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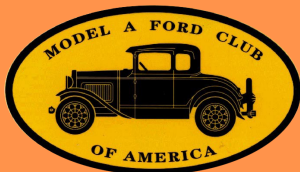
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Sometimes you  
will never know  
the value of a  
moment, until it  
becomes a  
memory

— Dr. Seuss



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HAPPY  
58th  
Anniversary



*Even, after all these years,  
you've still got it cutie*



**September 14th**  
11:30am-3pm  
Colony Clubhouse  
3611 South Mall, Irvine, CA  
Details on Page 3



**A BIG ASK**  
At the  
September  
General  
Meeting

We need members' assistance in  
distributing a few rosters. The cost to  
mail is \$3.60 per roster, so if you could  
drop some off to your neighbors,  
that would be GREAT!

## News From the President

By Louise Hall

First of all I want to thank Steve and Debbie Pavich for the great tour to Rubel Castle. Although there were a few break downs everyone got home safe and good time was had by all. Thank you too to Dennis Kliesen for the technical seminar on brakes, brake lights and switches. I understand there was a great turn out, and much appreciated information. I think the weather will determine our activities for the next few months. So here are some summer time suggestions. Drink lots of water and stay indoors during the heat of the day. Work on and/or drive your Model A in the mornings and evenings. While staying indoors you might want to catch up with some reading. The Restorer Magazine put out by MAFCA is an interesting and excellent resource. And there are other model A books and history books that are fun. U Tube has many short films both historical and how-tos for Model A repair. When looking through your Restorer Magazine please note that the MAFCA National awards event is in Claremont this year. Not a far drive for us. The event includes some fun excursions and of course a celebratory dinner. The dates are December 2-5. Some of us are staying at the hotel suggested. You can get your registration material on-line at the MAFCA web site or in the magazine. The gathering and technical seminar hosted by Leonard and Kay Nettles will be informative. Be sure to RSVP! Stay cool! And we'll see you on the road.  
Louise



# SHOP Table Top SELL October General Meeting SWAP MEET

Coming to October general meeting! **"Don't Toss It.... Sell It."** Bring whatever you don't want or need that has to do with the Model A era. Examples might be: auto parts (cleaned up, please,) tools, books, kerosene lamps, car blankets, Hubley cars, etc. Mark your articles with your name and the price or O.B.O. Tables will be set up at the rear of the room. Remember, you keep the money! Call Bev Marsh with any questions. Leave a message because I might think you are a RoBo caller! I will get back to you. (714) 373-9769 or cell (714) 397-4593

NEW MEMBERS  
CHANGES  
CORRECTIONS

### New Member:

**Lackey, Mark**, 3402 W. MacArthur Blvd., Ste K, Santa Ana, CA 92704-6856, Cell: 714-545-0521; Email: [markwlackey@gmail.com](mailto:markwlackey@gmail.com); Joined 2019; 1930 Ford 5-window Deluxe Coupe



## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



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



**Sep 12 (Thu)** General 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



**Sep 14 (Sat)** Burger Lunch in celebration of International Model A Ford Day, 11:30am-3pm, Colony Club-

house, 3611 S Mall, Irvine.. RSVP by 9/12 (general meeting). Sign up sheets will be available. \$10 deposit per person that will be returned on 9/14. Contact Bruce MacIntosh at [brucem@genimage.com](mailto:brucem@genimage.com) or 949-857-4723. A patch will be available for everyone who drives their Model A to the event.

