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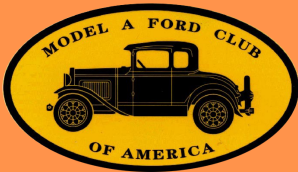


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Editor Tissy Smith-Hatcher

Challenge your limits but always remember life is not a race, but a journey



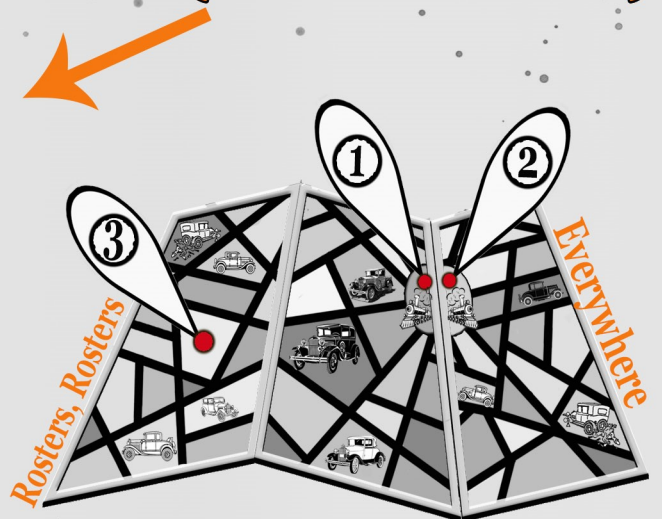
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Returning
This Month
(See the calendar)

BS Breakfast
General Meetings
Technical Seminar
4th Thursday Breakfast
Tours
Special Events



- 1 - May 15th, 10am-noon, Depot Park
- 2 - May 22nd, 10am-noon, Depot Park
- 3 - Varying dates/locations-BS Breakfast, General Meeting, 4th Thursday Breakfast, Seminars, etc.

Depot Park, 186 N Atchison St, Orange (across from CW Moss)

News From the President

By Louise Hall



I have some good news! We are going to have some opportunities to be together this month. All on the same day. Joe Goff has been working with 2 other car clubs to organize a hero's tour. You will see the details in this newsletter. The date is Thursday, May 13. Wait, isn't that our meeting date? Yes it is!

We are planning to meet in person for our board and general meetings this month. We will meet at the Ruby's near Depot Park, across the street from CW Moss. They have a meeting room that will accommodate 40 people with doors that open at each end of the room. It is a private room away from the main restaurant. The plan is for the board members to meet at 5:30, and then the general meeting will begin at 6:30. Each participant is required to order dinner for us to have the use of this room.

Here are a few ground rules. You must RSVP prior to May 10. The restaurant needs to have an accurate count. You can email me at rickandlouise76@gmail.com or call my cell phone to text or leave a message at 714-943-6271. The seating is limited. If we have an overflow those folks can have dinner in the restaurant and we'll try to find seating near the meeting room for them. Unless you have business with the board, I'm asking that those arriving prior to the board meeting is over to wait outside. A sign in sheet will be used. Please be considerate of club members by not attending if you have any health issues or risks.

I'm trying to take advise from an article in the AARP Bulletin regarding ways to survive this time that is different than what we are used to. One suggestion is to break your routine. The article goes on to say that it is easy to embrace daily routine because it is safe and predictable. But doing and learning new things forces us to focus, effectively slowing down time. The idea is to do or learn something new every day.

As I write this, I hear the sounds of Rick working in the garage. He and several other club members are immersed in learning about and building the new Model A Engine. I admire their abilities and their perseverance in figuring out how to do something new, and generously passing on information with other club members. This is what we are about. A community with a common interest learning together and sharing what is learned.

Bring a smile to the faces around you and get your car on the road. See you soon!

Louise



Sunshine & Sorrow

By: Marilyn Hawkins
714-914-7371

Let's start with "Sunshine News." Did you know that our editor, **Tissy Smith-Hatcher**, had a birthday on April 22nd? This month was dedicated to sending cards: **Richard and Jeanne Parrish** (Thinking of You) for that day-to-day care of Jeanne's dementia. **Rick Smyser** (Get Well) to show we're here for him w/esophageal cancer. **Carol Persons** (Thinking of You) for a long-time illness and hospital confinement...she's on the mend!

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

HTTP://WWW

WEBSITE

If you see something needs to be updated, photo changed, bought a new car, etc., just email tissysmith1@gmail.com and it will be corrected.

