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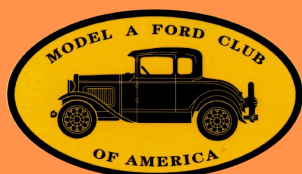

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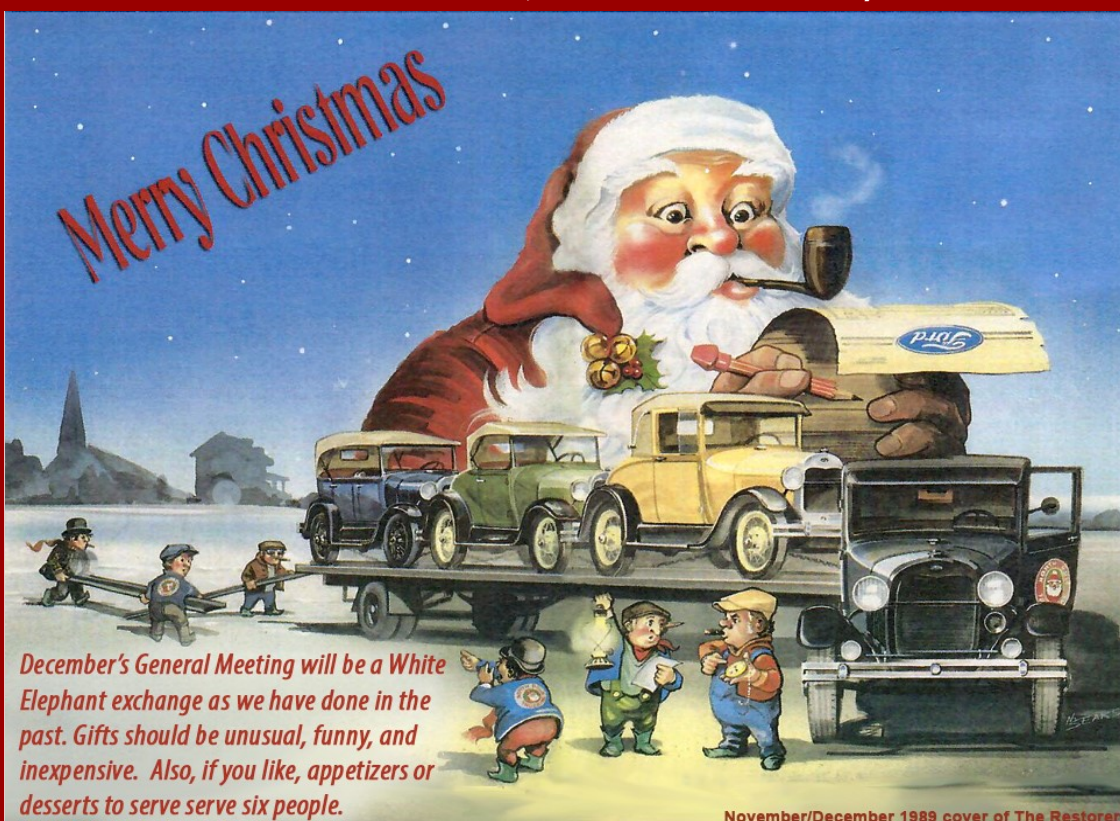
"Remember. No  
man is a failure who  
has friends. Thanks  
for the wings.  
Love, Clarence."

It's a Wonderful Life



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*We are so excited to be attending the 2020 Installation Luncheon. It's on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at The Villa Restaurant, 510 E Katella Ave, Orange.*



*There is still time to RSVP. Cost is \$30 per person and can be paid at the Dec General Meeting or contact Kathie McCall*



## News From the President

By Louise Hall

**AT THE DECEMBER  
GENERAL MEETING**

*white*  
**ELEPHANT**  
*gift exchange*

*Gifts should be unusual,  
funny, and inexpensive.  
Also, if you'd like, bring  
an appetizer or dessert  
to serve six people.*

