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**Special points of interest:**

- Check out the great tours we have scheduled for this month
- Greg & Fran Earhart won the Roster Drawing in April—lucky folks
- Love is in the air for Marilyn Singer and Bob Hawkins ♥

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**Memorial Day**  
this year is especially important as we are reminded almost daily of the great sacrifices the men and women of the Armed Services make to defend our way of life

Robin Hayes





**Walt Otto  
President**

*I yelled out "oil's dropping!!" just as the engine belched and then a loud bang, bang while two pistons crashed through the hood with oil spraying all over the car and us.*



**Friendships are  
formed by  
spending time  
together**

## President's Message ~ Ottomatic Tales

Business deals with my family did not always go well. But in the case of the 1948 MG TC, all went well when my brother, Jim and I re-stored our jointly-owned car. It cost us \$1,300 and needed paint and lots of mechanical repairs.

Jim was in high school, while I was in junior high. He got his license at 14, but I lost out on that age deal by two months as it changed to 16 for me. So, Jim was our driver and I was the co-pilot for most of our activities and later races. Our agreement was to share the costs and rewards (if any). After a complete take down, we sanded, primed and painted (20 coats of yellow!) and then hand rubbed with corn meal, finished and, 2-3 months later, it looked super.

We rebuilt the engine, small cam, new valves and

rings and rebuilt carbs. The tranny and clutch were okay.

My dad (the race war sponsor and cafe owner) had us put a dash pump in to boost the low oil pressure to racing level. As co-pilot, it was my job to watch the pressure and pump like crazy when it was low. Dad also made us install aircraft seat belts and rebuild the brakes for safety. He always told us "you can always go fast, but you can't stop without brakes -a requirement he made us stick to if we wanted to drive-smart guy, my dad. He encouraged us to race the car in the antique road racing events, which was probably a mistake, but lots of fun and excitement for us. We figured we'd do well with Jim's guts, my efforts on the oil pump and all our hot lapping experience in the Jalopy

Races.

In our first race, our pre-race instructions were: "no tailgating, no passing closer than one car length closer than the car next to you, and no excessive speed." Jim wasn't buying any of it.

At the start of the race, Jim took off as fast as he could and managed to hang in the middle of the group for several laps, with me boosting oil pressure faithfully. Then, about half way through the race, he began to "charge," passing one car after another (ignoring previous instructions by squeezing between cars with only a few inches of room to spare, tailing cars right on their bumpers until they pulled out of the way to save their antique paint jobs, and pushing the car beyond the red line two to three times each lap) until we were (Cont'd on Page 10)

## Meet Our Newest Members/Returning Members

### New Members:

- 1) **Vince & Janie Bonfanti**, 6592 Fairlynn Blvd., Yorba Linda, CA 92886; ph: 714-693-8500; email: vrbrecycle@aol.com; 1928 Model A Tudor Sedan
- 2) **Michael Wayne & Christanne H. Edmonson**, 6434 Bowie Dr, Springfield, VA 22150; ph: 703-347-9343/cell: 571-319-1330/wk: 703-692-1453; email: Michael.edmonson@me.com; children: Brittany, Amanda; father-in-law Howard L. Harper; 1928 Model 45A Tudor; 15702 Grey Oaks St, Westminster, CA 92683

### Renewing Members:

- 1) **John Michael and Julie Marie Hernandez**, 24239 Park St, Torrance, CA 90505; ph: 310-373-7913/cell: 310-594-7530; email: aero\_aviation@yahoo.com; 1930 Standard Coupe

## Upcoming Tours and Activities Calendar



**May 4 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W. Katella Ave., Orange



**May 9 (Thurs)** General Meeting at 7:30PM ~ Please see back page for details. Guests are always welcome.

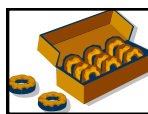
Board meeting will be conducted at 6:30PM



**May 11 (Sat)** Chino Airport Tour ~ leaving at 9AM from Panera Bread on Tustin Ave, in Orange. Tour through the canyons on back roads, arriving 45 mins. later at the airport.



