie McCall, Acting Secretary

#### TINY TIPS

#### HARD STEERING

If you feel that your Model A is steering harder than other Model A's, harder than it should, there are several things you can do to ease the problem.

I. Check your front end castor; too much castor (caused by sagging front spring) can cause difficult steering.

2. Improper steering adjustment; over-adjusting to remove play.

- 3. Worn front tires.
- 4. Low air pressure 35 psi minimum pressure is recommended.
- 5. Lack of steering lubrication.
- 6. Improper steering box lubricant.
- 7. Worn steering arm balls.

If all the above have no effect, there is a product on the market to ease your steering. It is in kit form. It includes the replacement of the drag link and tie-rod ends with teflon, and can be obtained through your Model A outlet stores.





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(Cont'd from Page 2) rear brake rod pins should all be connected at this time. Check that all jam nuts are tight at the adjustable ends of the rods. Make sure all of the cotter pins are installed. Do a road test to be certain car stops properly.

Keep in mind your shoes will need to be adjusted during a break-in period, and you should only need to adjust each wheel at the adjuster only.

I use an infrared temperature gun to measure the temperature of each brake drum after several applications. This can help to determine if one of the brakes is dragging or improperly adjusted.

# **SUNSHINE & SORROW**

# **Bv Pam Heiland**

This has been a busy month. Lots of cards were sent and I'm hoping that all of these dear folks are getting along okay by now.



Cards were sent to Bob Jeffries, Jim Persons and Dale McCall. All three of these dear men suffered bad falls; Cards were also sent to Carolyn Ratzlaff, Louise Hall and Carole Hawkins. They have all been under the weather and Carole even had to spend some time in the hospital. As I said, I sincerely hope ALL of you are doing better by now. I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving and all are looking forward to a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of much better things like NO FALLS and NO SICKNESS!

Here's your thought for the day:

"When life knocks you down, stay down and take a nap. Things always look better after a good nap!"

#### Dedicated to the History and Preservation of the Model A Ford CHOC **Next General Meeting ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A FORD** 7:30 PM (55) **CLUB** 57 **Riverside Freeway (91)** [Second Thursday of every month] Š Mesa Chapman Next Meeting December 13, 2018 Orange Bataviz Costa **CHOC Hospital Complex** W 15. Post Office Box 10595 Garden Grove Fwy. (22) 455 South Main Street, Orange, CA Veta . Santa Ana, CA 92711 Bristol E-mail: info@ocmafc.org 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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