<http://www.ocmafc.com/member/Members.html>

Reminder: You will find the login/password on the inside cover of your 2021 roster

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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, 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.

General Meeting Minutes



Orange County Model A Ford Club General Zoom Meeting

**April 8, 2021
7:30 PM**

After a few minutes of socializing President Louise Hall began the meeting.
Board Members in Attendance: Louise Hall, Tissy Smith-Hatcher, Darwin Kibby, Jim Runyon, Don Dormeyer and Joe Goff

Non-Board Members: Kathie and Dale McCall, Mary Dormeyer, Linda Tom, George Kulakowski, Rick Hall, Michael Edmonson, Steve Pavich, Kaci Terens, Jim McCulloch, Don and Carolyn Ratzlaff, James Lewis, Jerry and Diane Gaughen, Mike Green, Norm and Lori Kredit, Bruce and Becky MacIntosh, Bev Marsh, Bill Hatcher and David Cane.

Call To Order: President Louise Hall opened the meeting and asked each member one at a time to update us about their car and what was going on in their lives.

Motion - Dale McCall made a motion to approve the March Minutes and Kathie McCall second it. It was approved. The resignation, due to health, of Rick Smyser was accepted. Don Dormeyer was appointed to be the Club Secretary.

Financial Report - Darwin Kibby read the Financial Report noting the totals in all bank accounts. Under Financial, the members approved to increase the amount designated for the 60th Anniversary. Total family membership is 141 members. It was noted that a quorum of more than 14 were present.
Activities - Joe Goff reported that the Hero Tour is tentatively scheduled for May 13 but most likely the date would change. He and people from the Model T Club and Veteran's Administration were going to drive the proposed route which includes St. Mary's Hospital, The VA Hospital, 2 Police Stations and 1 Fire Department in Long Beach. Joe reminded us that after our next breakfast, Ed Cote invited all of us to tour vehicle collection owned by Mike Harrods, owner of the Original Mike's restaurant in Santa Ana.

Technical - Louise Hall said that Richard Parrish is working on seminars for April and May and welcomes any suggestions.

Newsletter & Roster - Editor Tissy Smith reported on the Roster distribution; out of state members' rosters will be mailed. The roster can cost up to \$10 to mail. President Louise Hall reminded all that we did not have income from the 2020 and 2021 Pancake Breakfast events. PDFs of the roster will be sent to all members' email. Local pick up locations and dates are: May 15th and May 22nd at the park next to the Orange train station from 10:00-12:00. Member Steve Pavich also suggested we have some pickup at various locations at or near members' homes. Member photos for the roster should be sent in.

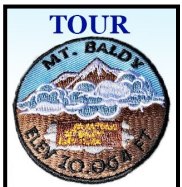
Tissy asked for members to submit information to her. We have 141 members and only 150 rosters.

Announcements - May 13 Board and General Meeting location will be Ruby's Restaurant at the Orange train station. The Board Meeting will be at 5:30pm., followed at 6:30pm by the General Meeting. The restaurant has requested member purchase either an appetizer or meal during the meeting. Ruby's Restaurant needs dinner orders in order to supply the club (Cont'd on Page 8)

Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



May 1 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange, 8am



May 4 (Tue) Tour to Mt. Baldy, meeting at Panera Bread in Brea at 8:30am; tour to start at 9am. RSVP to Don Ratzlaff



May 13 (Thu) Heroes tour of the Long Beach area. Details to follow



May 13 (Thu) General Meeting will be at 6:30pm at Ruby's Restaurant, 186 N Atchison St, Orange (park/train depot). Join us for our first live meeting since the Covid-19 announcement. Restaurant is asking all to purchase an appetizer or meal. The Board Meeting will be held at 5:30pm and all are welcome.



May 15 (Sat) Technical Seminar at Parrish's home, 909 S Hacienda Pl, Anaheim, 714-393-8582, 9am



May 15 (Sat) Pick up your 2021 roster anytime from 10am-noon at the Depot Park, 186 N Atchison St, Orange



(across from CW Moss)

May 22 (Sat) Pick up your 2021 roster anytime from 10am-noon at the Depot Park, 186 N Atchison St, Orange



(across from CW Moss)

May 27 (Thu) Fourth Thursday Breakfast at Mimi's Café, 17231 E 17th St, Tustin at 8:30am.

For more info, contact Terry Collings at 714-970-7194



May 30 (Sat) Indy 500 Breakfast.