**May 11 (Sat)** SCRG — meeting will be held at 10AM at Art & Olive Moore's Upland home



**May 18 (Sat)** Technical Seminar—10AM at the home of Rick Hall. Dan Adelman will be presenting a seminar on rebuilding the Model A starter motor. Dan will have a few ores and completed units for sale



**May 19 (Sun)** Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival Horseless Carriage Tour ~ they would like Model A's and T's for the event. Driving your car provides free admission to attend the premier car show in Orange County. For info on meeting location

and additional details, contact Don Ratzlaff at 714-529-5062



**May 23 (Thurs)** Fourth Thursday Breakfast Brunch ~ 8:30AM at Kathy May's Lakeview Café, 6622 Lakeview Dr, Huntington Beach, 92648;

714-842-7700. For info contact Terry Collings 714-970-7194

**May 24-27** NCRG Pleasanton, CA sponsored by the Acorn A's



**Jun 1 (Sat)** First Saturday Breakfast BS Session ~ 8AM at The Katella Grill, 1325 W. Katella Ave., Orange

**Jun 2 (Sun)** 43rd Antique Nationals Drag Race & Car Show at Irwindale Raceway (See Historian's Corner on Page 8)



**Jun 23 (Sun)** MATC Lincoln Highway Centennial Tour—SF to NYC- The Model A Touring Club invites you to join with them

in June 2013 on a tour from San Francisco to New York City to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln Highway. You can learn more about the tour by going to [www.modelatouring.com](http://www.modelatouring.com), or calling Alan Bennett at 818-222-4432

**July 26-28** Wings 'n Wheels in Solvang. Check out Bev Marsh's article on Page 5 for details.



**Drive Your Model A and Get Free Admission to Muckenthaler's Horseless Carriage Tour on 5/19**

**If you would like to make a suggestion for a future tour, contact Frank Mowrer**

## Swap Meets

**May 5** Spring Turlock Swap Meet at Stanislaus Fairgrounds

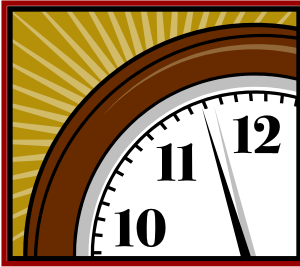
**May 11** Early Ford Swap Meet, 3855 E La Palma Ave, Anaheim, 7a-3p

**May 12 & Jun 9** Long Beach Hi

Performance Swap Meet at Memorial Stadium

**Jun 29** OC Model T Club Swap Meet at El Dorado High School, 1651 Valencia Ave, Placentia

Deadline for submissions for the next **Distributor** is June 25, 2013  
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## General Meeting Minutes

### Orange County Model A Ford Club Meeting April 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President, Walt Otto. There were 79 members present.

The flag salute was led by Walt.

Club Greeter, Doris Marshall introduced the visitors and entertained everyone with some cute jokes.

Walt read a thank you letter from the Youth Restoration Award. The letter also gave information about some of the winners of the award, including one of our own members.

Secretary, Pam Heiland presented the minutes which were approved as printed in the Distributor.

Treasurer, Joe Goff reported that the club has 179 members at present.

Technical Chairman, Rick Hall thanked Richard Parrish for hosting the last seminar on front ends. The next seminar will be May 18 at 10am and will be held at the home of Rick and Louise Hall. The subject will be rebuilding starters. Rick also read off the names of badges he has ready and asked that the people pick them up after the meeting. He would like to do a seminar on fuses in the near future.

Distributor Editor, Tissy Hatcher reported that the deadline for the May Distributor is April 25.

Don Ratzlaff conducted the membership drawing which was \$60. It was won by Greg and Fran Earhart.

Vice President/Activities Frank Mowrer reported that there will be a tour May 11 to the Chino Airport. We will leave the Panera Restaurant on Tustin Ave. at 9am and tour through the canyon on back roads. It will take about 45 minutes to get to the airport. Frank also told everyone about the memorial car show for Bill Schrieber who lost his battle with cancer and passed away. The memorial will be held at the Garden Grove Elks Lodge on Trask Ave. from 11am to 2pm on April 13.