**Sep 21 (Sat)** 9th Annual Model A Day, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI, 9AM-6PM, contact Jerry Morrissey at [jertrudy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jertrudy@sbcglobal.net); Hotel: Four Points Sheraton 269-385-3922



**Sep 26 (Thu)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast at 8:30AM at the Black Bear Diner, 1011 N Harbor, Fullerton 92832, 714-515-3481. For more info contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



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

**Oct 6-10** MAFCA National Tour Canyonlands, Kanab, Utah. We will visit several national parks and national monuments during this "Hub and Spoke" style tour. Look at [www.travelingts.com.3dcartstore.com](http://www.travelingts.com.3dcartstore.com) for era apparel



**Oct 10 (Thu)** General 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 **Reminder: Table Top Swap Meet**



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

**Nov 2** F.A.S.T. Hill Climb, Murrieta, CA

**Dec 2-5** MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Claremont, CA; [www.2019nab.com](http://www.2019nab.com)

**Have something in 2020 you want on the calendar? Just let us know.**

## Swap Meets/Car Shows

**Sep 8 (Sun)** Long Beach Hi Performance Show and Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis, Long Beach 90808, 6am-1pm

**Sep 14 (Sat)** 17 Annual All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet, swap meet opens at 7am, car show from 9am-3pm, Orcutt Union Plaza, 201 S Broadway, Orcutt, Ca 93455

**Sep 28-29** Paradise Valley Swap Meet, Little League Regional Headquarters, San Bernardino

**Oct 5 (Sat)** 22nd Annual Model T Ford Club Pre War (WWII) Parts Exchange and Car Show at Friends in Christ Church, 2311 E Chapman Ave, Fullerton 92831. Rain or shine.

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

**Oct 20 (Sun)** San Fernando Valley Car Show and Swap Meet, Rancho San Antonio Boy's Home, 21000 Plummer St., Chatsworth, 6am-2pm, parking \$5, contact Jim Lank 818-367-4757

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**In November, we will be looking for nominations for Vice-President and Technical Director. This is your chance to get involved with the business side of the club, cast your vote as a board member, and make a difference. Contact Joe Goff.**



## Jim's Tech Tip - Starter Ground

By Jim Cannon



I've had several people ask me why their starter seems to crank the engine over rather slowly. For the most part, this is because that's what our starters do, they did not spin as fast as on a modern car. So there is nothing wrong. However, I will mention that you need to make sure that the starter has a really good ground when you mount it to the flywheel housing. Fresh paint on the engine combined with fresh paint on a newly rebuilt starter can result in you not having a very good ground connection between starter and engine. Over time you can also get a buildup of rust on the mounting surfaces, or a film of oil and dirt accumulation that interferes with the ground.



So if you think your starter is cranking a bit slowly, it would not hurt to pull it off, clean up the mounting surfaces with a degreaser followed by some fine sand-paper, and reinstall it. See if that gets it turning at a better speed again.

Have a Model A bay!

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## SUNSHINE & SORROW

By Pam Heiland

Our wonderful greeter, Doris Marshall, spent five days in Torrance Memorial Hospital as a result of cellulitis. She is home now and we hope having a speedy recovery.

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**Club Greeter** – Doris Marshall  
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**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, August 8, 2019****CHOC Wade Education Center**

President Louise Hall called the meeting to order.

Member Bev Marsh led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Louise welcomed any visitors or new members. Marilyn Singer-Hawkins read some golfing humor.

Secretary Norm Kredit asked for a motion to accept the minutes of July 11, 2019 as printed in "The Distributor" newsletter. It was moved, supported, and passed.

Treasurer Marilyn Singer-Hawkins presented the club financial report. She mentioned that she received "Thank You" notes from the MAFCA Foundation and the Glendora Historical Society. We currently have 156 members, and tonight 48 were present.

Marilyn also presented a proposal from the Board for dual overlapping Board positions. The reasons were presented and proposed for possibly these coming elections. On discussion from the floor and past By-law committee members, it was made apparent that there were many more steps than anticipated that needed to take place prior to the implementation of this proposal. Discussion ended for further action from the Board.

Activities Steve Pavich was absent so the upcoming activities were presented by Louise Hall. She relayed a request from the Rivard family that the Memorial Service for Rose would be August 16. They are asking for as many Model A's to attend as possible. The club was a big part of her life.