Contact Don Dormeyer if interested in attending



June 5 (Sat) First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ The Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella Ave, Orange, 8am



June 7-11 MARC National Meet, Oshkosh. The Host Hotel is Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel, 1 N. Main Street Oshkosh, WI 54901



Waterfront Hotel, 1 N. Main Street Oshkosh, WI 54901



Jun 20-25 MAFCA National Tour, no on-site registration, must register by mail,

post marked no later than 6/10.



Aug 14 (Sat) OCMAFC's 60th Anniversary. Please send checks for \$10/ea for deposit.

Checks will be returned at event. Park location TBD, 11am-1pm. Includes lunch and anniversary swag.

HOORAY, WE HAVE A CALENDAR AGAIN

Swap Meets/Car Shows

May 1 (Sat) 36th Annual Antique Truck Show, Southern California Railway Museum, Perris, 9am-3pm

May 2 (Sun) Pickin' Under the Antlers, Antique & Vintage Auto Swap Meet, Buena Park Elks Lodge, 7212 Melrose St, Buena Park 6am-10am

May 8 (Sat) Spring Swap Meet Estrella Warbirds Museum, 4251 Dry Creek Rd, Paso Robles, 7am-2pm \$10 admission (includes meet and all museum displays)

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

May 15 (Sat) Steve Downs Car Show, North Bakersfield Toyota, 11am, judging at 1pm,; registration \$25, includes 1 meal ticket. Contact Staci Downs to register 661-345-1124

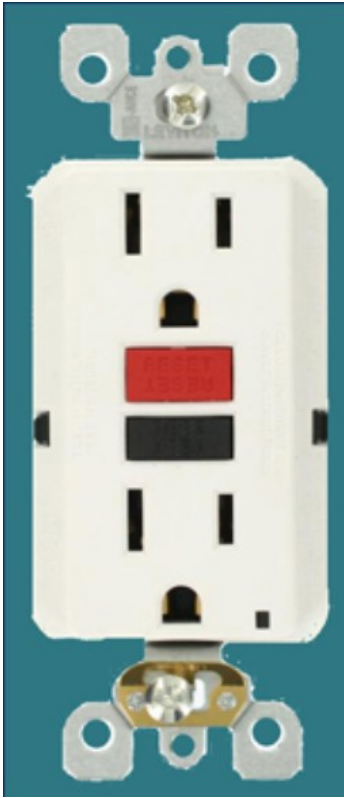
May 23 (Sun) Will's Find It Parts Swap Meet, 19060 Cajon Blvd, San Bernardino

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Jim's Technical Tip

By Jim Cannon



We all have these electrical outlets in the garage, outside the home, in the bathroom, in the kitchen that cut off the power (Interrupt the Current) if they detect a bad electrical connection in something (a Ground Fault). So they call them Ground Fault Current Interrupt, or GFCI, outlets and they help keep you from getting electrocuted.

We were in our house in Houston for almost 30 years and I never gave them much thought. We had a bunch of them, and I assumed they worked...Boy, was I wrong!

As it turns out, you need to TEST them about once a year or so. They go bad with time, especially those exposed to the elements. They have a TEST button built right into them that you press, to see it trip (and a Reset button to turn them back on after a trip).

I was doing a lot of work around the house a couple of years ago when we were preparing to sell it. Holly and I pressure washed the floor of the garage and I vacuumed up the water with an electric shop vac as we went. It turns out, that tingling feeling I was getting while running the shop vac was not from my True Love working right next to me. I had a bad electrical connection (extension cord) in that water and the GFCI never tripped!

I was lucky I was not hurt. I never, in over 25 years, tested a GFCI. Don't push your luck like I did. Please go test the ones you have that you rely on and replace any that fail. Stay safe, and "Have a Model A Day!"



Make your Reservations for Model A Day 2021

The host Hotel is ready for you to start making your reservations! You can easily do this by going to www.maffi.org. Just go to the tab that says INFO and follow it to the link for Model A Day. The Gilmore is open and running with required Covid Restrictions in place. We hope that you will be excited to come and enjoy our museum as well as the other fun activities, seminars, swap meet and tire-kicking that goes along with any Model A get-together! We look forward to seeing you there on Saturday, September 18th. (If you come a day early, there will be a few seminars on Friday afternoon and evening.)





