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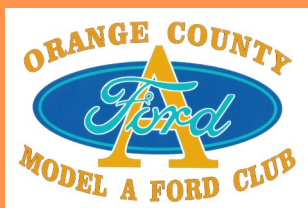
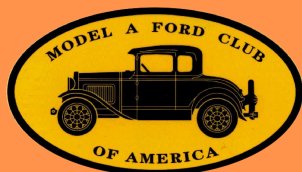


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Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher

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have a Technical  
Seminar this  
month

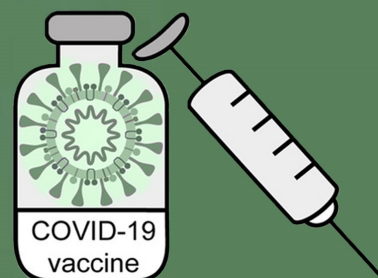


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Here's to an anniversary  
you will never forget



## News From the President

By Louise Hall

*There's a lot of stress...but once you get in a car, all that goes out the window.* Dan Brown

We continue to battle through a pandemic which has affected so many lives. I hope you and yours are safe and healthy. As I write this, I got my 2<sup>nd</sup> shot yesterday. Isn't it a different world? I got my shot in the car as we drove through the process. It took very little time, and everyone was so kind and organized. I hope your experience is similar.

As we continue through the year, I have been remiss in highlighting and thanking our club committee chairpersons. Although 2020 has been so different than we ever thought it would be when these members signed on to help in an official way, many of them were very busy. And some of them really had nothing much to do as their jobs depended on us meeting together and having events. None the less each one of these folks stepped up and signed on to keep our club going.

As is the custom at our yearly banquet each committee chair is remembered with recognition and a small token of appreciation. Gifts will be mailed out to those I haven't seen yet this year, with a note of my personal gratitude.

I'd like to mention some of these chairpersons who have continued work even under the present circumstances. Bruce MacIntosh has taken advantage of spare time by delving into the boxes of historical documents in our storage facilities. Along with finding some fun and interesting memorabilia he has gotten things much more organized. Bruce also does our website info entry.

Marilyn Hawkins not only served as the treasurer (an ongoing and momentous job) last year, but she also served as the membership chairperson. She welcomed each new member with all the information needed to become an active member, as well as keeping the board members informed.

Frank Reese kept our pancake breakfast needs in front of the City of Orange, hoping that things would look better in 2021. Although we've had to cancel for another year, I want to appreciate what Frank continues to do to keep us on track for 2022.

Bob Hawkins has continued to send out cards and flowers as needed to our members who have been ill or hospitalized. Unfortunately, this job continues to need someone's constant attention. Marilyn has agreed to continue with this position in 2021.

I also want to mention Don and Carolyn Ratzlaff and Kathie McCall. These members keep up with a lot of you and make sure things are going okay. Don has continued to arrange the first Saturday breakfasts, with many gaps in the schedule due to state guidelines.

I am so grateful for all of these folks: David Knapp, ACCC Representative; Terry Collings, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Breakfast; Doris Marshall, Club Greeter; Joe Goff, VP and Election Chair; Diane Gaughen, Merchandise (thank you for showing up with merchandise at the few events we've had.) We thank the Pancake breakfast crew, Frank Reese, Don Ratzlaff and Richard Bolls as well as the ladies who arrange for refreshments at our "meetings", Carolyn Ratzlaff and Dianne Runyon. Carolyn Ratzlaff is also the Regional Representative. Thank you Ed Cote for making our meetings fun by leading our Raffles.

This is a long list of names. It takes the actions of many to keep our club functioning the way we are used to. I want to thank all of you who have paid your dues for 2021. Without your commitment we would not be able to continue when the times are better. Don't forget that we will be having a special celebration of our club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Spring. Watch for more information.

*Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.* Henry Ford  
See you on the road! Louise





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**Breakfast Committee** – Terry Collings  
**Club Greeter** – Doris Marshall  
**Election Chairperson** – Joe Goff  
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**Merchandise Director** – Diane Gaughen  
**Pancake Breakfast Setup & Coordination** –  
Frank Reese, Don Ratzlaff and Richard Bolls  
**Raffle** – Ed Cote  
**Refreshments** – Carolyn Ratzlaff and  
Dianne Runyon  
**Regional Representative, SCRG** -  
Carolyn Ratzlaff  
**Sunshine & Sorrow** – Marilyn Hawkins  
**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.**

# Board Meeting Minutes

## Orange County Model A Ford Club Board of Directors Meeting February 11, 2021 Ruby's Diner, Orange, CA



President Louise Hall welcomed everyone to this Board meeting to conduct regular business and also thank committee leaders for their service over the last year.

Present were Board members Tissy Hatcher, Editor, Treasurer Darwin Kibby, Technical Richard Parrish, V/P Activities Joe Goff, Secretary Norm Kredit, and Immediate Past President Jim Runyon.

Committee leaders and other significant others were; Historian Steve Pavich, Activities Kaci Terens, Diane Runyon, 4<sup>th</sup> of July past hosts and Raffle leader Ed and Patty Cote, E-mail master Don Ratzlaff, Merchandise Diane Gaughen and Chief Fisherman Gerald, and Bill Hatcher, who is the technical advisor to Tissy. Sorry to say there were other committee leaders who could not attend.

Secretary Norm Kredit requested the approval of the January 14, 2021 Board minutes as e-mailed to all Board members. They were moved and approved as sent. An edited copy was published in "The Distributor" for club members. Treasurer Darwin Kibby reviewed his handouts detailing the Account Balances as of 1/31/2021. He also reviewed the January-December 2021 budget highlighting several items or expenses. It was moved and approved to accept Darwin's report.

Darwin reported also that we have 144 members. All new members for 2021 can apply for free one year membership in MAFCA if they have never been members of MAFCA before.

Darwin also handed out the latest printout of members who need reminding to get their dues of \$30 paid by the 28<sup>th</sup> of February in order to have their names in the new roster. He asked for five Board members or guests to take 10 names each and call those on the list who have not paid their dues. Five members volunteered.

VP/Activities Joe Goff reported two possible activities coming up in a month or two. One would be the Thank You Tour of first line responders in the Long Beach area. This would be participating with the V8 Club in Long Beach. The second is a "Tinker Day" at Don Dormeyer's studio. This would be a BBQ and advise day regarding repairs and adjustments of your Model A. More details to come as to what progress is made in this COVID-19 setting. Technical Richard Parrish has set aside the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of March (20<sup>th</sup>) to have a seminar on safety and fire extinguishers. This would be at his home. He will have parking permits for attendees.

President Louise Hall asked if we had a need to have an audit of club tools or a list of people who had loanable tools for other members to borrow for their projects. It seems the club does have a bubble wheel balancer but no other tools. There is therefore no need to do an audit of tools or other equipment owned.

Tissy Hatcher asked for the Board to decide how many Rosters to print for the new year. It was decided to print 150.

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# How I spent my ~~summer vacation~~ year in quarantine



These are mine. Show us what you've been doing to keep busy. Email your Editor.





## Are You a Model A Redneck? By Cliff "Bubba" Mount, West Covina, CA

Continued from the February 2021 newsletter:

11. Have you gotten greasy at more than five Saturday seminars?
12. Do you get up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat to read a frayed copy of the Model A Service Bulletins?
13. Do you have a MAFCA pin in the lapel of your best suit?
14. Do you own more than three tools that were designed only for working on Model A's?
15. On vacation, do you stop at houses where you see Model A's parked?
16. Do you have a Ford script tattoo?
17. Do you have a dog, cat or other household pet named Henry?
18. Do you have more than three copies of *The Restorer* in your bathroom?
19. Do you have any underwear that has pictures of old cars on it?
20. Has your wife ever turned off the TV, turned down the lights and snuggled up close enough for you to get a whiff of her newest perfume while you lie there all excited and grinnin' from ear to ear 'cause you just figured out why your "A" won't start?