Saturday, August 17 is the workshop and hospitality day at the Nettles. A Sign-up sheet was passed around.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 14, for a hamburger lunch organized by Bruce and Becky MacIntosh. The club members will bring desserts or a side dish. All this is to celebrate International Model A Day. Patches will be given to those who drive a Model A to the day's event. The location is the Colony Clubhouse Community Center in Mission Viejo.

Bev Marsh presented the plan for the October general club meeting as being a Table Top Swap Meet. Things to be sold would be anything of the Model A era. If they are parts, they are to be clean and not rusty or greasy. All proceeds go to the seller and not the club. No large parts please, i.e., engines, fenders, or car frames.

Also the MAFCA Awards Banquet is being held in Claremont this year, December 2 – 5. Several club members have signed up already. Stay for an overnight and enjoy the seminars and tours. Details in the "Restorer" magazine or on line at [www.2019nab.com](http://www.2019nab.com). President Louise Hall and husband Rick will be attending. Let them know if you will be attending.

Merchandise Diane Gaughen has a rare special offer - fresh fish. Her husband Gerald will be coming back from an ocean fishing trip with an expected catch. All the extra fresh fish need to be distributed right away. Sign a list if interested. No guarantee as to quantity. Diane also surveyed the club by raising of hands as to items the club would be interested in ordering.

Norm Kredit mentioned to the club he was taking the doors of their Model A Cabriolet apart. If anyone was interested in taking a look (Cont'd on Page 10)



## Lubricating the Vacuum Wiper Motor

The Trico type wiper motor does not operate properly without an internal lubricant. This is especially the case when a rebuilding kit has been installed, since the reciprocating parts fit tightly, resulting in high friction. An opposite effect occurs in the used motor where the reciprocating parts are worn. In this case, internal leakage of air past the seals occurs. Believe it or not, the performance of the engine is affected as leakage in the wiper motor lowers the intake manifold vacuum and leans out the fuel-air mixture.

In consideration of the above points, an ideal wiper motor lubricant must reduce friction and have a high enough viscosity not to act as a sealant. Additionally, the lubricant must not congeal in cold weather, must not thicken with age, must not cause corrosion of the die cast and brass parts, and must not attack the leather or plastic seals. The author has tried several lubricants, but two have given the best performance. Marvel Mystery Oil works well, particularly on a rebuilt motor. It has one drawback: the viscosity of the Mystery Oil is a bit too low. In a relatively short time, the oil is sucked out of the wiper motor by the engine manifold vacuum. On the other hand, brake fluid is excellent. It lasts longer than mystery oil due to its higher viscosity, and is especially effective on an old motor which has been idle for years.

