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WOW

.... that Orange County's
quite a club !!

PLEASE NOTE: The following is a personal opinion, and should not be considered to reflect the feelings of any group within the club.

WHY NOT ORANGE COUNTY ?

The site for the 1970 National Meet is still up for grabs -- several chapters have put in tentative bids, but none has been selected. There's no doubt in my mind about Orange County being well able to host the BEST EVER meet in three more years. If we were to present a firm bid soon, I'm sure that we'd be considered as a top choice. We are a fairly large club, we've certainly shown ourselves to be among the most active chapters around, and included in our membership are many capable, hard-working people.

Nearly half the entire MAFCA membership is on the West Coast, so a meet on this side of the United States would draw an unusually large number of members. There hasn't been a National Meet any closer than Albuquerque for six years, so there are hundreds of Model Aers who have never attended. Lots of people all up and down the Coast would flock to a meet they could get to on excellent roads in a relatively short time. How many members in Orange County alone couldn't make it to Albuquerque last year because of the distance? Also, Orange County is certainly a tourist center. Lots of easterners would attend the meet because we're close to Knott's, Disneyland, etc., and so they could make it a real family vacation.

Facilities? There are none better anywhere! The new Convention Center in Anaheim will have indoor space for as many cars as we could possibly attract. And who needs inside parking facilities anyhow? We all know it never rains in California! We have Angel Stadium, the Orange County Fairgrounds -- any number of places which could probably be gotten to park, judge, and show the cars. And if we had any more motels around here, there wouldn't be any room for all the restaurants with banquet facilities!

The only real objection I've heard voiced is that local businesses and organizations couldn't care less about a relatively small convention coming to Orange County. I don't believe it. We haven't contacted anybody except Knott's Berry Farm about doing anything for us for several years. And we all know how Knott's has bent over backwards to help us plan our Roundup; they've completely handled our publicity, and have generally been helpful and enthusiastic towards the Model A Club.

I say that any chapter which puts on a National Meet will be a prominent and important one. This is an opportunity to show that the sponsoring chapter is capable and on the ball -- WHY NOT ORANGE COUNTY ? ? ?

Mary Robinson

FEBRUARY MEETING

Potluck Dinner!
y'all Come !!

SAEZ-ING THINGS UP

by Andy Saez

DATE: February 9, 1967
TIME: 6:30 pm (EARLY BECAUSE OF DINNER)
PLACE: Izaak Walton Club House
1714 Santa Clara, Santa Ana

As most of you may already know, either first hand or by the grapevine, January's installation banquet was a real winner. The turnout was tremendous; the food and music excellent, and the speeches short. Outgoing president Larry Boef and wife Pat honored all the ladies with beautiful corsages; thanks loads, Larry and Pat, from all of us. Elsewhere in this issue (Page 5) is a full report of the evening.

Mr. Chuck Peters, well-known restorer, will be speaking on shock absorbers -- have your questions ready.

February: the month of hearts; and what could be dearer to our hearts than displaying and driving our A's? We shall expect a large participation in the Cypress Parade on Saturday, February 18th. Full details will be given at our regular meeting, February 9th.

POTLUCK INFO.....

Please bring your own table service - plates and silver. Coffee, punch, and rolls will be provided.

- A thru G bring a dessert.
- H thru S bring a main dish.
- T thru Z bring a salad.

Each dish should be enough to serve eight. Why don't you plan to attend our first potluck, and bring the children.

"To be, or not to be," that is the question... Host, that is, of the 1970 National Meet. Until we have more facts and figures, a decision cannot be made, but the decision must be arrived at soon in order to get the bid in if desired. Any opinions or suggestion on the subject? (NOTE: See Mary Robinson's opinion on the editorial page.) If you have thoughts, contact a board member and let us in on it.

CALENDAR

- FEBRUARY 12 (Tentative) Orange County trip to the snow.
- FEBRUARY 18 PAL League Parade at 10:00 am in Cypress
- MARCH 4-5 Yuma Regional Southwest Tour.
- MARCH 12th Pomona Valley Chapter Swap Meet at L.A. County Fairgrounds
- MARCH 19th ORANGE COUNTY'S Spring Pancake Breakfast, Orange City Park
- APRIL 16th ORANGE COUNTY Swap Meet, Santa Ana Community Center, 8th and Flower
- MAY 6-7 Bakersfield Swap Meet
- AUGUST 26-27 Idyllwild Campout
- SEPTEMBER 10 ORANGE COUNTY Fall Pancake Breakfast, Orange City Park
- OCTOBER 21 ORANGE COUNTY ROUNDUP at Knott's

The January board meeting was quite lively, and several issues were discussed. The most important item voted by the board was to eliminate the reading of the prior month's minutes from our order of business, and publish it monthly in the Distributor, thus informing even the members who are unable to attend. To replace it, the secretary will read the prior board meeting minutes so that you will all become familiar with the business transactions of the club.

