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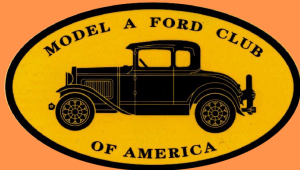


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If you saw
a heat wave
would you
wave back?



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Dear whoever is reading this, I hope you smile today.

News From the President

By Louise Hall

Although the hours seem long, the days seem to go by quickly. I don't know about you, but I have lost track of time. I have to keep reminding myself what day of the week it is, and never mind about the date! And here comes September!

I hope everyone is doing well. We have several people who have had medical episodes and treatment. We certainly want to keep those folks in our thoughts and prayers. See the Sunshine and Sorrow report for the latest updates.

As I write this, I am looking forward to seeing some of you for breakfast on Saturday.

When I saw that another group that Rick belongs to was meeting at the Katella Grill, I informed Don Ratzlaff. Don took the ball and ran with it. He went to the restaurant,

talked to the manager, checked out the accommodations and put out an email blast! Well the response was overwhelming! Don had to go back to the restaurant with Dom Cimarusti and renegotiate for more space. I know this will be worth the time Don and Dom put into the arrangements. We are all hungry to get out and enjoy a meal with friends. Thank you!

The OCMAFC board has continued to meet on a monthly basis. Although there is very little we can do, we will continue to seek out availability to meet again, tour again, and conduct seminars. If you have ideas or would like to contribute, please contact me, or any board member.

Very important, we are in need to 3 board positions for 2021-2023. If you would like information about what is involved with these positions, President, Secretary, Treasurer, please contact Joe Goff or any board member.

Rick and I did get a chance to see a few of you when we distributed club rosters last month. If you didn't have a chance to get yours, call now and make arrangements to get your roster from one the board members who have them available.

I am looking forward to the time we can all meet together,
Louise



WE'VE GOT
BIG EXCITING
(can't hold it anymore)
B NEWS!

Chris Foster
is celebrating
45 years



She went to her mailbox and received what she described as a "lumpy package". To her delight, it contained a MAFCFA pin acknowledging an amazing 45 years as a member. Congrats Chris.

Jim's Tech Tip—Bending The Radiator Overflow Tube Back

By: Jim Cannon



The Ford Service Bulletins of April, 1930 (page 450) advise that if you have excessive coolant loss though the radiator overflow tube, you can bent the tube back toward the back edge of the radiator filler neck. They also mention soldering in a brass washer where the tube passes through the baffle plate.

To bend the tube, insert a larger Phillips screwdriver into the tube. You want the smooth shaft of the screwdriver to pretty much fill the tube, and don't have the tip of the screwdriver go below the baffle plate, about 2 to 3 inches. Then gently push the screwdriver back away from you a bit, remove the screwdriver a bit (~1/2" then bend it some more. Repeat until the top of the tube is as far "back" as it will go.

If you need to, you can add a short piece of rubber tubing to the top of the overflow tube to raise the level in the top tank that much more before the coolant starts going out the overflow. But don't raise it too much or coolant will start leaking out of your radiator cap and make a mess on your paint and radiator shell.

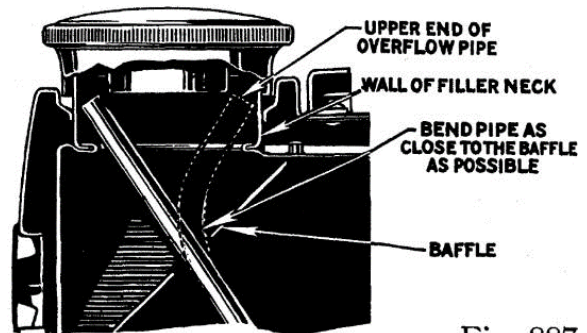


Fig. 887



STEP UP AND VOLUNTEER
THE CLUB NEEDS A PRESIDENT,
TREASURER & VICE PRESIDENT

Fashions of 1929



Silk Georgette Crepe Dress

Price: \$14.95

Description Combining a sheer, fine all silk georgette crepe with lovely lace. Lace edges collar and forms dainty vestee. Picoted plaited frills or georgette finish the sleeves, inset tiers form a cascade drapery for the flare skirt. Hipband has plaited self tab and pin. Full seco slip. Choose from Goya red or Blue "De Lyon".



