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Everyone...Don mothers and cub scouts.
Go-go girls. Fonder-monders. Father and
son bowling teams. Secret agents. Rail-
road detectives. Gas men. Model A'ers.
Volunteer firemen. Plumbers. Baby-
sitters. Nine out of ten doctors.....

.....SHOULDN'T YOU ? ? ? ? ?

AN EDITORIAL FOR A BRAND NEW YEAR
by Mary Robinson

Happy New Year! We hope some of your New Year's resolutions will be about the Model A Club (Orange County, of course!)

Maybe you don't know it, but YOU are the most important member in Orange County Chapter. Why? Well, because that '67 Board of Directors you helped to elect has gotten together to plan a year's worth of activities -- for YOU. Sure they did. Why bother to schedule an event if only 12 people (the board members and their spouses) make the effort to attend? Why plan a breakfast if only those 12 get to the park to flip pancakes? Why ask a speaker to come to a meeting and talk to only those same 12?

You say it's never happened? RIGHT!! But the point is, the board members don't give their time and thought for themselves, but for YOU. Don't let them down -- do your darndest to make it to every event you can...after all, remember that every one was planned for YOU.

Our pancake breakfasts are becoming an institution. Our big (and sometimes noisy!) groups at WAFCA events such as the Yuma Tour, Rim of the World and Idyllwild have made our faces familiar. Andy Baudino's 1st Prize-winning sedan was one of the real jewels at the National Meet in Albuquerque last summer, and a badge of honor for Orange County. The WAFCA Follies, performed by our Orange County gals at our October meeting and again at the National Banquet for an enthusiastic crowd, made it plain to other clubs that we've got what it takes. And no doubt about it, our Roundup has become one of the best meets on the WAFCA calendar.

BUT...Orange County can get better and better only if that Most Important Person feels like he's wanted and needed. You can help the board by personally welcoming any new faces you see at the meetings (if they say they've been active members for 2½ years, then they'd better start welcoming you!)

That's the New Year's pitch, Important People. YOU are Orange County's most important member and its best salesman! Live up to both jobs -- Uncle Henry (Ford) needs YOU!!!

JANUARY MEETING

SAEZING IT UP....
by Andy Saez

DATE January 13th, 1967. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY EVENING, AT 6:30 PM AT THE GALAXY RESTAURANT, ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE CROCKER CITIZENS BANK, 900 NORTH BROADWAY, SANTA ANA. THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR THURSDAY NIGHT MEETING THIS MONTH ONLY. THIS MEETING WILL BE OUR FIRST ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER -- DON'T MISS IT. DRESS WILL BE SEMI-FORMAL.

CALENDAR

- MARCH 3-4-5 Yuma Tour
- MARCH 19 Spring Pancake Breakfast
- APRIL 16 Orange County Swap Meet

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HERE ARE YOUR LEADERS FOR 1967

Although it may be second-hand news for some of you, here are the results of the Orange County elections for 1967:

- PRESIDENT: Andy Saez (elected to a 2-year term)
- VICE-PRES: Gene Robinson (elected for 2 years)
- SECRETARY: Sandy Antonacci (elected for 1 year)
- TREASURER: Beth Sale (elected for 1 year)
- TECHNICAL ADVISOR: Andy Baudino (elected for 1 year)
- ROUNDUP CHAIRMAN: Richard Parrish (elected for 2 years)

If you recall, the ballots for this election were set up to elect 3 people to a two-year term, and 3 people to a one-year term. Those elected for two years will not necessarily hold the same office for both years.

This year the vice-president is in charge of activities. The technical advisor will handle programs for the monthly meetings. Another change makes the Roundup Chairman an elected post for the first time. The Distributor editor is an automatic non-elected voting board member.

First and foremost, I thank you for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me to be your 1967 president. I enjoyed being your activities chairman this past year and look forward to serving you in this new capacity. The board you elected has lots of interest and enthusiasm, and coupled with your own, the participation this coming year, we hope, will be strong.

Our first board meeting for 1967 was called to order jointly with the 1966 board, who completed their tour of duty and transfer of records. Our annual events were discussed; the spring and fall pancake breakfasts, the swap meet, and the Roundup. The hope that many of you will be planning to go on the Yuma tour the first weekend in March was also on the agenda.

Last year's official "greeter", Bill Vaughn, has agreed to act in the position again, so all of you, let's see those badges worn, so you can get in on the monthly drawings of "goodies" supplied by Vintage Auto Parts, Santa Ana.

To all our loyal and staunch members, welcome back; to all our new members, welcome. This is your club. Let us know what types of outings and tours most appeal to you, and come out and support them to make this a banner year. When we first joined the club we were strongly attracted by the wholesome family activity it offered, while keeping the "A" in the forefront. This has given us a great deal of pleasure, and we hope it will mean as much to you.

