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MEETING

Don't forget gang.

TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: Izaak Walton Club House
1714 Santa Clara, Santa Ana

DATE: May 14, 1964

Don't forget tonight (May 14) is the night for the auction, so bring some usable model 'A' part or parts. Though the word "usable" cuts your selection down appreciable, I'm sure if you dig into your garage rafters you'll be able to obtain some old A-400 ash-trays or a Boyce Jr. in original carton.

ECHOES OF APRIL 9th MEETING

When Les Scott stood up at this meeting and asked for the members views on "Visitors priveleges", well he couldn't have aroused members more had he announced "No refreshments for the evening".

Les wasn't thinking of just the usual visitor problem alone, but of the ex-member who invades the scene under the guise of being a paid member. My respect of course, is greatest with those who are gentlemen enough not to impose too heavily on our hospitality.

However, to add some substance to this subject, consider the fact that we hosted some 61 people that evening, of this amount there were only 38 regular members. Yes it was so much verbal ping-pong that ensued, but finally it was settled that visitors shall be allowed admittance at only 2 meetings per year, and our thanks to Vera Auest who offered to set up a "Guard Shack" at the door.

Also the movies were enjoyed by all, and projectionist Les Scott asks "Anybody have movies or slides pertaining to 'A's that we can show????"

MAY 3RD SWAP MEET

The sunday before last saw a fine swap meet taking place at the Santa Ana Community Center. It was a fine meet, but as far as the participating swappers go, it was a carbon copy of the April 19th meet at fashion square, which brings up the subject of why future meets, including ours will not be held at fashion square.

It seems some of the tenants in that group have complained about the meets. But nobody knows specifically how or why these allegations were made. In any case we feel the 8th and Flower location is an ideal spot.

PARADE - GARDEN GROVE "STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL"

If you're interested in seeing a parade and at the same time watch some of our people in action, then don't miss this one. This parade takes place in Garden Grove, saturday, May 30th, and will feature many bands and equestrian units. But most important to us it will feature five of our outstanding cars, namely: Les Scott, roadster; Joe and Rudy Perez, sedan, Mel "Blue" Howell, pick-up; Harold Jones, coupe; and Joe Eatherton Sr., sport coupe. We're sure you'll agree, its a good representative group. P.S., do not apply as only five cars were requested by officials.

But remember the starting time is 10 AM.

SWAP MEET-JUNE 21

Yes, friends jot down this date and place on next months calendar for swapping at it's best. The place will be Santa Ana Community Center, so comb your premises for all excess 'A' parts and come on down.

Arrive early and remember the old adage, "The early bird gets the cowl lamps" or something.

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THE 1964 YUMA TOUR or OUCH!! by Mary Robinson

Wotta ride! Until you've traveled to Yuma and back, you just haven't experienced everything a Model A has to offer (pain, for instance). We left Orange at 2 AM Saturday, a couple hours later than scheduled, because Jack and Carolyn Dierberger had the last finishing touches to put on their stake-bed truck. We hope Corona appreciated those touches, because the truck spent the weekend there--seems there was this knocking noise under the hood. So the Dierbergers made the rest of the trip complaining about the bumpy ride in the rear seat of the Robinson's sedan.

We pulled into Yuma about 11 AM--Bob and Peggy Twyman, and Mel and Vina Howell in their pickups, Gene Howell and Dick Neeld in Gene's coupe, and the Dierbergers and Robinsons in the Robinson's tudor. The Hotel Stardust is very plush, and a great place for a tour--lots of room for all the events. We guessed the number of cars between 50 and 60, a few pretty ordinary ones, and lots of real fine ones. And while we're tired of being just another car that makes Ed Whistler's roadster look better, we understand that next year's judging will give those of us with "just folks" type cars a better chance.

From the feminine view, the Yuma Tour was way above the average meet. The Costume Show and Judging was well supplied with women's costumes, and also had a fine showing of mens and childrens clothes. The winning costume, a low cut blue-sequined evening dress modeled by a striking blonde, was enough to make every fellow there plug for costume events for his own club. Mary Robinson and Carolyn Dierberger represented Orange County in the fashion show. When you look like this reporter and wear your grandmother's evening gown, I guess you're fortunate to get the comments that I did (example: hm-mm). Carolyn, in a short-skirted blue dress with long fringe trim, got the same comment, but somehow you got the feeling that it had a slightly different meaning.

Just wait till I dig up granny's red-sequin job, tho---just wait!!!