Bev Marsh reported on the Wings and Wheels Tour coming up in Buelton.

Past President Richard Parrish encouraged people to go on the long weekend tours and gave a report on the last one to Visalia where David Knapp won a very handsome "Hard Luck" Trophy.

Colleen Schmidt reminded everyone about the Youth Expo at OC Fairgrounds this coming weekend. We will have a booth with three Model A's on display throughout the weekend.

Sunshine and Sorrow, Jeanne Parrish talked about Bill Schrieber and how he went to all the car shows. He was a big contributor to the raffle prizes for the Pancake Breakfast. She has sent a note and flowers on behalf of the club to Bill's wife, Marion. She also congratulated Bob Hawkins and his finance, Marilyn who recently became engaged.

John Graves will hold a

ticket cutting party at his home Saturday, April 13 to prepare all of the raffle tickets for the Pancake Breakfast.

SCRG Representative, Carolyn Ratzlaff told everyone about the meeting on May 11 at the home of Art and Olive Moore.

Terry Collings announced the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Breakfast will be April 25 at the Cowgirl Café on Grand Ave. in Santa Ana. We will meet at 8:30am.

Pancake Breakfast Chairmen, Frank Reese and Mark Schwing gave a report on their progress. All of the Committee chairmen are ready to go. Mark asked that all raffle prizes be brought to him by Friday, April 25 so he can get them ready for the breakfast. Please call Mark at 714/692-1393 to have items picked up, or gift cards and checks can be mailed to him. He has purchased a Model A head and brake drums from Mel Gross and purchased two sets of tires from Kelsey. Kelsey is paying the freight on the tires. He has some parts that need to be painted. He has the paint. If you can help with this please contact Mark. Frank has purchased a bicycle for a raffle prize. This was a good money maker last year. The board suggested that he buy another bike. They still could use some more raffle prizes. Bill Schrieber was a big contributor and his death means we will not have as many prizes (cont'd Pg 8)

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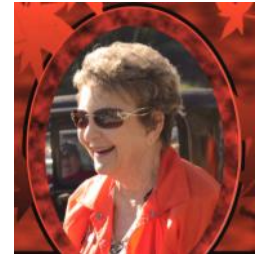
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**Wings & Wheels Tour (Solvang)**

**By Bev Marsh**

After the Pancake Breakfast, you will want something else to look forward to and this is one of the really fun tours. The Wings & Wheels tour goes from July 26-28, 2013. Registration forms have not yet arrived, but we expect the cost will be about \$80 per person; this will include pastries, lunch, BBQ and breakfast. You have a chance to start the tour from 3 locations. On Friday, the tours start at 1) Coco's Restaurant on Valley View in Garden Grove (just north of the 405 and 22 Fwys) at 9am; 2) Panera Bread on Associated Road and Imperial (just off of the 57 Fwy) at 9am; or 3) at Burger King (by Costco) in Oxnard. Take the Auto Center off-ramp.



We will drive to Santa Barbara for lunch, then on to check in at the Pea Soup Andersen's Inn (800-PEA SOUP) in Buellton. We will pick up our registration packages at the Santa Inez Airport. That evening we will gather around the pool. Bring your own drinks and a snack to share.

Saturday morning, we will meet for the Grand Tour at the airport, have lunch at a park and then that evening, we will have a BBQ at the airport.

We will be back at the airport for breakfast and riding in the old planes on Sunday morning. Then we will tour home.

I am going on the itinerary from years past, but, I will let you know if there are any changes as soon as I know. Please sign up ASAP! Bring your portable CB's, if you have them. Any questions, call Bev Marsh (714) 373-9769 or Don Ratzlaff (714) 529-5062.

Join us for good food and company  
**Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch**  
 May 23 8:30 a.m.  
**Kathy May's Lakeview Café**  
 (formerly Alice's in the Park)  
 6622 Lakeview Drive  
 Huntington Beach 92648  
 (714) 842-7700  
**Info: Terry Collings 714 970-7194**

During 1929 and 1932 the income of the average American family was reduced by 40%, from \$2,300 to \$1,500. Survival became the keyword. While institutions, attitudes, and lifestyles changed in this decade, democracy prevailed.