**BILL BARNETT**

FORMERLY OF  
VINTAGE FORD PARTS STORE

FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD  
ON DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 11AM



**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
13200 RED HILL AVE, TUSTIN, CA

HIS FAMILY HAS REQUESTED THAT MODEL A OWNERS  
ATTENDING DRIVE THEIR CARS TO THE SERVICE

## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**Dec 2-5 MAFCA**  
National Awards  
Banquet, Claremont,  
CA;

[www.2019nab.com](http://www.2019nab.com)

**Dec 4 (Wed)** Pasadena High School  
Car Exhibit, 1:30PM-2:30PM, pro-  
gram will be "How to Present the  
Model A Ford to a Younger Crowd"



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

Orange



**Dec 12 (Thu)** Gen-  
eral Meeting will be  
at 7:30PM. No admis-  
sion prior to 7PM.  
CHOC Hospital  
Complex, 455 South

Main Street, Orange. Guests are al-  
ways welcome. Board meeting at  
6PM.



**Dec 26 (Thu)**  
**Fourth Thursday**  
**Breakfast is can-**  
**celed for Decem-**  
**ber.** The regular

schedule begins again in January.  
For more info contact Terry Col-  
lings at 714-970-7194

—2020—



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Saturday Breakfast  
BS Session ~ 8AM  
at The Katella Grill,  
1325 W Katella

Ave, Orange



**Jan 5 (Sun)** Installa-  
tion Luncheon at  
1PM at The Villa  
Restaurant, 510 E  
Katella Ave, Orange.  
\$30 per person.

May be paid at either the Decem-  
ber general meeting or mail to the

club. For info contact Kathie  
McCall or Marilyn Hawkins.



**Jan 9 (Thu)** Gen-  
eral Meeting will  
be at 7:30PM. No  
admission prior to  
7PM. CHOC

Hospital Complex,

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

**Jan 12, 2020 Fabulous Ford**  
**Forever, Knott's Berry Farm.**  
**EVENT CANCELED.** Contact  
with Frank Reese for refunds.



**Jan 23 (Thu)**  
Fourth Thursday  
Breakfast. Loca-  
tion to be deter-  
mined.

**Apr 16-18 CCRG Jamboree,**  
hosted by Bakersfield A's.

**June 22-26 MAFCA National**  
Convention - Kerrville, Texas

**Have something you**  
**want included on the**  
**calendar, just let us**  
**know.**



## Swap Meets/Car Shows

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

**Dec 4 (Wed)** Pasadena High School Car Exhibit, Pomona Swap Meet, 1101 N McKinley Ave, Pomona 91768 5am-2pm

**Dec 8 (Sun)** Pomona Swap Meet, 1101 N McKinley Ave, Pomona 91768 5am-2pm  
**2020**

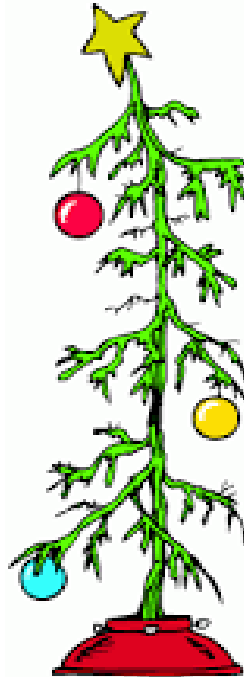
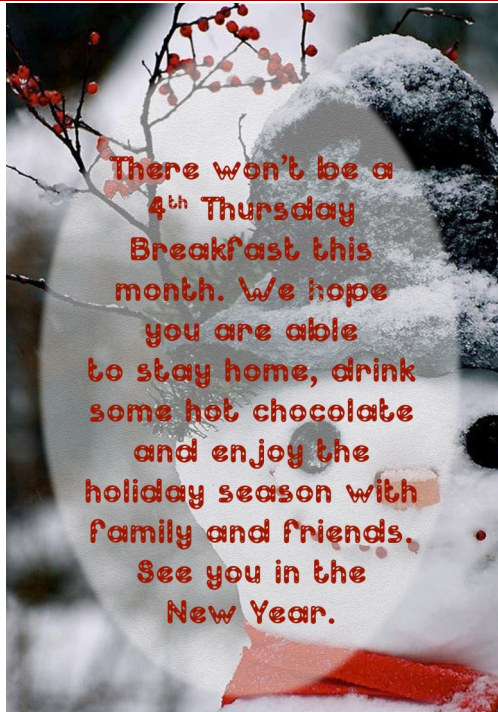
**Jan 19 (Sun)** Pomona Swap Meet, 1101 N McKinley Ave, Pomona 91768 5am-2pm