Have you paid your 1967 National and Orange County dues yet? If you've been putting it off, please remember to sign up at the meeting.

See you all on the 9th.

ARE YOU ONE OF US ? ? ? ?

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Are you on the Orange County Bandwagon yet? Have you paid those 1967 dues, so that you can get in on all the fun planned for this year? Or are you one of the Bad 'Uns, who plans to wait till the very last minute to renew? Remember, if you don't get your dues to Beth in time, there's a chance that you won't receive your January-February issue of The Restorer!

Also, we want to get a New, Improved 1967 Roster out, and we certainly can't do that with out YOUR name on it! So bring your piggy bank with you to the February meeting, and Beth will help you shake those pennies out!

Dues are \$10...\$5 for the husband to National, and \$5 for husband and wife to Orange County. Additional family members to Orange County are \$1 each, and family members to National are also \$1 each (wife must also pay to become a National family member.)

Remember, it's not your money we want, it's YOU.

WHAT WE DON'T KNOW.....

Any of you reading the Condensor's last issue may have been surprised to learn that we are "already working on (our) new 1967 review."

How about that! It was probably wishful thinking, because many local chapters have made kind comments about our National Banquet performance last December.

What do you say, girls? Start thinking of themes for the next program,,wouldn't it be nice if we could rope some more of the fellows in on it next time?

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

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Last time you were together with the Model A gang, did you have a thought (or did you hear one) that sounded like a good idea? If so, repeat it on paper and send it to The Distributor, and we'll see that it's printed.

We have a very liberal policy here at The Distributor -- if it's clean, we'll probably print it! Compliments are welcome, gripes are encouraged.

LET'S GO.....
by Gene Robinson

It's still not too late to mail in hotel reservations for the Yuma Tour March 4th and 5th. Orange County has had an increasing number of people and cars attending for 5 years now.... let's keep up our record. Tours will be leaving Friday am and pm on March 3rd.

Yuma is just far enough from home to be a real trip, and close enough that most A's in good condition can easily make it. If you've never made a week-end tour with us, start with Yuma. In the past, most of us have left our younger children at home, but if they're school age there's plenty for them to do there. (There might even be teen-agers in our club who'd be delighted to keep your youngsters in tow at Yuma in return for the trip.)

If you'd like to have financial information about Yuma, check with Sandy Antonacci.

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We have a parade coming up in Cypress on February 18th. 15 cars are needed to carry the city officials. (Those of you with pickups who signed up at the Banquet last month: they would prefer to have sedans or coupes.) We still need quite a few more volunteers. Sign up with me at the meeting.

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We have checked with Orange City Park, and we definitely have the park for both of our Pancake Breakfasts. Also, the Santa Ana Community Center parking lot has been reserved for our Swap Meet, scheduled for April 16th.

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What do you think about a trip to the snow on February 12? We'll talk about it at the meeting.

HOW TO DEAL WITH GOSSIP

Don't listen to gossip..But if you do, Never believe what you're listening to. But if you believe it in part or whole, Repeat it not to a living soul. But if you repeat it - if worst comes to worst And you have to tell somebody - Tell me first! Suzanne Douglas, McCall

GOOD IDEAS FROM OTHER CLUBS

San Diego adopted a needy family for Christmas. They have a Gymkhana and Car Games Rally planned in March - sounds like fun!

Santa Clara Valley presents an "Edsel" trophy each year to someone in the club who's made a super-duper goof. (It went to the treasurer in THEIR chapter, too!)

San Fernando Valley has just published a beautiful book with photos and a biography about each member, his family and his car. The cost was donated by a local mortuary. Don't we have any big-hearted businesses in Orange County?

Heart of America Chapter in Independence, Mo., is planning a pie supper -- each family brings a pie, and coffee is served.

 HAVE YOU SEEN LIZZIE LATELY?

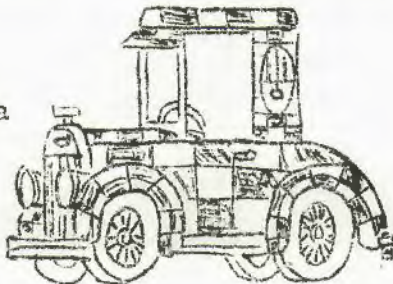
Here's a song mentioned by Lois Rather in her Restorer column not long ago entitled "When Henry Made a Lady Out of Lizzie", about the Model A. Lois reprinted the words but not the music. We'd love to have the music...can anybody help us?