Saturday evening was the awards banquet, also held at the hotel. Entertainment for the Orange County gang after dinner included the grand tour of downtown Yuma, which took nearly ten minutes. Back at the hotel, the sensible ones went to bed, and the rest of us played pinochle till the wee hours (there is no truth in the rumor spread by my partners that I was playing Old Maid).

We left Yuma about 2 PM Sunday, and headed home via the scenic route (also known as the Bumpy Route or the Long Way Home)--up thru Julian to Oceanside and north along the coast. At 7 PM in a tiny town called Ramona, at last admitting that we'd never make it home by 6 PM as we'd told our babysitters, we phoned home and settled down to enjoy a good dinner and the last leg of our trip. We tottered home about 11:30 Sunday night, with no trophies (Peggy Twyman did glom onto a door prize) but with no major car troubles either. (Jack says "trouble" is no word for what happened to the truck--the word is tragedy.)

I think I can safely say that "a grand time was had by all", and if we're rested up by then, we'll all probably go again next year.

REDUCE THE 'A' WAY

The way your 'A' absorbs each bump,
Sounds like a jolly way to reduce
your (what)??

Mr. Tulip

PUBLIC APOLOGY

To members and prospective members: I wish to amend a statement that I made at the last meeting, regarding qualifications for membership.

Our club's by-laws do not require a person to own a model 'A', but merely retain an interest in preserving and

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restoring the model 'A'.

Also if a person owns or drives a modified 'A' this would not bar him from membership in our chapter.

If you have any questions please contact me at the next meeting.

Your Chapter President
Joe Eatherton Sr.

MODEL 'A' MUMBLINGS

Who drove to Las Vegas (Lake Mead) in his Volks sedan crammed with camping equipment, and to the disbelief of other campers, unloaded from the back seat a 9X12 tent with all the trimmings. Any 'A' parts in there Andy? - Nice place to stow a pooped out AA truck that couldn't make it past Corona enroute to Yu. Hope Dierberger has a friend in every local town in case of future breakdowns - Rumor-possible another roadster will enter our venerable group. You know the guy, ole whats his name? Gene Robinson with another priceless Helpful Hint: Too many bullet holes in your radiator? Cover them with your national emblem. If several holes get more MAFCA emblems at \$5.00 each. - But seriously Joe Eatherton received a genuine helpful hint from Herb Green about his foaming radiator. Just run some sal soda in it and that will cure it. - Palos Verdes and Marineland invaded by some of our group April 26. A nice time had by all and some who want in the 3 cars were the Twymans, Ferris, Robinson, Baudinos, Eatherton Sr. & Jr., Greens, and Meador....

THE LITTLE OLD LADY FROM SANTA ANA by James Pepper

One day my father was in Santa Ana adjusting a claim. He was way back in a grove area talking to an eighty year old lady. He was looking around when

he noticed that her barn was all locked up. The next moment he jokingly said, "I sure would like to see the model 'A' that you have in your barn". Astonished she said, "How did you know that I had one in my barn?" She proceeded to show my father a 1929 sport coupe. It was all there, except for the deck lid, and the rumble seats, but she said she had them in a shed. My father told her that he was a member of the model 'A' club of America. Dad told her all about the club and tried to convince her to sell the car, but she was hesitant. Finally she said, "Do you think it's worth \$1000.00, which meant she didn't want to sell the car.

Dad went back again to try and buy the little ole Ford. This time she told the reason why she did not want to sell. "My husband drove that car three days before he died".

That was the last my father saw of the car. Maybe some day he'll go back and try again.

SONNET TO A MODEL 'A' WIFE Mrs. Tulip

Arise you model 'A' wives
Give yourselves a rousing ovation
We are the unsung heroes in the
war of restoration!
As we sit alone each night
The end never seems in sight
But when the final battle's won
And your shiny Model 'A' is done
Who sits proudly by her husbands side
All thoughts are gone of patience
tried
We may not know a nut from a bolt
But as we ride we take pride in
every jolt
So keep up the battle you model
'A' men
You'll fin us waiting in the den.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

19" tires \$5 each, lower rumble seats.
Remember Idyllwild! one wheel trailer,
new tire & tube.

30-31 rdstr pick-up top ribs \$30

31 gas tank \$4.50

John Tullius LA-3-4890

WANTED

30-31 hood section (driver side) or
complete

Phil Jou Jon Roche

Wheels A.R. (awful rare) 28 type, also
any other rare 28 parts.

Andy Baudino JE-1-6555

Right front fender '30

Rudy Perez KI-3-5845

Fender right rear 28-29

Have money will travel.

Bill Wright 879-8397

SWAP

Sport coupe for cabriolet or roadster.

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