The Ritz Suit

Price: \$22.50

Description "Ritz" in name, character and outstanding elegance. Real up-to-the minute style. Note the newest type coat--the fashionable double breasted vest with lapels--the pleated trousers that young men everywhere demand--and the favorite 19-inch cuff bottoms. You'll admire the unusual quality of the tailoring--coat collar hugs the neck--vest fits smoothly--trousers have the proper hang and width. Fine satiny rayon half-lining gives just the right trimming to the coat. The all wool fabrics are specially selected for smooth, close weave sure to retain their shape and press. One--the beautiful oxford gray shown--the other the new midnight blue--both patterned in the latest panel effect with neat pin stripes in silver.



Allerton Model Suit

Price: \$23.50

Description This suit will be the instant choice of men whose taste is for the rich custom look of softly blended shades of tan or gray now a leading favorite for dress wear. The genuine Newport plaid adds the correct touch of elegance that means real style to the best dressers of the country. The weave is of close super-twist all wool yarns positively unsurpassed for wearing qualities and holding shape and press. Broad shouldered coat in the newest authentic two-button peaked lapel--half lined with handsome rayon. Choose from tan or medium gray colored plaid.



Basque Dress

Price: \$2.98

Description Dainty, cool, and wonderfully becoming to the youthful figure is this beautiful little Basque dress. Fine quality organdie finish Batiste, printed in a gay all-over pattern, uses solid color organdie to top the full gathered skirt and to edge the graceful collar. Lace trims collar and pockets. Silk ribbon at shoulder and waist.

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Dianne Runyon
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Carolyn Ratzlaff
Sunshine & Sorrow – Bob Hawkins

**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.**

**Orange County Model A Ford Club
A California Nonprofit Public Benefits Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting (Edited version)**

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020

Time: 11:28am

Location: Depot Park, 100 N Atchison, Orange, CA

Present: Louise Hall, President
Jim Runyon, Immediate Past President
Joe Goff, Vice President/Activities
Marilyn Hawkins, Treasurer
Tissy-Smith Hatcher, Temporary Secretary
Darwin Kibby, Technical Director
Tissy-Smith Hatcher, Newsletter Editor/Roster
Committee Members:

Bruce McIntosh, Website

Frank Reese, Pancake Breakfast

Members:

Rick Hall

Absent: Norm Kredit, Secretary

Call to Order: Louise Hall called the meeting to order at 11:28am. A quorum of directors was present and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were presented via email for the Board's review. Joe Goff moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Jim Runyon, and unanimously passed that the minutes be approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hawkins presented the club's account balance. Current membership in the club is 139. A donation was made to CHOC. Next month, she will send donations to City of Hope and Pasadena High School. A down payment was done for the installation banquet, but the facility hasn't cashed the check yet. They are waiting to see what happens with regard to COVID-19. Because we aren't having general meetings at this time, a motion was made by Tissy Smith-Hatcher to approve the treasurer's report at the board meeting as presented. This was seconded by Jim Runyon and unanimously adopted.

Tours/Activities: Joe Goff advised due to current events, no tours or activities are planned at this time.

Technical: Darwin Kibby confirmed there are no technical seminars scheduled this month. If one does get scheduled, he will ask Don Ratzlaff to send a blast email to all.

Newsletter/Rosters: Nothing new to report on the newsletter. The schedule devised for distribution throughout the county seems to have been somewhat successful. Louise and Rick Hall, Bruce McIntosh and Joe Goff have volunteered to make rosters available to members until we can meet for General meetings again. The Board agreed that when General meetings resume, we will be offering rosters to those who haven't already collected them. Members who live out of state will have theirs mailed to them.

Pancake Breakfast: Frank Reese reported he will update the existing donations to apply to the next Pancake Breakfast event. There is not much to do until a new date has been set.

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Available Positions



President
Treasurer
Secretary



Please let Joe Goff know if you are interested in any of these positions

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Website: Bruce McIntosh has completed the daunting task of scanning all club newsletters from 1961-current. A discussion was had among the attendees as to what should be available on the website for visitors versus the Members' Only section. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was agreed that the newsletters will remain on the public side of the website. However, to address privacy issues, future newsletters will only contain new members' names, cities, year joined and car (if they have one); excluded will be specific addresses and phone numbers. Under the Members' Only section, a PDF document will replace the current list of club members on the website. Non-active club members will be eliminated. With the publication of next year's roster, the password for the Members' Only section will be changed. Tissy Smith-Hatcher will provide Bruce McIntosh with a new PDF version of the members each month there are changes. Finally, a motion was duly made by Bruce McIntosh, seconded by Joe Goff and unanimously adopted that the Members' Only section will now be a PDF document.

