

The Regional Round-up

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Southern California Region of MAFCA

Southern California Regional Members



I write this letter with a note of sadness, we have lost two MAFCA members, John Riggs and Bud Bartlett. They were both pillars of their chapters and staunch supporters of the Southern California Regional. Our sympathy and prayers go out to their family and friends. They will be missed.

A Big thank you to our 1929 MAFFI car restoration crew: Dick Homet, Mickey Fruchter, John Emanuelli and Marlin Perry. We were hoping for a larger number of people to participate in this SCR project.

I have been searching for some incentive for the growth and future of our Regional; we need ideas such as a website or a Southern California Regional next year. We have the Northern California Regional, the Central California Regional, but we do not have a Southern California Regional. Hopefully some of the movers and shakers will see the need and run with it.

If you would like to meet and observe the workings of your MAFCA board of Directors try and attend the next MAFCA Board meeting on April 24, at La Habra, CA.

Want a great way to spend a day in the sun? Attend the Antique Nationals on June 6, 2010 at the Auto Club Raceway at Fontana, CA. I guarantee you won't be disappointed.

Martha and I will be looking forward to seeing everyone at our next SCR meeting which will be held at John and Dianne's home in Carlsbad, CA. Hopefully we will attract Chapters in the San Diego area. Try and

make this special meeting.

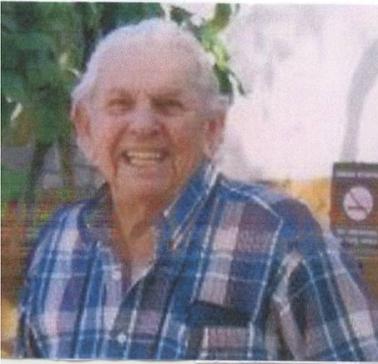
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Respectfully,
Bob Trousil
2010 President

Place: 2410 Appian Rd.
Carlsbad, CA. 92010
760.729.4865
Date: May 1, 2010 (Saturday)
Time: 10:00 AM

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John Riggs; The passing of a friend



The following tribute was taken from the March 2010 issue of the Orange County Model A Club's Newsletter, "The Distributor." It was written by Richard Parrish

On the morning of February 27, 2010 we lost a friend and valued member John "OH" Riggs. The OH is the abbreviation of a cherished nickname "Open Hood". He acquired the nickname from "Road side adjustments under the hood of his Model A and receiving the club hard luck trophy. John passed away at age 89. He had been ill for the last several months and died barely 10 months after his wife of 68 years, Gwen. John married Gwen when she was only 16 in November 1941. Pearl Harbor was bombed December 7th and John joined the Army Air Force to become a B 17 bomber pilot. They had two daughters Janice and Sherry, two grandsons Scott and Dean and granddaughter Carrie and three great grand children. John and Gwen joined the club in 1994 and immediately became involved in every activity available. My first remembrance of John and Gwen was a brunch at the Queen Mary in Long Beach. Here was a couple considerably older than me driving a Porsche 911. WHAT? We soon discovered John had a very early 28 coupe built in 1927. He had it restored prior to joined the club and was soon winning trophy's at national meets. John was still working for his long term employer and friend, Homer Harvey, the owner of Harvey Aluminum. The story goes that John worked for a well known yacht builder in Costa Mesa and was assigned to deliver the new boat to Mr. Harvey stay with him until all the bugs were worked out. Now this was a large boat and he remained for several months. The owner was most pleased with his boat and with John who complied with his every wish. To make a long story short, John was offered the position of captain of the boat which required substantial training and licensing. John accepted and Gwen signed on as cook in what was to become a long and close friendship. They blended right in with the Harvey fan-Lily. John commanded the ship on voyages to far and exotic places. Mexico, South America, Panama Canal, The Mediterranean were no stranger to the Harvey yacht with John at the helm. Horner loved his yacht and after many years ordered another even larger one from the same manufacturer. John supervised the construction and was to again be the captain. A combination of a different class license and John's age would not allow that. Sadly, John retired from being captain but remained with Homer his friend and employer. He was entrusted with any number of essential assignments one of which was to make a mount for a canon dredged up in the Mediterranean which many have seen on John's front porch. John remained with Homer until 2 years ago. In 1994 when John stepped down as captain was when John and Gwen became a part of our Model A family. The club tours trophy shows them as winner year after year after year. John was president at least 4 years. They drove to Central Ca. Regional meet, Northern Ca. Regional meet, Death Valley, Wings and Wheels, Santa Barbara, Mexico, Hawaii, Portland OR, and all our local tours plus some sponsored by other chapters. Their daughter Janice and Calvin joined the club and drove Johns Coupe while John & Gwen drove their 30 Town Sedan. We're looking at Mr. Model A, again at the helm of the OCMAFC ship. John took loving care of Gwen for several years when her health was failing and you would see them with the wheel chair tied to the spare tire enjoying the same experiences as always. What troopers. Gwen passed away barely 10 months ago and now we've lost John who delighted in his nickname and the attention we lavished on him. He could work under the Model A with the best of us, even us "young guys". Some people say I drive too fast. I hardly think so since I could barely keep up with John. "How fast are you driving John"? The answer was always 55 mph, no matter what "our" speedometer read. We will miss you John. No one can replace you "OH". Rest in Peace.

Richard and the rest of your Model A family.

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It is with great sorrow that we report that the SCR Webmaster, Bud Bartlett passed away in February. The following article appeared in the February 2010 issue of the "Spoken Wheel", the Santa Anita A's Newsletter.

BUD BARTLETT DIES OF HEART ATTACK



Bud Bartlett, died on Monday, February 8th from a heart attack. Bud was being treated for cancer and was in the hospital when he died. He was there being treated for dehydration as a result of his chemotherapy. Born in Los Angeles on December 27th, 1937, he was 72 years old.