**Jan 25-26** - Turlock Classic Car and Parts Swap Meet, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N Broadway Ave, Turlock 95380, admission \$8, opens at 6am

**Mar 1 (Sun)** Pomona Swap Meet, 1101 N McKinley Ave, Pomona 91768 5am-2pm

**Apr 7 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm





Mark Your Calendar!  
December 2nd - 5th  
Claremont, California

Registration Now Open!  
[www.2019NAB.com](http://www.2019NAB.com)  
Early Bird Discount

POMONA VALLEY MODEL A FORD CLUB  
**MAFCA**  
2019  
NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET

GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66 ON ROUTE 66  
CLAREMONT - CA 91711

**VAST CHANCE!!**

The Pomona Valley Model A Ford Club invites you to...  
**GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66!**

- Come stay in Southern California, known for its fun in the sun.
- Enjoy our festive welcome reception with music performed by local Model A Owners & Musicians.
- Visit the historic National Hot Rod Association Car Museum.
- Experience the amazing Sam Maloof Home & Gardens Tour.
- See Technical & Information Seminars presented by some of the best-known names in the Model A community, all in one place!
- More than eleven events scheduled with something for everyone.
- Event Information and Registration Forms are now available on the National Awards Banquet website at [www.2019NAB.com](http://www.2019NAB.com)

**DOUBLETREE**  
BY HILTON  
Claremont, California  
(909) 445-1831  
(\*NAB Group Discount Code)  
Register Online at  
[www.2019NAB.com/hotel](http://www.2019NAB.com/hotel)  
\$129 ++ per night

# welcome

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

**Joe  
Goff**

*Vice  
President/  
Activities  
Director*



**Darwin  
Kibby**

*Technical  
Director*

**2018 BOARD MEMBERS**

**President** – Louise Hall  
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714-527-1829/jamesfrunyon@aol.com

**COMMITTEES**

**ACCC Representative** – David Knapp  
**Breakfast Committee** – Terry Collings  
**Club Greeter** – Doris Marshall  
**Election Chairperson** – Joe Goff  
**Historian & Librarian** – Steve Pavich  
**Merchandise Director** – Diane Gaughen  
**Pancake Breakfast Setup & Coordination** – Frank Reese and Don Ratzlaff  
**Raffle** – Ed Cote  
**Refreshments** – Carolyn Ratzlaff and Dianne Runyon  
**Regional Representative, SCRG** – Carolyn Ratzlaff  
**Sunshine & Sorrow** – Pam Heiland  
**Webmaster** – Bruce MacIntosh

**We have removed all Committee members' emails and phone numbers in order to ensure their privacy. Members can find this info in your roster.**

**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 14, 2019**  
**CHOC Wade Education Center**

President Louise Hall called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. The flag was addressed and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Club Greeter Doris Marshall was present with her husband Drain. A firm "Hello Everybody" was given in Doris Marshall style. Treasurer Marilyn Singer-Hawkins supplied the humor for the evening. 53 members were present. Secretary Norm Kredit announced a revision to the October General meeting that will amplify the decision to buy the new griddles and to recognize the contributions of griddles borrowed for the Pancake Breakfast from Bryon Thompson, at no cost, for the past 4-5 years. With that change to be made, the members voted to accept the minutes as published in the October newsletter. (Thanks to Richard Bowles for the correction.)