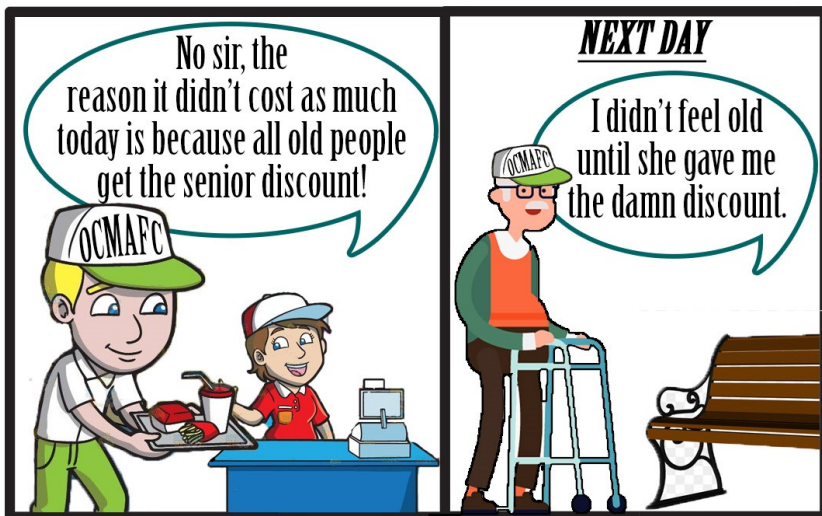
Elections: At this time Joe Goff has not had anyone come forward to volunteer for the three available Board positions. Marilyn Hawkins questioned what will happen if no one steps up to be treasurer? The Board will reach out to see if they can get people interested in the positions.

New/Old Business: None.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: September 10, 2020 at 10:00am at the Depot Park in Orange.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tissy Smith-Hatcher, Temporary Secretary



History of Kool-Aid

By Tissy Smith

With the summer heat upon us, I thought it might be fun to look back to a memory of the lazy summers of our childhood. What was your favorite drink? Mine was Kool-Aid, which my parents allowed us to make all by ourselves. Sometimes we would make popsicles by freezing the liquid.

Kool-Aid was invented by Edwin Perkins in Hastings, Nebraska in 1927 and based upon a liquid concentrate called Fruit Smack. All of Mr. Perkins' experiments took place in his mother's kitchen. To reduce shipping costs, Perkins discovered a way to remove the liquid from Fruit Smack, leaving only a powder. This powder was named Kool-Aid. There were six original flavors: cherry, grape, lemon-lime, orange, raspberry and strawberry.

Perkins moved his production to Chicago in 1931 and Kool-Aid was sold to General Foods in 1953. Hastings still celebrates a yearly summer festival called Kool-Aid Days on the second weekend in August, in honor of their city's claim to fame. Kool-Aid is known as Nebraska's official soft drink.

An agreement between Kraft Foods and SodaStream in 2012 made Kool-Aid's various flavors available for consumer purchases and use with SodaStream's home soda maker machine.

I recall when I was a child, the powder would stain my fingers upon contact. In the last few years, people found the colored substance in Kool-Aid could be used as a dye for either hair or wool. That young person walking down the street with the purple hair probably used Kool-Aid for the desired temporary result.

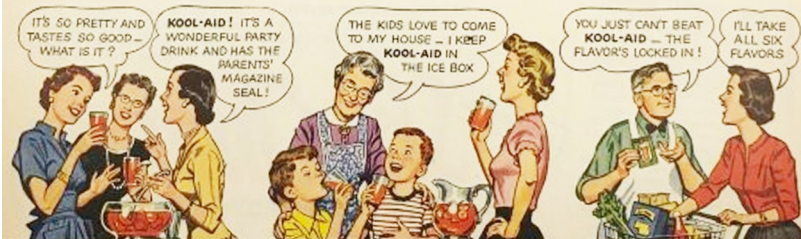
The Kool-Aid Man, an anthropomorphic pitcher filled with Kool-Aid, is the mascot of Kool-Aid. I pestered my mom to buy one of those Kool-Aid pitchers. Never got one. The character was introduced shortly after General Foods acquired the brand in the 1950s. In television and print ads, the Kool-Aid Man was known for randomly bursting through walls of children's homes and proceeding to make a batch of Kool-Aid for them. His catchphrase was "Oh, yeah!" Sadly, the phrase "Drinking the Kool-Aid" now reminds us of the dogma of a group of people and cult leader culminating in the events of the 1978 Jonestown Massacre. At Jonestown, Guyana, followers of Jim Jones' Temple drank from a metal vat containing a mixture of "Kool Aid", cyanide, and prescription drugs. Kraft Foods, the maker of Kool-Aid, has denied it was Kool-Aid and, in fact, was another similar product.