 THE UNLOSABLE CAR

(Reprinted absolutely without anyone's permission from McCall's Magazine, January '67)

If you want a car you can spot at a glance in a thousand-car parking lot, one that the boldest auto thief wouldn't touch with a ten-foot pole, consider AutoArt. An enterprising Chicago car dealer commissioned a well-known artist to create all-over designs for cars, with the result that you now have a choice of hound-tooth check, black-and-white op-art, multicolor floral pattern and several other traffic-stepping paint jobs. The cost of this customizing is under \$500.

(Gee, when you drive a Model A, who needs op-art? They're already customized!!)



SERVICEMEN

We have several fellows in the club who have heeded Uncle Sam's bedoning finger, and who are now serving in the armed forces. We'd love to have their names and addresses, so we can continue to send them The Distributor, and so that we can print their addresses in the paper. You know, it's pretty lonely when you're halfway around the world from home, and letters from friends as well as family can be mighty welcome. Turn in any names and addresses you have to Mary Robinson at the February meeting.

 TO SELL OR NOT TO SELL

In talking to other chapter newsletter editors lately, we find that several of them sell advertising space to businesses in the area. Santa Clara Valley sells a space about the size of a business card for \$10 a year (so the ad appears 12 times) and they figure they just about pay the rent on their club house with their advertising revenue. Do you have any opinions?

 A VERY SPECIAL WANT AD

WANTED: Want Ads for The Distributor. How can we buy it from you if we don't know you have it for sale? Come on, fellas, you'll NEVER get the garage cleaned out at this rate!!! Want Ad blanks will be passed out at the February Meeting.

 TOM SWIFT RETURNS ? ? ? ?

Several people have commented that they enjoyed the series of "Tom Swifties" we did a year or so ago. (Who will ever forget Tom on the cover, looking "intently" at you?)

Interested in reading and seeing more of Tom? Let us know.

"I'll see if I can dig some up for you," said Tom Gravelly.

The Technical Side of It

by Andy Baudino

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET
 A LIST OF CLEARANCE LIMITS FOR MODEL "A" ENGINES
 (TAKEN FROM A FORD SERVICE BULLETIN - JUNE 1931)

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Breaker point gap - .018 to .022
 Camshaft bearing clearance - .003 maximum
 Camshaft end play taken up by tension spring in front cover
 Connecting rod side play on crankshaft - .008 to .012
 Connecting rod clearance on crankshaft (diameter) - .001
 Connecting rod clearance between piston bosses - .040 to .053
 Connecting rods assembled with oil dips toward camshaft
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 Crankshaft end play - .002 to .004
 Exhaust valves in valve guides - .002
 Flywheel eccentricity and wobble (indicator reading) after
 mounting on crankshaft - Not more than .005
 Free movement or end play in clutch pedal - 1 inch maximum
 Intake valves in valve guides - .001 to .0015
 Pistons in cylinders - .002 maximum
 Piston ring gap (lower ring) - .008 to .010
 Piston ring gap (center ring) - .010 to .012
 Piston ring gap (upper ring) - .012 to .015
 Piston pin fit in connecting rod bushing - .003 maximum
 Pistons assembled with split side toward left side of engine
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 Pin in piston - .002 to .005 shrink fit
 Push rod clearance - .0015
 Ring groove clearance - .001
 Spark plug gap - .035
 Timing gear backlash - .004
 Valves to push rod clearance - .010 to .013
 Valve lift - .287
 Water pump shaft end play - .006 to .010
 Main bearing clearance - .001
 Valve setting - (intake) - .010
 (exhaust) - .013

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS
by Sara Snoop

The Boefs have recently acquired a piano - turns out Larry is quite an accomplished musician, and Pat intends to take lessons.

(Would this be a good place to plug the fact that Mary Robinson is a piano teacher?)

Haven't seen much of Herb and Harriett Green lately, and we miss 'em. The combination of work and ill health has kept them away from many recent club activities.

Dan and Norma Baldrige -- some more of these Orange County members you never see -- have recently moved from Dana Point to San Juan Capistrano. Dan's work with an airline keeps them from getting to many meetings, but they try!

Nice to see two new faces, Maynard and Lorna Grunklee, at the installation banquet. They live in Orange, where Lorna is an RN at St. Josephs Hospital. (Golly, what with Nurse Grunklee, Dr. Sale, and Dr. Frost in our club, we're well prepared for emergencies.)