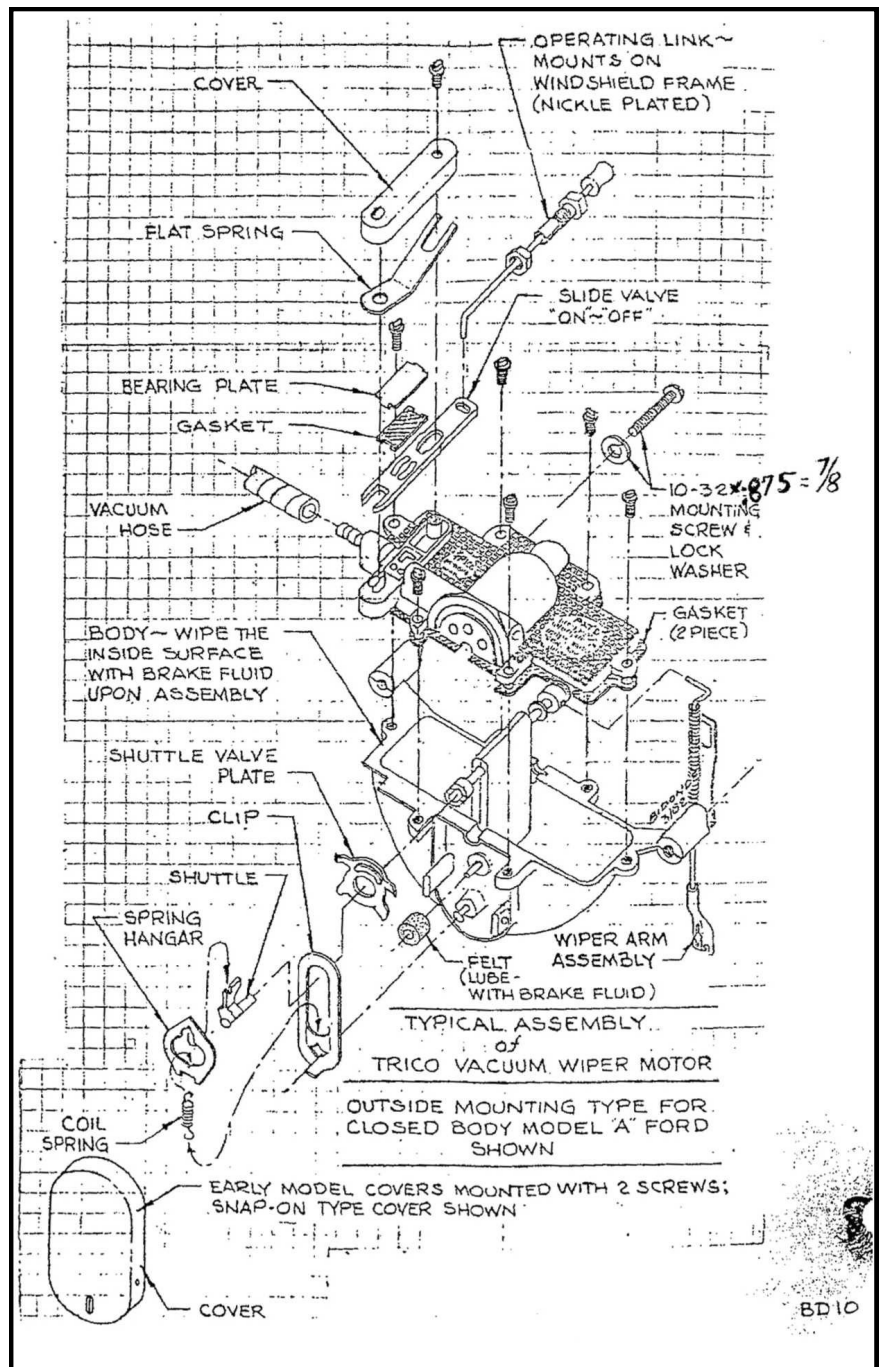
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**[Editor Note: Using brake fluid as a lubricant is not recommended by Chuck Christensen, 2012 MAFCA Technical Director, as spilled brake fluid can damage the car's paint, either during the lubrication or afterward during wiper use. Instead, use a light machine oil.]**

Here's how to lubricate the motor, which should be done three or four times a year:

Remove the vacuum hose at the wiper motor. Lightly hold your finger over the hose nipple on the motor and cycle the wiper blade back and forth. Note that in one direction the motor sucks in air, and in the opposite direction, the motor expels air through the nipple. Place the wiper blade in the position such that the motor will begin to suck air at the nipple.

Attach a six-inch long piece of hose to the motor nipple and hold the open end up. Using a squeeze bottle, force one teaspoonful of lubricant into the hose. Place a rag on the cowl below the wiper motor. Hold another (cont'd on Page 7)



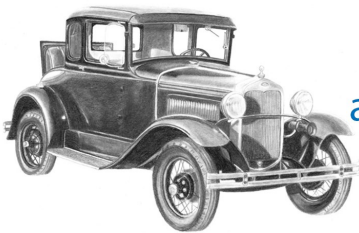
## Did You Know Tom Cruise Saved Ray Bans?