If you answered "YES" 1-3 times, there may be a little hope for you: take two aspirin, rub a half pint of gear oil on your neck and call Harold Baguet (stress relief manager of the Santa Anita A's) in the morning. 4-7 "YES" answers: whistle for Henry to sit by the tub and read him another article from the latest issue of *The Restorer* while you soak your neck. 8-10 "YES" responses: you, my friend, have a total commitment to your wonderful way of life. May your "A" never miss a "chug," may your rear main never leak, and may all your highways be smooth. And, 'tween you 'n me, I would like to see your tattoo ... and could you tell me where you got those neat drawers?

REPRINT FROM THE RESTORER



When installing a radiator, Ford's Service Bulletins reminds you:

### DO NOT DRAW RADIATOR BOLT NUTS DOWN TIGHTLY

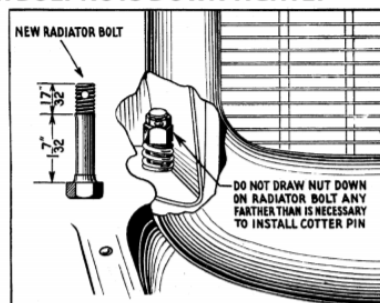


Fig. 764

When mounting a radiator do not draw the radiator bolt nuts down any farther than is necessary to lock the nut with the cotter key. If these nuts are drawn down tightly it compresses the radiator to frame bolt springs to such an extent that the flexible feature of the springs is defeated and damage to the radiator invariably results.



*We have been checking the mail box for your 2021 dues. Did you forget to mail them in?*

**Deadline for submissions  
for the  
next Distributor is  
March 20, 2021**

**Submit all Articles and ads  
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Ana, CA 92711**



## 2021 National Tour Update

### "REGISTRATION FORM AND APPREL INFORMATION"

**MAFCA 2021 National Tour "A White Mountain Adventure"**  
**June 20-25, 2021 Hub and Spoke Tour - Home base - North Conway, New Hampshire**

Registration form and Apparel Information can be found on our website:

[www.2021mafcanationaltour.com](http://www.2021mafcanationaltour.com) and in the Jan/Feb the Restorer's online digital copy as well as in the hard copy print.

Please be reminded that you must be an active member of MAFCA to register and to participate in the tour. Information for becoming a MAFCA member can be found on the tour website.

**Important:** If you register and pay online with PayPal **please** check back and sign in on your PayPal account after 48 hours to approve the payment transaction for the tour.

The Host Hotel has a limited number of rooms left. We have made arrangements with another sister hotel if the host hotel sells out and will post it on our website: [www.2021mafcanationaltour.com](http://www.2021mafcanationaltour.com)

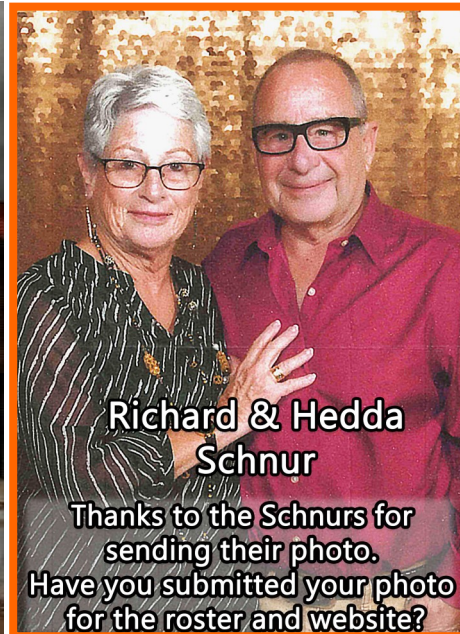
Please check out tour website, Facebook, MAFCA's website and "The Restorer" for additional information and updates as they become available.

Sincerely,

Mark Smith                      Tour Chairman  
 Keith Costello                Vice Chairman  
 Host: New Hampshire Lakes Regional  
 Model A Club  
[www.2021mafcanationaltour.com](http://www.2021mafcanationaltour.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/942306299533378](https://www.facebook.com/groups/942306299533378)  
 Email: [whitemountainadventure2021@gmail.com](mailto:whitemountainadventure2021@gmail.com)







Richard & Hedda  
Schnur

Thanks to the Schnurs for  
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Have you submitted your photo  
for the roster and website?