Bud graduated from Mark Keppel High in 1955, Mt. San Antonio College in 1958, Cal State LA in 1963 with a chemistry major, and Cal State, LA in 1972 with a Masters in Health Education.

Bud entered the Navy in 1956, serving as an Aviation Electronics Technician in Los Alamitos and San Diego. After his discharge from the Navy he worked as Lab assistant at Cal State LA, where he met his future wife, Vicky.

Bud taught at the Salesian High School and the Daniel Murphy High School before he began teaching math and science classes for 31 years at Arcadia High School.

After retiring from teaching in 1998, Bud and Vicky purchased their first Model A, a Town Sedan they named Gypsy. In September of that year they joined the Santa Anita A's.

Bud and Vicky were married 45 years ago on August 1, 1964. They had a son Kynn, born in 1968, who now lives in Tucson and a daughter, Denise born in 1970, who lives in Pleasanton, CA with her two sons.



WHERE IS OUR NEXT MEETING?

It is at the Frazee's home in Carlsbad. You know for most of us that is toward



So take the I-5 South and take the Carlsbad Village Drive off-ramp. Turn east (left) go to the 2nd (SECOND) Appian Road. Yes, there are 2 of them one right after the other. Take the 2nd one to the right. Frazee's home is the second one on the right.

If you have a GPS, just set it for 2410 Appian Road, Carlsbad. If you get lost call 760-729-4865.

For those few folks south of Carlsbad, go away from  and still take the Carlsbad Village Drive off-ramp and then turn east.



Minutes of January 10, 2010 Meeting

President Bob Trousil called the January 30, 2010 meeting of the Southern California Region of the Model A Ford Club of America to order at 10:05AM. He apologized for canceling the October 17, 2009 meeting due to his hospitalization. All present introduced themselves. He congratulated Editor Carla Hibbard on winning best regional newsletter of MAFCA.

Sheila Plotkin moved to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2009 meeting with a second by Doc Ingwersen. Motion carried.

Elaine Perry gave the treasurer's report. She stated that all bills for Fun Day have been paid and SCR remains solvent. Carla Hibbard moved to accept the report and Sheila Plotkin seconded. Motion carried.

Editor Carla Hibbard asked if any newsletters had been returned. It was stated that only Orange Blossom A's came back. Carla said she would prefer to send all newsletters by e-mail to save on printing and postage.

Webmaster Bud Bartlett is not well and would like someone else to take on the job.

Marlin Perry reported on the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. He stated that the contract for a museum at the Gilmore property has not been signed. It is estimated that it will cost between \$400,000 and \$600,000 to build the building, and then \$20,000 a year to run and maintain. The MAFFI Board will raffle a donated Model A Sedan. The next MAFFI Board meeting is planned for the MAFCA National Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia.

John Emanuelli reported on Ford Fun Day. He stated that the park raised the parking fee from \$8.00 to \$10.00 and that one of the games "got lost". He added that everyone seemed to have fun, there was a better turnout than previous years, but no one came from the Ventura or Simi Valley area. Financially the meet was under what had been projected. He apologized to Paradise Valley for having the meet the same day as their swap meet.

After a short break the SCR calendar was made up. (Previously sent)

President Bob Trousil opened nominations for officers of SCR. Sheila Plotkin moved and Ed Davis seconded that officers remain the same. Motion carried. Bob Trousil will remain as President, Elaine Perry Treasurer, Dianne Frazee Secretary and Carla Hibbard as Editor. The Webmaster position is open.

Bob Trousil mentioned again that he believes the SCR needs to have an event to keep all the chapters together. Carla Hibbard suggested a tour. John Emanuelli stated that he had spoken to Mark Schwing about a possible tour in Orange County so that chapters from San Diego and Ventura areas might attend. Olive Moore mentioned that it's hard for some to drive in traffic.

A MAFFI car work date was scheduled for March 23, 2010 at Bob and Martha Trousil's home. (Call them at 562-861-7469 to let them know you will be there and for the time.)

Carla Hibbard read her notes taken at the January 23, 2010 MAFCA Board meeting.

Bob Maricle stated that he knows of a 1931 Fordor for sale for \$14,000. Interested parties should call him at 818-352-3670 for details.

The next meeting is set for May 1, 2010 at 10:00AM at John and Dianne Frazee's home, 2410 Appian Road Carlsbad, CA 92010. Phone number is 760-729-4865 or cell 760-822-2518.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Dianne Frazee

Fashion Corner

by Gail Doemland

Shoes for Comfort



A

A. White duck oxfords with black or tan saddles



B

B. White duck oxfords with black or red checkered saddles



C

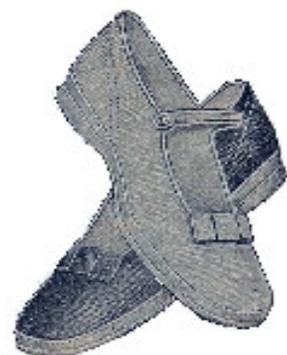
C. Woven tweed in tan-and-white checks, snap fastener, rubber soles

D. Strong duck cross-strap pump



D

E. One-strap duck pump with bow vamp. Flexible non-skid rubber sole and heel



E

F. Sturdy duck shoes worn for tennis, gym or camp wear. Available in colors brown, white or black



F

G. Sturdy Duck tennis oxfords with non-slip corrugated rubber sole and heel



G

H. Comfortable rubber soled canvas one-strap pump; a favorite with nurses



H

I. An Oxford with contrasting rubber trim



I

National Bellas Hess, S/S 1930



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About our Organization....

The Southern California Region is a coalition of twenty-three MAFCA chapters in the geographical area south of Bakersfield.