Treasurer Marilyn Singer-Hawkins reviewed our financial status and membership count. We currently have 162 members, the newest member being Mr. John Keating. Marilyn also recounted, from a letter sent to her, how a card and club flyer were found in a library book by the son of a former member who had passed away. Our club was a big part of his life. Marilyn also stated that letters of thanks regarding donations to the Alzheimer Foundation and the National Youth Restoration Award given by MAFCA were received. V/P Activities Steve Pavich was absent, it was noted that Don Ratzlaff's leadership in the Mount Baldy and Village was to be the tour for the month. It is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month. Thank you Don for stepping in to be our leader on a great trip.

Technical Dennis Klesen has a workshop scheduled for this Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> at the home of Robert Uyekawa. The focus will be on lubrication checks using the information sheet published by Tissy in the last newsletter. (Just in time for the Baldy mountain tour.) There will not be a workshop in December since there will be many at the National Awards Banquet on December 2-5 in Claremont, California. See the "Restorer" magazine to register.

Everyone had cars that ran and none had problems to admit so the HARD LUCK Trophy stayed in a box.

Refreshments-a big thanks to Kay Nettles and a donation from Frank Reese for the goodies. And thanks to Carolyn Ratzlaff who continues to solicit volunteers. (Guys, do your part like Frank.)

Elections-Joe Goff pointed out that we need two people to fill the offices on the Board for V/P Activities and a Technical chairperson. He opened the floor for nominations. None were proposed.

Joe then announced that he had received the name of Darwin Kibby for the office of Technical Chairperson. By voice vote Darwin was elected. Joe also nominated himself and his granddaughter Kaci Terens to the Board position of V/P Activities. By voice vote they are elected. Applause was given for the new members of the Board.

Special Committee member Kathie McCall reminded every one of the installation banquet for these new positions at the Villa Restaurant in Orange on Sunday, January 5, 2020, from 1:00PM-4PM. It is a good (Cont'd on Page 10)



**2020 DUES INVOICE**—You can use this form to submit your dues

## *Orange County Model A Ford Club*

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \$30.00 per family at same address

ANY ROSTER CHANGES?

If so, please list below:

Cars: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Any other changes: \_\_\_\_\_

*Want your photo included in the Roster? Just submit to**Bruce MacIntosh at: [brucem@genimage.com](mailto:brucem@genimage.com)**Please check the current Roster for accuracy!!!!*Make your check payable to Orange County Model A Ford Club  
(OCMAFC) and mail to the club at:P.O. Box10595  
Santa Ana CA 92711**Payment MUST be received by 1/30/20 to be included in the club's  
Roster**



# ORANGE COUNTY MODEL A FORD CLUB

*Cordially invites you for  
an afternoon of  
toasts, good cheer and  
delicious food*

**SUNDAY  
JANUARY 5, 2020 AT 1PM**

**The Villa Restaurant  
510 E Katella Ave, Orange, CA**

Contact Kathie McCall or Marilyn Hawkins for tickets (\$30/each).  
Payment may be made at either the November or December  
general meeting or by mail at  
OCMAFC, P.O. Box 10595, Santa Ana, CA 92711



**FOR SALE:** 1931A Sports Coupe, The body is in good shape, painted acorn-green with black fenders, cream color pin striping and yellow wheels. The cloth top is also in good shape, wheat color with black brackets. Inside seats are brown/black/cream tweed fabric. The Rumble seat is black Naugahyde. The body and engine have been kept as original as possible. I am asking \$18,000. I will be happy to show it to anyone interested. Nancy Tittle 562-665-



## When Tires Are Showing Their Age

I wanted to touch on tire age for one reason: safety. Tires get old, they crack, and they can blow out. I often see Model A's with tires that have been on the road for 10 years or longer. Over the years I admit to being one of those drivers. In most cases those tires are perfectly fine because the vehicle was kept in a garage and will give several more years of good service before they need to be replaced.

That said, if the tires on your ride have been there a while and they tend to leak down after a few weeks, it may be time to consider replacing them.