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 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 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

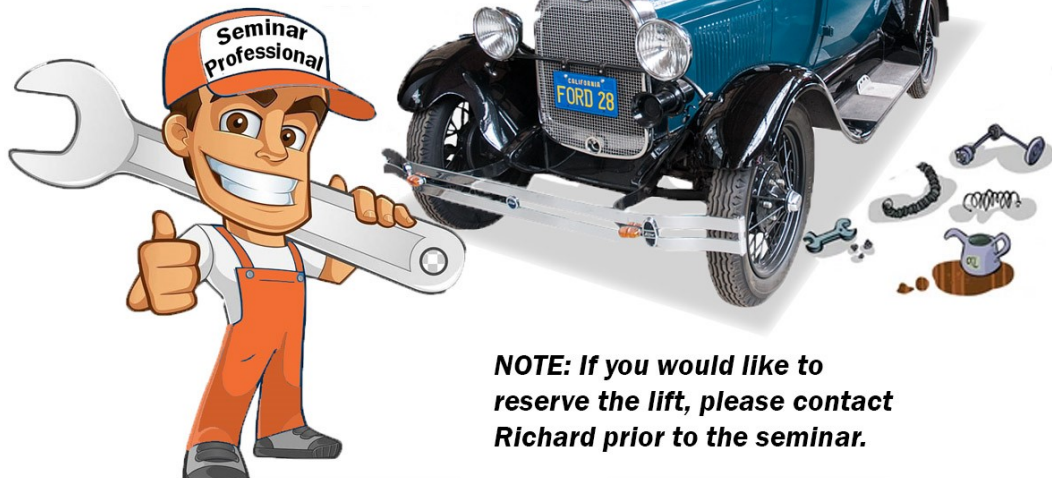
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www.2021mafcanationaltour.com

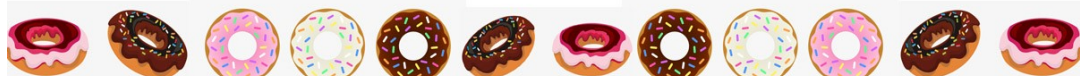
www.facebook.com/groups/942306299533378

Email: whitemountainadventure2021@gmail.com

Technical Seminar
Saturday, May 22nd ~ 9AM
Richard & Jeanne Parrish’s home
909 S Hacienda Pl, Anaheim 92804
Cell 714-393-8582



NOTE: If you would like to reserve the lift, please contact Richard prior to the seminar.





On May 30th
 Don Dormeyer is hopeful
 that the Indy 500
 breakfast can come
 together again.
 If you are interested in
 attending, please
 contact Don via email at
Don@DonDormeyer.com



Don Ratzlaff will be leading a driving tour up to Mt. Baldy.

*Date: Tuesday, May 4th
 Time: 8:30am
 Leaving: 9am*

The plan is to meet at the Panera Bread on Imperial Hwy and Associated Road in Brea. Then drive surface streets to the beginning of the Glendora Mountain Road leading up to Mt. Baldy.

RSVP via email to Don at wadedon@pacbell.net if you are going to join this tour.



HEROES OF THE PANDEMIC

The drive by "Heroes" Tour in the Long Beach Area honors those serving on the front-line during the ongoing Pandemic.

The Tour will take place mid-morning on May 13th. Please email Don Ratzlaff if you plan to participate (wadedon@pacbell.net). Details will follow via email.



1930's Men's Fashion Guide

www.vintagedancer.com

Men's 1930s fashion is often considered the finest men's fashion in the past century.

The 1930s were a turbulent decade where the free-spirited, reckless, youthful "me" class of the roaring twenties was replaced by serious, masculine, working-class men who had responsibilities to their home and country. The stock market crash of 1929 not only put men out of work, but also out of reach of high fashions coming from Europe. The new man of the 1930s was conservative yet colorful, oversized yet practical, and confident yet concerned about his spending on unnecessary clothing. His "larger than life" look spoke to his optimism for a recovering economy and his role as the patriarchal head of household.



1938 Men's Suit Fashions

In the 1930s, the athletic body seen on boxers, swimmers, and Superman became the ideal men's shape. Clothing reflected this new silhouette with extra broad shoulders, thin waists, and tapered wide legs. Everything was big, tall, and surprisingly comfortable, as the looseness of clothing made it easier than ever to work and play — and working and playing was about all men did.

Long hours working laborious jobs meant enjoying what leisure time they had was all the more important. There continued to be an increase in playing sports (not just watching them), vacationing (camping and beaches), and going to the movies, where the leading men of the silver scene cruised the world in style, solved murder mysteries, and won the heart of a beautiful but helpless lady.