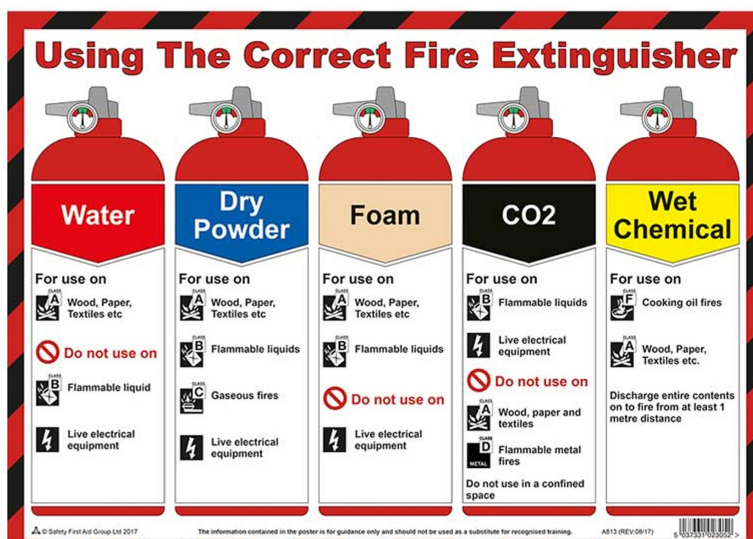
# TECHNICAL SEMINAR

*Richard Parrish will be conducting  
a seminar on safety and fire  
extinguishers*

**March 20th  
9am**

**Richard Parrish's Home  
909 S. Hacienda Pl  
Anaheim, CA 92804  
(714-393-8582)**

(There will be parking permits for attendees)



**FOR SALE:** Zenith Model B carburetor. Original unrestored condition. \$75 Phil Joujon-Roche, 714-747-0163  
philj3r@gmail.com

**FOR SALE:** 1930 Pickup. A real work truck. Father passed it down. It needs a real Model A owner. Runs & drives well. Upgrades are limited to '36 style rims & tires including fender mount spare & shiny green paint. Truck located in Anaheim. Call Dee to view. \$10,750 OBO (714-470-3355)



## Henry Ford Trivia

By Kathie McCall

Henry Ford was born on a farm in what later became Dearborn, Michigan on July 30, 1863. His father William, emigrated from Ireland to America in 1847 to eastern Michigan seeking a better life. He found employment as a worker on the family farm of a young girl, Mary Litogot O'Hern. Many years later William and Mary married and settled on a nearby farm. Henry was the oldest of six children. The children attended a



one-room school while also working on the farm. Henry never liked farming, but loved experimenting with gadgets,

especially taking apart watches and seeing if he could put them back together. Even though he didn't particularly care for farming chores he was always dreaming of making life easier. His mother convinced William to build a workbench for Henry to experiment with his gadgets. When he wasn't in school or helping with farm chores he could be found tinkering.

When he was seven, his father sent him to the Scotch Settlement School, where his mother had attended as a young girl. It was there he met Edsel Ruddiman, who became a lifelong friend.

Tragically, Henry's mother died in 1876, when he was thirteen. She was just thirty-seven and six young children were without their mother. Henry was grief stricken and later wrote "The house was like a watch without a mainspring".

....to be continued...



William Ford  
1826-1905



Mary Litogot Ford  
1839-1876

March 7, 2021

Richard Parrish's  
84<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Photos courtesy of Steve Pavich



21 Model A's  
joined the tour  
to celebrate  
Richard's birthday



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website to confirm  
your info contained  
in the Members'  
Only section is  
correct for the  
2021 Roster

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No General Meeting space has been found yet. COVID-19 restrictions are still in place that would limit this activity.

Louise Hall has established a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee and they will be looking at options for a celebration.

Don Ratzlaff suggested broadening it out to include special recognition of wedding anniversaries as well. The celebration would possibly be in the late summer.

At this point gifts and rounds of Thank You applause were given to committee leaders for their work this past year. Thank You!

Meeting adjourned.