On a happier note, there is an active scene of Kool-Aid collectors. A rare old Kool-Aid package can be traded for up to several hundred dollars on auction websites.



Millions and millions and millions love Kool-Aid... and you will, too!

Kool-Aid... 5¢ package makes two quarts



Kool-Aid is America's favorite drink in an envelope ANOTHER FINE PRODUCT OF GENERAL FOODS





September

Get well soon



Jeanne Parrish

Many loving, caring thoughts
are with you as you recover

The club archive of Restorer magazines is missing the Nov-Dec 2017 issue. If anyone is willing to donate this issue to the club archive, please contact Bruce Macintosh (949) 857-4723



Deadline for
submissions for the next
Distributor is

September 20, 2020
Submit all Articles and ads to
tissysmith1@gmail.com
or mail to
P.O. Box 10595

Get Well Soon!

Best wishes and hoping you're
feeling yourself again very soon

Kay Nettles



Sunshine & Sorrow

By Bob Hawkins (714-488-1667)

This has been a very busy month, not what I would call a healthy one. It started with **Kay Nettles** suffering a stroke on Saturday, August 15. She is home now from the hospital and responding well to treatment. Our club's secretary, **Norm Kredit** had a solution ejected in his back on August 13; when it hardens, it will strengthen his back bones. Amazing what progress medical science has made over the past 50 years. **Lori Kredit** has been diagnosed with Parkinson's and is undergoing physical therapy. **Carole Howard** underwent back surgery on August 18 to fuse 2-3 vertebrae with the hope this will alleviate her back pain. On the same day, Tuesday,



August 18 **Jeannie Parrish** suffered a stroke. Spoke to her daughter and of this writing she is in ICU and but will eventually need physiotherapy. Phone calls were made to all; get well and/or thinking of you cards mailed. It is so important to communicate with our friends when they are having health problems.

Chrisanne Edmonson's father, Howard passed away the week of August 10th. A beautiful arrangement was delivered to their home and also a sympathy card mailed.

We miss you all and send you elbow hugs. Stay safe, stay healthy.

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

Update from Kathie McCall: Carol Howard had a 2nd surgery for a serious infection and is recovering at home on IV antibiotics. Her daughter is there to help. Kay is recovering at home, as well as Jeanne Parrish. Greg Earhart has obstructed esophagus and having treatment at USC.

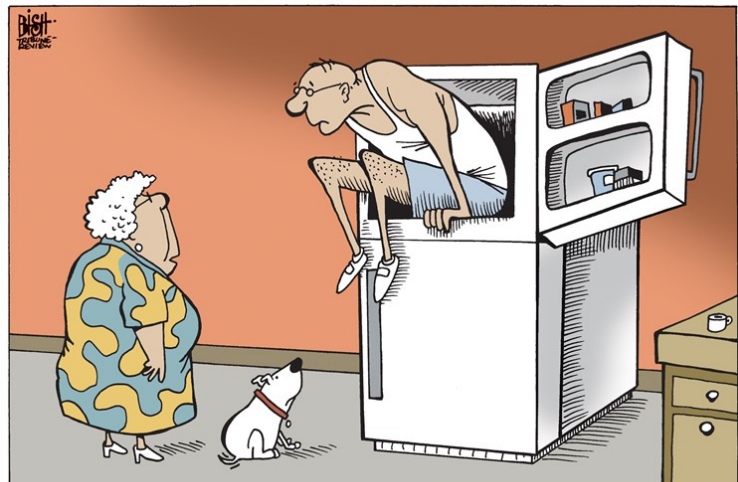
Gary & Marilyn Chambers have relocated to Chino Valley, Az. We will miss them.