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Other Business - 60th Anniversary Celebration - The committee members are Kathie McCall, Kaci Terens, Sheila Plotkin and Karen Gaynor. Kathie McCall said the tentative date is August 14, Saturday perhaps from 11:00 to 1:00. She mentions the club hopes to give members a boxed lunch, and some other give aways. 4th Thursday Breakfast - President Louise Hall left a message on Terry Collings' answer machine to see when one can be scheduled.

Don Dormeyer would like to establish a private, online forum. There currently is one on Facebook. There are only 14 members in the group on Facebook. Facebook access, etc. will be explained to the members in the future. Also, information may be conveyed in the newsletter and by email through Don Ratzlaff. Bruce MacIntosh and Don Dormeyer plan to investigate this more.

These minutes were taken by Don Dormeyer.



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www.mafca.com

Join us for a long
awaited and very
enjoyable event!

Fourth
Thursday Breakfast

May 27th at 9:00am

MIMI'S CAFE

17231 E 17th St

Tustin 92780

Info: Terry Collings

714-970-7194

General Meeting

We can't return to CHOC just yet, so we will be meeting at Ruby's at the train depot. The restaurant is asking everyone to order a meal or appetizer.

6:30pm
May 13th
Ruby's Restaurant

186 N Atchison St,
Orange 92866
RSVP to Louise Hall
(rickandlouise76@gmail.com)



OCMAFC supports
Orange County
Ronald
McDonald
House



Annual Model A Day

Swap Meet
Fashion, Seminars,
Food and Fun!

September 17th & 18th 2021 9-5pm



The Gilmore Car Museum
6865 W. Hickory Road
Hickory Corners, MI 49060



SAVE THE DATE

For more Info 269-615-3719 Jerry Morrissey
For Seminar Information Ken Ehrenhofer 630-697-3906
For Swap Reservations Mark Maron 847-302-7900

REMINDER!

MAFFI has 42 videos including a complete set of the Diablo A's Technical Seminars available for loan to MAFFI members and Model A Clubs that support the Museum with a financial gift. You can look over the titles at maffi.org (programs) or on the back of the MAFFI newsletter, the A Preserver. If interested, please email Janice Barker jlbf2443@aol.com and she will take care of your request.

Tech Corner

By: Michael Edmonson

On March 20th we had a wonderful opportunity to finally meet the Ford Model A's youngest cousin: The Terry Burtz Model A Engine, courtesy of Richard Parrish. We had a pretty solid turnout of over 30 folks from our club, as well as a few from the Santa Anita A's (and more doughnuts than anyone could handle). The day started out with having a short reacquaintance with our much beloved original Model A and B engines by Richard, recognizing differences and improvements from the Model A engine to the Model B engine. We were so fortunate to have Jim Brierly present to talk about his experiences with the original A and B engines, his modifications and improvements on Henry's original design throughout the years, and then his thoughts on the new engine designed by Terry.

And with that, the new engine was revealed. 14 years in the making of which we owe Terry many thanks. To get an idea of what Terry went through in bringing this project to fruition, take a look at his website at <http://www.modelaengine.com/>. Here you can find all of the particulars and the history of what went into this project. In short, the foundation of the engine now has a block with a total of five main bearings, with bearings located between each cylinder instead of the original three, and with modern inserted bearings in place of the original babitted bearings. On this firmer foundation will lay a stiffer balanced crankshaft with equal pairs of counterweights, pre-drilled for a fully pressurized oil system. The set of four connecting rods provided use inserted bearings as well; it should be noted that these are the only parts provided, so additional parts will need to be acquired to complete the short block build. An optional 30lb flywheel is available as well.

Further discussion continued, with Richard, Jim, and Art Moore adding many more informative comments on improvements and comparisons (and a few war stories as well). Of note, this new engine has been designed to have the identical appearance of a stock 1929 Model A engine with dimensions and both internal and external interfaces the same – if you can get it from CW Moss, Bratton's, Snyder's, or any other parts house, it will fit. Additionally, there are improved intake ports and the water inlet baffle used in the Model B engine was included.

A Q&A also continued and Leonard Nettles was present to answer quite a few questions and was able to fill in many of the blanks. An initial limited shipment of engines arrived in Long Beach this past week, and a second larger shipment is due to arrive by the end of June. All of the engines bound for the U.S. will be shipped to the Port of Long Beach and stored in a warehouse in Hawthorne (pick it up and save additional shipping costs). Many thanks need to go out to Terry (design engineer), Leonard (who is in charge of orders), and John Lampl who has been the intermediary and quality control agent for the work being done in the foundry in China. Additional questions can be forwarded to Terry or Leonard, and their contact information can be found at <http://www.modelaengine.com/>.