In 1929, US Army Air Corps Colonel John A. Macready approached John Bausch and Henry Lomb, a Rochester based medical equipment manufacturer with his idea. He wanted to create aviation sunglasses that would reduce the distraction for pilots caused by the intense blue and white hues of the sky. He was concerned with how pilots' goggles would fog up at high altitudes in the sky. The first glasses known as 'Anti-Glare' were created in 1936. They had plastic frames and green lenses that could cut out the glare without obscuring vision. In 1937, the design was improved with a metal frame and patented as the Ray-Ban Aviator, because the glasses "banned" sun rays and were designed for pilots. The sunglasses were popular at the beginning, but by the 70s and 80s, they diminished in popularity against the more popular disco-style sunglasses. After Tom Cruise wore a pair of Aviators in Top Gun, their sales rose by 40%. They once again were popular and have since been a huge name in sunglasses.



(cont'd from Page 6)  
rag over the open end  
of the hose.

Cycle the wiper  
blade back and forth  
several times. Repeat  
the process again, add-  
ing a second tea-  
spoonful of lubricant.



Our annual  
Installation Banquet  
at The Villa Restaurant  
in Orange on  
January 5, 2020



Start the engine and run the wiper motor. It should run well. If it does not, the wiper motor should be disassembled, cleaned, inspected and a rebuilding kit installed. It is normal for the wiper to slow down when the car is accelerated, but it should not stop altogether.

One last point to note. If you test run the wiper motor on a modern car and it runs real well, it may not do so on the "A". Always test the wiper motor on the car it was designed for, the Model A!

If the roof doesn't leak, now you are ready to run the "A" in the rain.

From the collections of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village Research Center

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- Event Information and Registration Forms are now available on the National Awards Banquet website at [www.2019NAB.com](http://www.2019NAB.com)



## What to Do With This Historic Quilt

This amazing quilt has been donated to our club by Sharon Johnson. It was made by members of the club in 1976 with great care. Please contact Louise Hall if you are interested in owning this quilt. She is attempting to determine whether it should be raffled or auctioned. What's the size? It is 7 feet, with 9 inch squares. Want a better look at it? Come to the September general meeting and get a close up look at the fabulous care that has been put into the making of this historic, one-of-a-kind quilt.







## 2020 Jamboree Planning Meeting Note!!

The location and the date have both Changed!

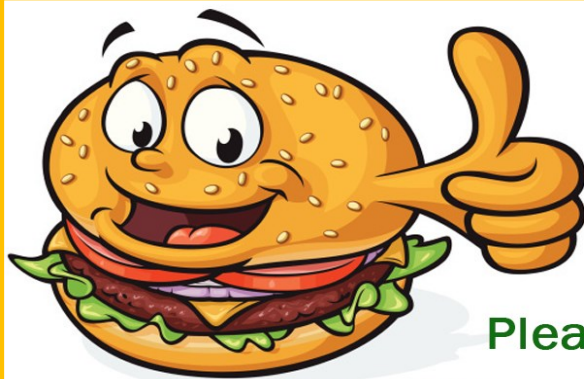
- New Date = Saturday, February 9, 2019 (Was Feb. 2)
- New Location = J's Place 2681 Calloway Drive (Was The Rocket Shop)
- Time 8:00 AM to Approximately 11:00 AM, breakfast first, then work!
- Additional Planning Documentation will be forthcoming.
- Please plan on attending, our Jamboree is only 14 months from this meeting, we have a lot of work to get done!

(General Meeting Minutes continued from Page 5)  
at them, give him a call.

Special Events Frank Reese reported that the Fabulous Fords Forever will have next year's event back at Knott's Berry Farm. This event will be on January 12, 2020. More to come.