Household Hints of the Era - Not Necessarily to be Followed in 2020

1. **Blacksmith's Borax for Welding.** One ounce of salt, one ounce saltpeter, two ounces copperas, four pounds of sand; mix.
2. **Washing Fluid.** One ounce of salts of tartar, one ounce of carbonate ammonia, one box Babbitt's lye, one gallon of soft water. Use one half teacup to a washing.
3. **Furniture Dressing.** Use equal parts of alcohol and raw linseed oil. First remove all greasy substances, then apply with a soft woolen cloth.
4. **Washing Fluid.** One box of lye and five cents worth of borax, salts of tartar and dry ammonia. Dissolve in two gallons of hot water, Take off fire before putting in ammonia. To be used in boiling suds.
5. **To Clean Carpets.** One cake ivory soap, one bottle ammonia, five cents worth of ether; dissolve soap in one gallon of hot water; when cool, add ammonia and ether. Scrub small space at a time with a brush and wipe dry with a soft cloth wrung out of warm water.
6. **Wall Paper Cleaner.** One half cup water, one cup flour, three teaspoonfuls vinegar, three teaspoonfuls ammonia, one teaspoonful carbon oil. Boil and stir constantly until thick; work in small balls, and rub paper with downward strokes. Will not streak or spot if made as directed. Fine.
7. **Carpet Cleaner.** Two bars ivory soap, four ounces soda, four ounces borax; dissolve the soap in a quart of water; add five gallons of water and, when ready to use it, add four ounces of sulphuric ether; use while hot with scrubbing brush. You do not need to use any cloth or clean water.
8. **Carpet Cleaner.** Use five cents worth of salts of tartar to one bar of white wool or ivory soap; add this to three gallons of water. Shave the soap up fine and let it boil. Apply with brush and dry with dry cloth. This is fine.
9. **To Destroy Odor of Burning Lamp Wicks.** Boil new lamp wicks in vinegar and then thoroughly dry them. There will then be no odor from them when burning.
10. **To Remove Paint Stains from Cotton and Wool.** Old dry paint stains may be removed from cotton and woolen goods by first covering the spots with olive oil or butter and then applying chloroform.
11. **To Preserve Eggs.** One quart of salt, one pint of slacked lime and three gallons of water. This liquid will keep eggs for years.
12. **Ink Spots.** Oxalic acid will remove ink spots from books without injuring the print.
13. **Rust Iron** rust may be removed with kerosene oil.
14. **To Purify Cistern Water.** Cistern water may be purified by hanging a bag of charcoal in the water.
15. **A Tight Shoe.** Wring a cloth out of hot water and apply to the part that is tight. If necessary, renew and keep shoe on until the leather is stretched.



My face masks have finally arrived!



WOULD IT KILL YOU TO BUY AN AIR CONDITIONER?

The Ford Hunger March/Ford Massacre –Detroit’s Darkest Day By: Tissy Smith Editor

I spoke with the club's board as I debated whether to write this article since the parallels to current events seem eerily similar – civil unrest, protests, unemployment and economic uncertainty. The Ford Motor Company went through comparable sensitive issues during the Model A era. They say history repeats itself, and so it seems. Here is a bit of a history lesson.

On January 5, 1914, Henry Ford introduced a minimum wage of \$5 per day and profit sharing at his factories, an extraordinary amount at the time. Considering the average wages in 1914 was \$2.32 per day, it nearly doubled.

In the 1920s, prosperity came to the Detroit area, because of the successes of the U.S. auto industry. The industry produced 5,337,000 vehicles in 1929, as many people bought their first cars. To give some perspective, the 1930 U.S. Census reported the U.S. population as 122,775,046 people.



On Tuesday, October 29, 1929, the stock market crashed, leading to the Great Depression. Vehicle production in the country plummeted. By 1931, production fell 75% from just two years earlier. As a result, unemployment in Detroit skyrocketed, and the wages of those still working were slashed. In 1929, the average annual wage for auto workers was \$1,639. By 1931, it had fallen 54% to \$757. By 1932, there were 400,000 unemployed in Michigan. Of note, Henry Ford, then the richest man in the world, said the unemployed created their own misery by not working hard enough.

In 1927, there were 113 suicides in Detroit. That number increased to 568 in 1931. In that same year, the welfare allowance was 15 cents per person per day. You need to remember neither states nor the federal government provided unemployment insurance or Social Security at the time. The wave of bank closures took the life savings of many unemployed workers and retirees, as every neighborhood bank in Detroit failed. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), established by Congress to secure bank deposits and protect people's savings, had not yet been established. By 1932, foreclosures, evictions, repossessions and bankruptcies were commonplace, and the unemployed felt despair.