Grease Brake Parts

By: Dave Bockman

The Restorer November/December 2016



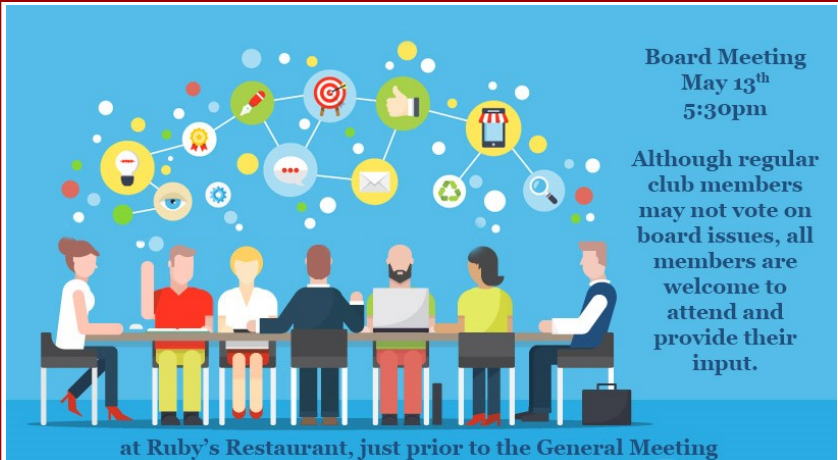
Is it okay to apply grease to the moving brake parts? NO! Grease and the brake dust created from the friction between the shoe and drum cause the grease to harden and movement to be restricted. Moving parts such as the front operating wedge, rollers, brake adjusting wedge, rear cam, and cam shaft are extremely hard and have a very low friction rate and low wear ratio without any lubricants. Only a very light lubricant can be applied to the cam shaft and toggle shaft during their assembly. A car came to my shop with a brake problem and the picture below shows what can happen when grease is applied to the front wedge. The grease became hot and traveled down to the drum and to the front brake shoe

rendering it totally ineffective. The owner had tried to improve the braking process by generously applying white lithium grease to his brake parts, but only created his brake problem.

MODEL A
Roster Raffle

CURRENT JACKPOT 100 DOLLARS

If the roster jackpot grows to \$100, and the name pulled is not at the meeting, a second name will be pulled; should it get to \$200, up to 4 names may be called each month until a winner is in attendance.



Board Meeting
 May 13th
 5:30pm

Although regular club members may not vote on board issues, all members are welcome to attend and provide their input.

at Ruby's Restaurant, just prior to the General Meeting

Deadline for submissions for the next Distributor is

May 20, 2021

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



THE GREAT GET TOGETHER



WE WILL BE CELEBRATING OUR CLUB'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 14TH FROM 11AM-1PM AT A PARK IN ORANGE (ACTUAL LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED). WE ARE ASKING CLUB MEMBERS TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY SENDING A CHECK FOR \$10 PER PERSON TO THE CLUB; THIS CHECK WILL BE RETURNED AT THE EVENT.

INDIVIDUAL BOXED LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED, ALONG WITH SOME FABULOUS SWAG TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION.

**COME AND JOIN THE FUN!
 You Won't Want to Miss This**

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
 OCMAFC, P.O. Box 10595, SANTA ANA, CA 92711
 ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT KATHIE McCALL OR SHEILA PLOTKIN

*Hope to see you there!!
 We would ❤️ to catch up.*

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Next General Meeting

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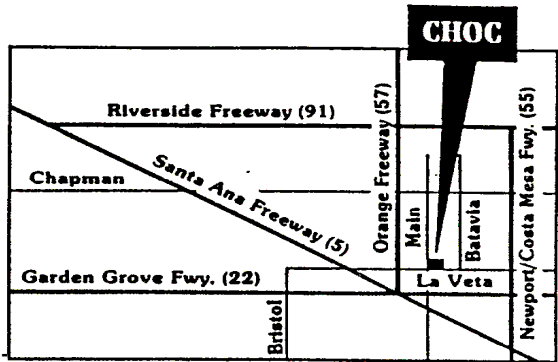
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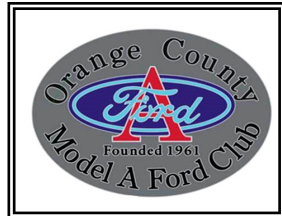
CHOC Hospital Complex

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



We are on the Web!
www.ocmafc.org



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