So how do you know if your tires are old? Fortunately, that data is stamped right on the tire.



Photo 6. The last three digits, 134, of the DOT designation indicate this tire was made before the year 2000.



Photo 7. The last four digits show here, 3010, of the DOT designation indicate this tire was made after the year 2000.

Photo shows a tire constructed prior to the year 2000. Look near the wheel and you'll see that it has a stamping of DOT ADUL 2MM 134

Of all these numbers and letters, the only ones of importance to us are the last three, the numbers "134".

What these numbers tell me is that this tire was made during the thirteenth week of the fourth year of the decade. Which decade? In the olden days tires were thought to only last a few years at best. Since the last set of numbers is only three digits long this tire was made during the first week of April, 1994. If you are riding on tires this old they may already be showing signs of cracking between the treads and if so you should consider replacing them.

By comparison, Photo7 shows a tire constructed after the year 2000. It is stamped DOTPJ5L 4BLR 3010. Notice that the last set of numbers contain four digits instead of three. That is how you know this tire was made after the year 2000. Pre-2000 has three digits. Post-2000 has four digits. The 3010 indicates this tire was made during the 20th week of the year 2010.

Over the last 50+ years we have seen tires come in from all over the world. Look and see if your tires are from Brazil, Mexico, etc. Several manufactures were making the original Model A sizes off shore.



## MAFFI Membership Application Form

**Over Seventy Years Ago...** Henry Ford created his legendary Model A Ford, now an icon of Americana representing the transition from flappers to breadlines as the depression rolled across the continent. You can help to preserve Henry's Lady, the Model A Ford and the dynamic era of 1927 through 1931 by joining the Model A Ford Foundation. MAFFI is dedicated to the preservation of historical information and memorabilia of this time of change in America. Your membership donation is tax deductible under the Internal Revenue Service rule 501 (c)3 and will help us with our many projects and worthwhile goals such as the Ford Parts Project and the building of research centers in many locations. Exciting new projects are on the horizon and you can be a part of them!

***Encourage your Friends to Join Today!***

### **Yes! Count me in!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you prefer to receive our newsletter via email.

#### **Family Membership:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Annual \$25.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Three Year \$70.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Life \$350.00

#### **Club Membership:**


\$ \_\_\_\_\_ A club membership consists of a donation every year to support the Model A Ford Museum operations. We appreciate every gift, large or small.

I wish to make an additional optional tax deductible contribution of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please apply addition contribution to: \_\_\_\_\_ Museum Displays \_\_\_\_\_ Endowment Fund

Total Contribution Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print and mail this form to: MAFFI, PO Box 28, Peotone, IL 60468-0028**

The club has supported Imaginology for many years through the leadership of Colleen Schmidt. This year, the Model T Club will be taking over the event with regard to supplying cars and volunteers. Colleen is asking for volunteers from the OCMAFC to bring their cars to the fairgrounds and pique the interest of future Model A's.



**IMAGINOLOGY**  
 POWER YOUR IMAGINATION  
 APRIL 17-19, 2020



**Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is December 20, 2019**

**Submit all Articles and ads to  
 tissysmith1@gmail.com or mail to  
 P.O. Box 10595  
 Santa Ana, CA 92711**

(Cont'd from Page 5) time to celebrate those who are retiring from office and each club member's contributions in the last year. The cost will be \$30 per person.

Merchandise Diane Gaughen called us to come to the back table and buy what was previously ordered by members. She has some great products ordered by members still at the table. Remember to let her know if you would like an item, she can build a list for a future group order for price breaks.

Pancake Breakfast-Frank Reese has worked out a date with the City of Orange for March 29. Please talk to those with whom you do business for donations of products or dollars to use for purchasing items.

Due to lack of participation, the Fabulous Fords Forever event has been canceled. Contact Frank Reese for re-funds.

Sunshine and Sorrow-Ed Cote is in the Kaiser Hospital in Hollywood recovering from heart bypass surgery. Remember him with cards, thoughts, and prayers.