Rumor has it that Jeff Straw was recently honored with a summons from Uncle, and is now serving his country. Anybody have his address?

Also at our installation banquet was Restorer editor Jim Ryner and his guest. Jim lives in Anaheim, and has decided to join Orange County chapter this year. (Obviously a man of discriminating taste!)

Our super-active Activities Chairman, Gene Robinson, and the other 3 members of his barbershop quartet The Orangemen were contestants in the SPEBSQSA (if we told you what it meant, you wouldn't believe us) Far Western District Novice Quartet contest recently. They've made great strides since they sang for us at our October Follies - they even have a coach now. Recently they sang for a Ford agency's Mustang sale, and the Model A was even invited. They made quite a hit - driving into the showroom in a 1930 Ford to plug Ford's '67 product!!

Andy Saez, our new president, has just returned from Colorado, where he's been shivering and tracking down a suspicious-looking boxcar for his employer, Santa Fe Railroad. (At least that's what HE says he was doing.)

"I DIDN'T KNOW THEY MADE BANQUETS LIKE THAT ANYMORE"

or

A Report on the First Annual Orange County Installation Dinner

by

Jeanne Parrish

The Galaxy Restaurant, atop Crocker Citizens Bank in Santa Ana, was the setting for our first installation banquet held Friday evening, January 13th.

Thirty-four Model Aers arrived between 6:30 and 8 pm for cocktails, and dinner followed, with a choice of prime rib or seafood platter. Settling back after a good dinner, we found Larry Boef, out-going president, presenting his board members with engraved radiator caps for all their work and cooperation over the past year. Larry introduced the guests for the evening, Jim Ryner and Claudia Davison, and Jack and Vivian Payton. Jack introduced our new 1967 prexy Andy Saez, who presented Larry with the traditional gift to past presidents, a watch. The past presidents were also honored with engraved plaques.

Distributor editor Mary Robinson was presented with a new portable electric typewriter for the paper.

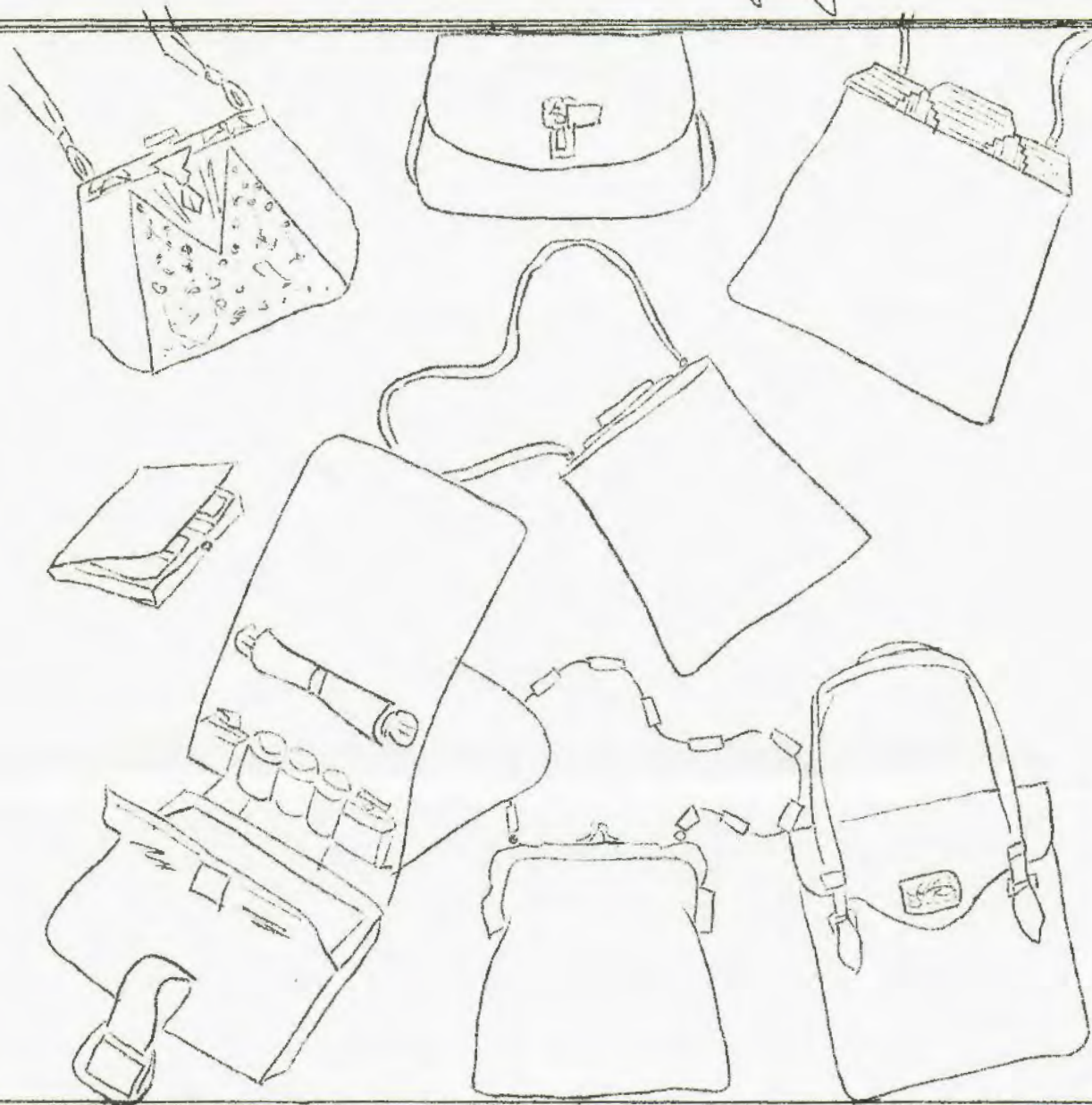
Andy introduced his new board for 1967, and brought our January meeting to a conclusion.