*Congratulations to Marilyn Singer and Bob Hawkins on their recent engagement*



## OCMAFC Military Veterans — In Recognition of Those Who Have Served

### Doc Ingwersen

USN 1942-1983

In 1942, when I was 19 years old, World War Two became a reality for me. My mother was a member of the South Gate draft board, and she would have to draft me if I didn't enlist in the navy. So, on July 2, 1942 I became an apprentice seaman. Not too much changed in my life, I remained at home and continued with college. I was already enrolled at UCLA in pre-dental courses. In March 1943 I became a naval cadet when I transferred to the USC School of Dentistry.

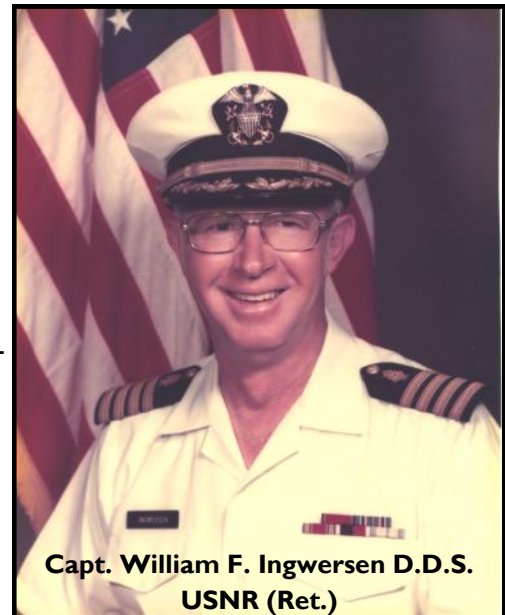
While I was at USC I became re-acquainted with a high school classmate I had casually known. Her name was Darlene. In December 1945 I graduated with a D.D.S. degree and a navy commission with the rank of LT(jg), and with orders to report to the Bremerton Naval Base in Washington State. I served there until I received orders to Yokota Air Force Base, Tokyo, Japan. A week's leave gave me just enough time to come home on Tuesday, July 2 and marry Darlene on July 5, 1946 and report



back to Bremerton for transportation to Japan. Darlene had to remain behind in the states. I served 14 months at Yokota Air Force Base and was the only naval officer stationed there.

I served 40 years in the navy as a reserve officer. I was promoted to captain April 7, 1979 and served as the commanding officer of the dental clinic at the Terminal Island Naval Base. I retired from the navy in 1983.

My son Bill Jr. also served in the navy and was stationed aboard the destroyer USS Maddox. The Maddox was one of two ships involved in the Gulf of Tonkin incident that led to the Viet Nam War. We attended the de-commissioning ceremony of the Maddox some years later and I was both surprised and pleased when I was given the honor of being piped aboard.



### Memories of Doc & Darlene Ingwersen

By Sharon Johnson

Glenn and I met Doc and Darlene at the Queen Mary National in 1974. Doc had a beautiful fire truck and he and his sons would dress up in vintage firemen uniforms with Doc as the Captain and his sons as the firemen. He always had a smile on his face and thoroughly enjoyed sharing his fire truck with the public. We didn't know him well when he and Darlene went on their round the world adventure with their Model A. He really liked sharing their experience with other Model A Clubs and had a wonderful slide presentation of the trip.

We went to Baja in 2000 with the touring club and Doc and Darlene were part of the group. He would pass out candy to the little kids and it wasn't unusual to see his Model A with ten or twenty kids around it with their hands out for candy.

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## April Roster Drawing



We had our **BIG WINNERS!!** Greg and Fran Earhart won the April Roster Drawing and will happily be spending their \$60 on some great Model A adventures. We start all over again at the May meeting. Come to the meetings and you, too, could win.

## By Editor



(cont'd from Pg 4) this year. Frank and Mark thanked Jim Nichols for his \$400 donation and Walt Otto for his \$100 donation. They asked that members stop by CW Moss and thank Derek Looney for his generous donation of a truck and trunk rack. Breakfast T-Shirts are available at the meeting tonight. They asked that everyone stay following the breakfast to help clean up.