4<sup>TH</sup> Thursday Breakfast-Terry Collings wants you to know that there is NO BREAKFAST due to Thanksgiving.

Louise Hall asked for a show of hands indicating interest in the quilt donated to the club. Louise then mentioned that for those interested they can pick up a ticket for a special drawing at the January Installation Banquet.

Membership Drawing was won by Carl and Ellie Pease for \$20.

Attendance Drawing was won by Don Schmidt for \$10.

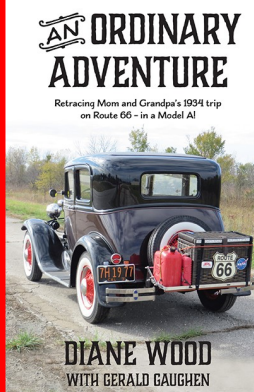
Meeting closed at 8:31 P.M.

Norm Kredit, Secretary

Thinking of a Christmas gift for that special Model A fan?

How about an account of ol' Betsy's 2017 cross-country trip from Michigan to California on Route 66, retracing Mom and Grandpa's trip of 1934?

Diane and Gerald will be happy to supply you with the perfect autographed copy. Or you can order **An Ordinary Adventure** on Amazon.com.





The technical seminar was held on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the home of Robert Uyekawa and facilitated by Dennis Kliesen. Nineteen members attended the seminar and reviewed how to take care of their Model A's from bumper to bumper.



By Steve Pavich

There is quite a bit of news to cover this month, so here we go...



**Ed Cote** had surgery for a heart bypass. We wish him a speedy recovery. **Carl and Ellie Pease** are moving to a beautiful new home in South Carolina.

**Tom and Janis Weaver** dropped a note saying they are doing well. They have a small (12 member) Model A club and are going on their winter break this month (because they actually have winters) and will restart their club meetings in April. They have had two tornados come through which did some pretty messy damage. Lots of trees and some roofs went missing, and the marina at the lake where they keep their sailboat was partially wiped out, but their boat was safe. And people there say they could never

live in California because of earthquakes! **Les Andrews** (author of *Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook*) gave us an update. He says he is "doing just fine right now. It was a mini-stroke (TIA). I was in the hospital just two days while they ran a panel of test (MRI and X-rays). It only affected my speech for a short period of time. I'm back in my shop repairing Model A's and doing what I like doing. At 82 years, I really feel good and enjoy what I'm doing." If you wish to send him a card or note, his address is 22126 Cottage Hill Dr, Grass Valley, CA 95949. Les is scheduled to be one of the speakers at the MAFCA National Awards Banquet. **Gary and Marilyn Chambers** are also moving.

**Bob Hawkins** has been ill. He was hospitalized with a small tumor, but is recovering nicely.



During this season, give the gift of toiletries to those families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Bring them to the general meeting(s) and they will be donated to these families. Our wish is good health to ALL in 2020.

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MODEL A FORD  
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## Next General Meeting

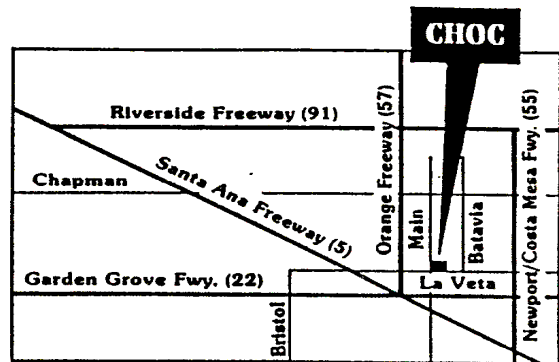
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[Second Thursday of every month]

Next Meeting December 12, 2019

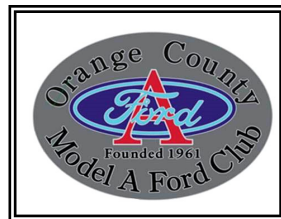
CHOC Hospital Complex

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

We are on the Web!  
[www.ocmafc.org](http://www.ocmafc.org)



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