Pancake Breakfast T-Shirts will have Joe Goff's repainted car printed on them. Frank also is soliciting ideas or suggestions to make this coming year's breakfast event better.

Sunshine and Sorrow Pam Heiland sent a card to Joe Goff who is recovering from a hospital stay. She also informed the club that Glen Johnson is having a hard time; he is still experiencing mini strokes. The club has sent a plant to the Warmington family. Sharon Johnson donated a large quilt to the club that was assembled by mem-



We're  
having a  
Burger  
Lunch

Please join us!

Mmmm... yum, yum!

On **September 14<sup>th</sup>** from 11:30am-3pm, we will be celebrating International Model A Ford Day. The club will provide hamburgers and drinks. We are asking for volunteers to provide side dishes and desserts.

This wonderful event will be at the Colony Clubhouse, 3611 South Mall, Irvine

bers of the OCMAF club long ago. Several current members had a part in it.

Kaci Terens reminded the club of the CHOC WALK this coming Sunday. She invited members to attend. Hard Luck Trophy award went to Don Ratzlaff who also confessed to misplacing the smaller trophy, which he accused others of losing all this time. Frank Mowrer tied with Don so he took the big, heavy trophy home. Drawings: Membership drawing was Mary Stockard for \$50. Mary was not present so next month it will be \$60. Attendance drawing went to Bill Hatcher for \$10.

Refreshments were brought by Jim and Diane Runyon, Don and Carolyn Ratzlaff, Frank Reese, and Don and Mary Dornmeyer. We ate well. THANKS!

Meeting Adjourned.

Norm Kredit, Secretary



## TINY TIPS Hood Rod Repair

Submitted by Robert Scoon—Arcadia, CA

Some A's have a hollow hood hinge rod. The front end sometimes wears off before the female bracket attached to the radiator shell does - usually from lack of oil. Result: when the hood is raised, it falls off. One method of repair consists of driving out enough of the rod so that it can be put in the chuck of an electric drill (once an insert has been made to keep the hollow rod from collapsing in the chuck). Provided the hinge has been well oiled, the drill will turn out the rod.

Another repair can be made by obtaining a hex head sheet metal screw of the type used in radio work - one inch or longer. The head should just fit into the radiator bracket. The threaded portion can then be screwed into the hollow rod. There is just enough "give" in the radiator shell to allow the screw head to be pried into place with a fine screwdriver (or else, release the radiator support rods). Future grief will be avoided by keeping the hood hinges well oiled, along with the hold down clamps, particularly the internal springs.

Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is

**September 20, 2019**

Submit all Articles and ads to [tissysmith1@gmail.com](mailto:tissysmith1@gmail.com) or mail to

Join us for another enjoyable event!!

Fourth Thursday Breakfast

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am

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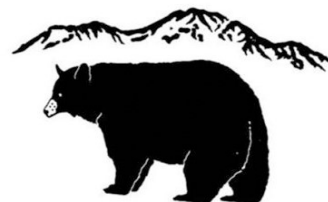
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### Next General Meeting

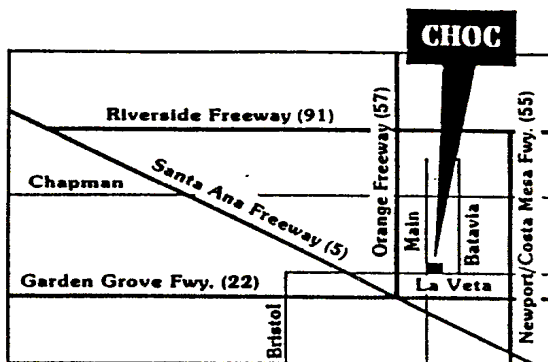
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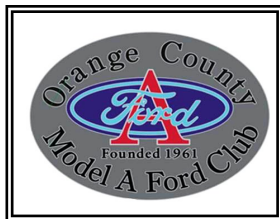
CHOC Hospital Complex

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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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