Richard Bolls had a sign up sheet for the breakfast and asked people to sign up tonight.

Historian Dick Smith was unable to attend the meeting so there was no Historian's report.

Bob Hawkins reported on a car show on April 28. If anyone is interested in attending

this following our Pancake Breakfast it is the Pope John Paul II 3<sup>rd</sup> annual cars show at Rose Dr. and Yorba Linda Blvd. in Placentia.

Don Ratzlaff informed us that the club website is up and functional. It will be at .com for the next year and then we will switch over to the .org site.

Terry Collings announced the Pet Expo at the OC Fairgrounds April 19, 20, and 21.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to enjoy delicious refreshments furnished by Diana Stewart and Larry and Shirley Dowell.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Heiland, Secretary

***In May, we start back at \$10 for the General Meeting Roster Drawing. Remember, you must be present to win!***

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When we were at the border of Northern and Southern Baja in, if I remember right, Guerrero Negro, the young soldiers with guns over their shoulders would stop each car and look at it and wave us through the border. When they came to Doc and Darlene they made them get out of the car and went through everything including taking the door panels off the sides of their car. We

were shocked. I guess they thought they would be the perfect "mule" for getting drugs out of Baja. We all pulled over and the guys helped him put all his stuff back in the car and the panels back on. We got out of there fast.

Darlene was never into Model A fashions, but Doc was and he especially liked to pull up his pants leg of his vintage suit and show us his garters. He always got whistles from us and his face would light up the room.

When we moved up North they would call once in a while to see how we liked it and if we were ready to move back to Orange County. We told them how much we loved living in the Sierras. I'm sorry to say we hadn't seen them in about six years.

We will miss his great smile and think of he and Darlene often. We kept in touch with different members of different clubs to see how they were doing because if you called and asked them if was always, "Oh just fine, when are you coming back to Orange County".



**Doc and Darlene Ingwersen**



Dick Smith  
Club Historian  
and Librarian



**Who doesn't  
love a great  
drag race?**

## Historian's Corner—Antique Nationals, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Drag Racing at Irwindale Raceway

On June 2, 2013 (first Sunday of June) the **Four Ever Fours Club** puts on their annual fundraiser event. This is a really fun drag racing event.

The Irwindale Raceway address is 500 Speedway Drive, Irwindale, CA. It is near the end of the 605, near the 210 Fwy (take Live Oak exit from the 606 Fwy). Need more info? Call Dan 626-827-4004.

Spectators or racers come in around 8:00am. Admission \$15, under 12 yrs. are free. Tech card to race your car \$40.

There is typically a show car area to park your Model A, and a vendor area. You can purchase event shirts, and good food.

**The following article is a re-print of the last Antique Nationals I wrote about.**

The year, 2008, the weather was ideal. The turn out was better than expected. **The Palomar Model A Club** was in full force along with our



Art Moore presenting Merle with an award

### Orange County Model A Club members.

This event is held at a sanctioned drag strip, racing is open to cars of any age up to 1954. Also era dragsters, both flat-head V8's, six cylinder and of course Four Ever Four cylinders. You can race your stock or modified Model A, just have seat belts and a helmet.

I talked **Merle McClellan** into going, not only is he a friend, but it increases safety for both of us on the highway.

Upon arriving, **Larry McKinney** directed us to good parking spots in the show car area. As it turned out I was only one car away from winning a First Place trophy in the Antique category. Well actually I was parked one car away from **Merle McClellan's** car, who actually won the First Place award. I like to tell it my way better.



Merle's winning near Bone Stock A Coup is a black beauty. It does have some modification, like a Miller overhead B

inserted engine, .60 over with downdraft carburetor, headers, alternator, Ford truck 4-speed, includes 22% over in 4<sup>th</sup> gear, and of course 39 Ford hydraulic breaks to stop his radial tires mounted on 35 Ford 16" wire wheels. Oh, did I mention power windows and, of course, air conditioner?

During the day, I saw the only currently racing Essex, a Hudson roadster with a nail head Buick engine, only 11 of this body are known to exist, according to the National Hudson Club. p.s. it looks a lot like an early Mercedes. It seemed there was something for everyone.