On March 6, 1932, William Z. Foster, secretary of the Trade Union Unity League and a leader of the Communist Party, gave a speech in Detroit in preparation for a march. The marchers intended to present 14 demands to Henry Ford. Among these were demands to rehire the unemployed, provide funds for health care, end racial discrimination in hiring and promotions, provide winter fuel for the unemployed, abolish the use of company spies and private police against workers, and give workers the right to organize unions.

The Ford Hunger March, sometimes referred to as the Ford Massacre began as a demonstration on March 7, 1932 by unemployed auto workers in Detroit, Michigan. The day was bitterly cold as a crowd estimated at between 3,000-5,000 gathered. The march started in Detroit and ended in Dearborn, Michigan at the Ford River Rouge Complex, the company's largest factory. Marchers carried banners reading "Give Us Work", "We Want Bread Not Crumbs", and "Tax the Rich and Feed the Poor".

Albert Goetz gave a speech, asking that the marchers to avoid violence. The march proceeded peacefully along the streets of Detroit until it reached the Dearborn city limits. There, the Dearborn police attempted to stop the march by firing tear gas into the crowd and began hitting marchers with clubs. One officer fired a gun at the marchers. The unarmed crowd scattered into a field covered with stones; they began throwing stones at the police. The angry marchers (Cont'd on Page 11)



(Cont'd from Page 10) regrouped and advanced nearly a mile toward the plant. There, two fire engines began spraying cold water onto the marchers from an overpass. The police were joined by Ford Motor's security guards and began shooting into the crowd. During that confrontation, four workers were shot to death by the Dearborn Police Department and security guards employed by the Ford Motor Company. More than 60 workers were injured, many by gunshot wounds.



The leaders decided to call off the march at that point and began an orderly retreat. Harry Bennett, head of Ford's security, drove up in a car, opened a window, and fired a pistol into the crowd. Immediately, the car was pelted with rocks, and Bennett was injured. He got out of the car and continued firing at the retreating marchers. Dearborn police and Ford security men opened fire with machine guns on the retreating marchers. Joe Bussell, only 16 years old, was killed, and dozens more men were wounded. About 25 Dearborn police officers were injured by thrown rocks and other debris; however, none

was hit by gunfire.

In the aftermath, a nationwide search was conducted for William Z. Foster, but he was not arrested. No law enforcement or Ford Motor security officer was arrested, although all reliable reports showed that they had engaged in all the gunfire, resulting in deaths, injuries and property damage. *The New York Times* reported that "Dearborn streets were stained with blood, streets were littered with broken glass and the wreckage of bullet-riddled automobiles, and nearly every window in the Ford plant's employment building had been broken".

The following day, Detroit newspapers reported sensational and mistaken accounts of the violence, apparently based on rumors or false police reports. However, days later, the local newspapers gathered more information and changed their tone.



Funeral Procession March 12th



On March 12th, at least 25,000 and perhaps as many as 60,000 people participated in a funeral procession for the four dead marchers, who were buried side by side in Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit.

Three months later, a fifth marcher, Curtis Williams, died from his injuries. He was African American and could not be officially buried in Woodmere Cemetery, which was then segregated and for whites only. His family arranged for his cremation and his ashes were scattered in the area near the graves of his fellow marchers.

Nine years later, on April 11, 1941, after the economy had begun to recover and 40,000 Ford workers conducted a 10-day sit down strike, Henry Ford signed a collective bargaining agreement with the United Auto Workers union.

In 1992 UAW Local 600 retirees bought five headstones—including one for Williams—and placed them by the four graves. On each is carved the words, "He gave his life for the union."

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Next General Meeting

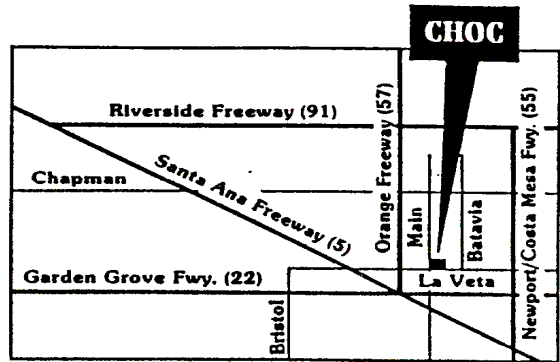
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[Second Thursday of every month]

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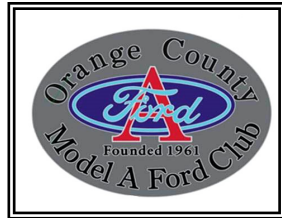
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Orange, CA 92868



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