Norm Kredit, Secretary



## Ford's Garage Restaurant

David and Andrew Knapp recently went Soap Box Derby racing in the Orlando, Florida area. While in Florida, they took an opportunity to visit a restaurant they had heard about on the internet: Ford's Garage. Some of you may have seen Ford's Garage mentioned on Vintage Ford Forum or elsewhere, others maybe even have had the opportunity to dine there. However, if all this is news to you, continue reading to learn more about a neat restaurant you can visit on your next trip to either Indiana, Michigan, or Florida. Ford's Garage ([www.fordsgarageusa.com](http://www.fordsgarageusa.com)) has 14 locations in Florida, 1 in Michigan, and 1 in Indiana.

Ford's Garage is a burger and craft beer restaurant that has a 1920's service station theme using Model A's and A parts. Each location has several Model A's on display as well as gas pumps, engines, wheels, and a variety of other Model A parts attached to the walls and set as display items. The bar area has prohibition-style elements of old brick, rich wood, and a hand-hammered copper bar top. There is even a Model A Tudor in the center of the bar on a lift with its wheels in motion. The dining area has a wonderful brick wall with a white-washed Ford's Garage logo that would look amazing in any club member's Model A cave.

The food was pretty good and the beer was cold. On the menu were several automotive and Model A themed items. And the final finish for the burgers? Well, even the burgers get a logo!

As for the derby racing—Dave and Andrew had a great weekend! Andrew took 1st place in three of the brackets and finished 3rd in the final bracket. He was only beaten once all weekend!

# Ford Garage

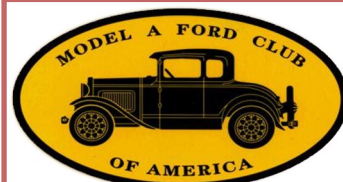


*Photos courtesy of  
David Knapp*

## Virtual General Meeting

March 11<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm

Join us for a  
traditional  
general meet-  
ing. See your  
friends and  
check in.  
Check your  
email for the  
login info.



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## My First Model A

By: Richard Parrish

Buena Park was a little rural town of 3,500 people when we moved there in 1948. Knotts Berry Farm was the only point of interest at that time, famous for its chicken dinners and Boysen Berry pie. We walked to elementary school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and rode a bus to Fullerton High School. Missed the bus? I hitch hiked until I got that treasured drivers license. I bought my 1<sup>st</sup> car soon after, a 1935 Ford coupe for \$40. But that is another story.

Commonwealth Avenue was a familiar route past the airport to school. It was small at that time with short runways, hangers at the West end and a farmer's plowed field beyond. Something in that field caught my eye one day, a 1930 Model A Ford Roadster. Model As were only 25 or 30 years old at that time with many on the road for work, school and 2<sup>nd</sup> cars. I had even driven a couple and helped friends keep one running.

OK, time to see who owns that one and is it for sale. One of the aircraft mechanics said "Yeah, it belongs to Mike down there at the end". Mike, would you want to sell that old car out in the field? Well, I was going to "Fix it up" but I guess I would sell it. You can have it for what I paid for it, TEN DOLLARS" I didn't even try to bargain for a better price. \$25 dollars at the DMV and I had a real Model A all legal and in my name.

I rushed home, gathered up my friend Jerry, a length of rope and a 10dollar bill. My roadster came home. In a blink of the eye, I rounded up a 6V battery, a gallon of 17.9 cent a gallon gas, set the points and timing and was spinning donuts in the vacant field next door.

There were lots of vacant fields back then and to add to that they were building the 22 freeway at that time with lots of dirt to play in. I even took my mom on one of those rides. She joked about putting her hair in a ponytail, at 38 years old?

My plan was to build a hot rod with a V8 . Uncle George worked at BB&H, an old respected parts store and automotive machine shop in Anaheim. He told me a customer dropped off a Model A engine for rebuild years ago and paid for it in advance. He never came back and they lost his contact info, so, he dropped it off at my house, a professionally rebuilt short block.

That engine sat in dad's garage for months while I dreamed of that hot rod with a V8. Dad got tired to moving it around and took a load to the dump Not only my new engine but a large oak ice box you now see in antique stores for \$800-\$1000 shared space 100 feet deep in the now called land fill. Wipe that tear from your cheek.