**Howard Kruegel**, from the Palomar A's, showed me his near Bone Stock engine. As you can see, there is no limit to what can be done with the original engine Henry Ford created. (It's actually a Donovan engine, supercharged.) I'll tell you all about it next time.



## Technical Tips—Bendix Starter Drive

The Bendix starter drive engages the starter motor with the flywheel ring gear to start your Model A engine. It's out of sight, so we typically ignore it until it becomes a problem. Problems usually exhibit themselves by making strange noises or failure to engage when you try starting. Sometimes

broken parts can wedge between the flywheel and the flywheel housing, preventing the engine from turning.

Like most other parts on the Model A, the best way to prevent a problem is maintenance. When you have your starter out of the car, clean the Bendix assembly with solvent and a brush. While Ford did not use any lubricant on the assembly, a small amount of petroleum jelly on the large screw threads will make a cleaned unit work nicely.

Check the unit for cracked or broken parts, particularly, the drive head (round part furthest from the starter motor), the spring, the bolts and

tabbed washers. The two bolts really take a beating, so pay special attention to these and replace if they look worn or bent. Use a little thread locker



on the bolts and use new tabbed washers. Bend one tab up against the bolt head and the other down against the edge of the spring that the bolt



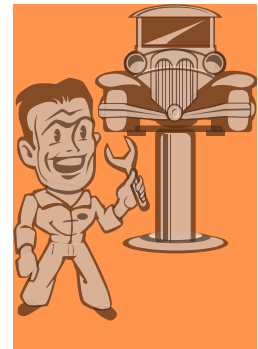
goes through. Spring support clips were used at each end of the spring after June 1931 to help prevent the spring bolts from bending. These are available from some Model A parts suppliers.

## By Rick Hall

New Bendix units are available for under \$25, if yours is in really bad shape. An alternative is a modern "Bendix" unit that uses a magnet instead of the sometimes troublesome spring and bolt units. These are the preferred units for Model A's with 12 volt systems using a 6

volt starter. These are also available for under \$25.

Finally, check the starter armature shaft to insure that it is straight. This can be done by using battery cables and running the starter motor with the Bendix removed. It should run smoothly, without a lot of vibration. A bent shaft will ruin a good Bendix unit very quickly. For more detailed information, see Les Andrews' Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook, Vol. I pp 1-20 through 1-23.



Don't see what you're looking for? Send an email Rick Hall, Technical Director and we will try to assist.



**What's better than checking out a video on the weekend from the OCMAFC Video Library?**

The famous Dick and Jane books that taught millions of children to read were first published in 1931. These primers introduced the students to reading with only one new word per page and a limited vocabulary per book. All who learned to read with these books still recall the "Look. See Dick. See Dick run."



Dick  
See Dick.  
See Dick run.  
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**What You Missed - Youth Expo Weekend By Esther Goff**

**Thanks to Esther Goff for always providing such interesting articles**

**Mom took Jim by his ear and walked him to the Recruiting Office**



April 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> was a great 3-day exhibition. On the 12<sup>th</sup> (Friday), children of all ages from various schools were bused to the OC Fairgrounds, and we were there showing off our Model A's. Seven cars were on display on alternating days, and there were 27 members that manned the booth.

We allowed the inquisitive ones to sit in the cars, and even blow the Ahooga horn. Just seeing their faces light up was a thrill. We were asked if the cars really ran, how old the cars were, and the best was "how do you put the win-

dows up/down?" They were looking for the power button. Upon showing them the window crank and how it worked, their eyes lit up in amazement! They all wanted to take turns. Hard to believe a simple thing like a window crank was so fascinating. Another observation was the children looked for seat belts as soon as they sat in the cars. Then, when all buckled up, they pretended to drive. Apparently parents do get through to them on some

things. Guess in 20+ years what we know now, will be obsolete too. Cars may even drive themselves.

Many, many thanks to Dominic for all his hard work in putting this together and to all the members who supported him.