Dancing continued into late hours, and it was agreed that this should be an annual affair to welcome in the new board members, and give thanks to out-going officers for all their time and work given to make our club the success it is.

FLASH !! DISTRIBUTOR STAFF DOUBLES !!!
(Now's There's Two of Us !!)

Welcome aboard to our new fashion editor and general consultant, Jane Walker. Jane is taking Sandy Antonacci's place, because Sandy has been elevated (?) to the rank of club secretary. Check Page 6 for Jane's first column. She's a real dynamo, and already has lots of ideas for the column. If you have questions, or if you'd like to help with research, let her know.

Teds and Fashions - by Jane Walker



"ACCESSORIES HAND IN HAND WITH THE MODE" - The following article is reprinted from the February, 1929 Ladies' Home Journal.

"The ensemble idea continues -- growing in importance, and particularly in subtlety. It is no longer chic to have everything in one shade -- but all accessories must be selected with a very definite relation to the costume which they are to accompany, as well as for beauty and utility in themselves. Old and new meet in the handsome bag of modernist design shown in the UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER of the page. Persian brocade is combined with fine antelope. Just as smart, but not so elaborate, the bag at the UPPER CENTER, in the vagabond style, is of antelope with a new turnkey lock of sterling silver. The mesh bag has returned to a very chic importance. The two upper designs (are) in gold-finished mesh..the bag at the lower center is of sterling silver...For wear with a suit or street clothes nothing is smarter than the swagger bag shown in the LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER. One of the finest manufacturers of cosmetics has created the complete and very, very smart motorists bag shown at LOWER LEFT. The charming double compact, sketched at left, may be had, as sketched in silver or gold kid, scattered all over with tiny specks of brilliant red and green."

MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING

WANT ADS

January 13, 1967.

Meeting was held in the Galaxy Room at 10th and Broadway in Santa Ana. It was the first annual installation banquet for Orange County. The minutes of this meeting follow:

The meeting was opened by out-going president Larry Boef. All guests were introduced.

Larry Boef presented each out-going board member with an engraved radiator cap. The new president, Andy Saez, was presented with a worry-stone. Special thanks went to Mary Robinson, along with an electric typewriter for her work on the Distributor. Rosemary Baudino was not present, however we wish to thank her for taking care of the coffee and refreshments this year.

The out-going president then presented the gavel to the new president, and Andy took over the meeting. Andy presented Larry with a Ford inscribed pocket watch for his excellent job as past president. Plaques were given to all past presidents still in the club. The new board members were introduced.

Members were asked to be in a parade in Cypress on February 18.

Harold Looney of Vintage Auto Parts was introduced, and thanked for donating door prizes. Door prizes were given, and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Antonacci, Secretary

NOTE: It was decided at the last board meeting that the minutes of the previous meeting would be printed in The Distributor each month, rather than being read at the meetings. The secretary will instead read the minutes of the previous board meeting each month.

FOR SALE: Women's era clothing, all sizes. Jane Walker, 673-5564.

FOR SALE: Camper, complete. Will fit all Model A pickup beds except late '31. \$25. Gene Robinson, 637-5506

*This space is where
your
want ad should
have been!*



- Cartoon by Barth
in McCall's, January 1967