All was not lost. I sold it for \$35 and got my money back. Is that another tear?



### SPRING FORWARD



Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday.

It's also a good time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.





## ACCC Update

By: David Knapp  
ACCC Representative

Another year, another set of rules to follow. It seems the lawmakers in Sacramento have been busy doing more than creating ideas of how to keep us at home. When you get your Model A or modern iron out, you should know that there are some new roadway safety laws that have taken effect in 2021.

License points for distracted driving (AB 47, Daly; 2019): Using a cell phone in a handheld manner while driving is currently punishable by a fine. Beginning July 1, 2021, violating the hands-free law for a second time within 36 months of a prior conviction for the same offense will result in a point being added to a driver's record. This applies to the violations of talking or texting while driving (except for hands-free use) and to any use of these devices while driving by a person under 18 years of age.

Unattended children in motor vehicles (AB 2717, Chau): Exempts a person from civil or criminal liability for trespassing or damaging a vehicle when rescuing a child who is 6 years old or younger and who is in immediate danger from heat, cold, lack of ventilation, or other dangerous circumstances. The law takes effect January 1, 2021.

"Move Over, Slow Down" amendments (AB 2285, Transportation Committee): Extends the provisions of the "Move Over, Slow Down" law currently in place on freeways to also apply to local streets and roads so drivers approaching a stationary emergency vehicle displaying emergency lights, including tow trucks and Caltrans vehicles, must now move to another lane when possible, or slow to a reasonable speed on all highways, not just freeways. The law is effective January 1, 2021.

Emergency vehicles (SB 909, Dodd): Allows authorized emergency vehicles to use a "Hi-Lo" warning sound.

This distinctive sound, different than a siren, would be used to notify the public of an immediate need to evacuate an area in an emergency. The CHP is currently developing regulations to standardize the Hi-Lo warning sound statewide. Until the regulations are adopted, law enforcement agencies can use the Hi-Lo warning sound by obtaining a permit from the CHP. The law went into effect September 29, 2020.

The ACCC has been pretty quiet since January of 2020—there has been no newsletter or updates from them since that time. I stumbled onto these new laws on the internet somewhere and thought they would be interesting to share. Be safe!

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## Sunshine & Sorrow

By Marilyn Hawkins  
714-914-7371

The doctors are treating **Rick Smyser** with four kinds of chemo therapy for his esophageal cancer. One of the many side effects is dehydration... keep drinking plenty of water, which is good advice for all of us. The club sent a succulent arrangement to Dale Virus to commemorate the passing of his wife, **Marlene Virus**, a life member of OCMAFC. Just learned that one of our long-time members has been diagnosed with dementia, **Mark Schwing**. Please add Mark and his wife, Eileen to your prayer list as they deal daily with heart-breaking stress.

**May you always have love to share, health to spare, and friends that care**

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Husband tells his wife, "Since its your birthday, remember that little red Lamborghini you really wanted?"

His wife screams in joy, and then the husband says,

"Well, I got you a toothbrush the exact same color. Happy Birthday!"

He is expected to make a full recovery.

Joke courtesy of Darwin Kibby



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## Next General Meeting

7:30 PM

[Second Thursday of every month]

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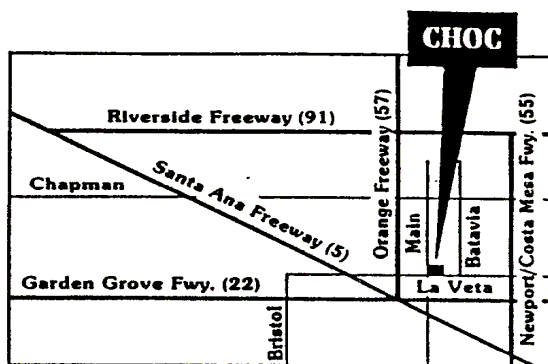
**CHOC** Hospital Complex

1201 W La Veta, Clinic Bldg | 2nd Floor, Orange, CA 92868

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

**SOME DAY WE WILL  
ACTUALLY BE  
TOGETHER**

Meeting ??,



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