(Cont'd from Page 2) leading the pack. On the last straight, Jim down shifted to keep revs up. Suddenly, I noticed the oil pressure dropping. I yelled out "oil's dropping!!" just as the engine belched and then a loud bang, bang while two pistons crashed through the hood with oil spraying all over the car and us. Jim dropped it into neutral and we coasted to third place. .losing our first position.

After the long tow home from northern California to Hollywood, we found a used hood and engine, rebuilt the engine, painted and installed everything back and got ready to race again. This time we tried an oval track, hired a pro-

fessional driver and watched from the stands. It was a safer and better view.

Jim continued to drive me to junior and then high school. One day, he left me in front of school and took off driving like a mad man. I later learned he had been racing in the school zone, hit water, spun out and hit a fire plug, flooding the street, and totaling both his and my half of the MG.

Next thing I knew, he was home with mom having a very serious talk. We all went to Juvenile Court and the judge gave my brother and mom a choice: One year in Juvenile Hall or walk

down the street to the US Navy Recruiting Office and sign up for four years. My mom took Jim by his ear and walked him straight to the Recruiting Office. He left the next day for San Diego. I saw Jim several times over the next four years. Jim signed up with the Naval Air on the U.S.S. Boxer and was assigned to hook the planes to the launcher for takeoff with three days on/four days off. On his off time, he raced motorcycles at Hickam AFB in Honolulu. Jim never reimbursed me as the car was a worthless piece of (Cont'd on Page 11)

## Car Barn Specials

**1928 Tudor Sedan**~ 1-yr old restoration, show quality, Niagara blue dark. One month old transmission overhaul and more by Jim's Automotive. 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the 1928-1929 closed car division at the 2013 Pancake Breakfast. Contact **Charles Hansen** at 714-665-2469. Asking \$16,000.



**1930 Briggs Sedan**~ It's been in the same family for 55 yrs and is completely restored. The interior still needs to be done and the roof needs to be replaced. Engine needs a few parts, but car is pristine. Asking \$10,000 but flexible! Located in San Clemente. Contact: Marianne Hugo at 714-532-2660 for info.



**For Sale: 1930-1931 Model A Fenders** (1) left rear; (1) right front (non-wheel well). Condition 50/50. Price very reasonable. Call Tony DeRosa at 949-439-6362

(Cont'd from Page 10) junk. Today, we both laugh about the experiences we had with the MG as most of the regrets are gone.

I hope all of you attended the Pancake Breakfast and enjoyed all the super A's. Please check out last month's Distributor and the calendar of events for this month. There are lots of activities and events to take part in.

One of the fun things I did this last month was to take my Model A to the Youth Expo at Orange County Fairgrounds. It was lots of kids, people and fun

for Joe, Dale and I, as kids lined up to sit in our cars and honk the horns. Parents took the moment to take pictures of kids' expressions. Great day and super fun time for kids. Join us next year and support the Model A experience. I also attended the Fabulous Fords Forever at Knott's. There were 2,100 cars and 20,000 people at the show. Several of our club members attended. I had a great time checking out all the

antique cars and talking Model A's to spectators. You all need to get your A's out of the garage and drive them.....Cheers! Walt



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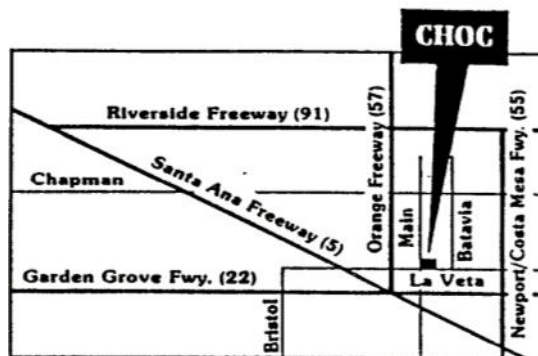
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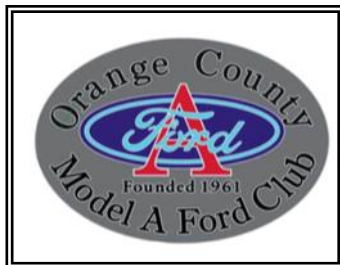
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