Last, but of great importance, on behalf of this club, I would like give a huge "THANKS, LARRY, WELL DONE" to our past president. The fine job you did, while always demanding what was best for the club as a whole, is much appreciated by all of us, and won't be forgotten.

P.S.: The next board meeting will be January 26, Thursday, 7:30 pm at our house, 356 N. Park Lane, Orange.

Also, we'll see y'all at the Galaxy Restaurant for the installation dinner which REPLACES this month's regular Thursday meeting.

WHO'S WHO IN 1967

We hope that when you read the names of our new officers on Page 1, you didn't say "who's he?" (or she). All our new board have been busy club people this past year. But in case you didn't know, here's the low-down on them:

Our new president, Andy Saenz (as in prize) is that rare bird, a native Californian. He was born and raised in Orange, where he lives now with his wife Lucille and two daughters. Andy has been a Model Aer for a long time -- he owned his first A in high school. He is a former member of the Orange Police Department, but left them for his first love, the railroad. He has an extensive collection of railroad memorabilia, and is presently employed as a detective for Santa Fe railroad in Los Angeles.

Gene Robinson is also a native, and was also raised in Orange. He has owned several antique cars -- owned a Model T in high school and later a '22 Studebaker. He bought his first Model A, '30 pickup, just for general hauling purposes, but was soon lured into Orange County Chapter by an enthusiastic member. His present Town Sedan is his third Model A.

Secretary Sandy Antonacci is a Long Beach girl. She and husband Don, a body shop man, own an apartment house in Long Beach. Sandy has been in the club for about two years, and has been one of the club's most active members. For the past year she has served as the fashion editor for the Distributor. Their Model A is a 1931 Town Sedan.

Beth Sale is the 1967 Treasurer, taking over the job from her husband Stew. Beth and Stew, with their three daughters and their two Model A's live in Westminster. Beth was born in Nebraska, but joined our other Californians at an early age. She and Stew met while in high school, married soon after graduation, and Beth helped work him through medical school. She's been in the club for two years, and has headed many committees during that time, plus serving as Historian for Orange County.

Technical Advisor this year is Andy Baudino. Another native son, Andy was born and raised in Tustin, and still lives there with wife Rosemary and their two children. Andy is well qualified to advise us, as his early '28 tudor sedan won first prize in its division at the National Meet in Albuquerque this past summer. He's the

granddaddy of all the present board members as far as length of membership is concerned...he attended some of the first meetings seven or eight years ago, and has been a member most of the time since.

Richard Parrish, Roundup Chairman, has also been a club member for several years. He held his present post as head of the Roundup in 1965, and was advisor last year. Richard and Jeanne and their three children live in Garden Grove, and own, rumor has it, all the pieces that will someday make up a 1930 coupe. Lack of an A on the road has not kept them from being active members for the last few years, and their late-model camper has been a familiar sight at many activities.

NEWS OF ORANGE COUNTY MEMBERS

Just on schedule, as though Jin had planned it that way -- that's how Miss Melinda Marsh made her way into the world on December 31st. Not only did they get their girl after having produced two little boys, but they get to claim her as a 1966 deduction. Congratulations, Bev and Jin -- that's real planning!

We were glad to see Roland and Myrtle Ferris at the Christmas Party. Roland's working on a job that keeps him busy practically 24 hours a day, and it's the first glimpse we've had of them for a long while.

We have some service men in in the club who were around for Christmas. Jon Heiland made his way down from Fort Ord and to the Christmas Party. Home a few days later was young Joe Eatherton.

We hear that Pat Peddicord's been at the fire-fighting business again. He's a top-notch oil well fire putter-outer, and is flown just about anywhere in the world where they need his talents.

WHAT A PARADE ! ! !

or

Orange County Makes it to the
Christmas Parade in Watts

Although only two Orange County cars made it to the Watts Christmas Parade as guests of the Angel City A Club, I'm sure it qualifies as a club event. Present were Bill Benzinger in his '31 Town Sedan, the Robinsons, the Sales' '29 4-door and and Sales' middle daughter Linda.

Boy, what a parade!! Have you ever really seen wall-to-wall people before? It's really impressive! We met with the Angel City people about noon at one of the parks in the vicinity, lined up, and headed for the parade site. There were an even dozen cars to start with. Not all the cars were A's; there was a Model T which had to drop out about half way through because of heating problems, and a '31 Cadillac (how'd HE get in the club?)

Any of you who have been in any of Orange County's parades know that traditionally, we bring up the rear of any parade we're in. If there are 180 entrants, we're 179. Imagine our surprise when we heard that our entry number was 31. And imagine our NON-surprise when we finally fought our way into position and found ourselves one hundred and thirty one! Fortunately it was a mistake, and all around us were still cooling their heels when we were waved forward and swung into line.

The crowds were just unbelievable. Someone told us later that there weren't as many people as there had been for the parade they'd been in earlier that year, but we found it hard to believe. And the size of the parade was really staggering. I've never seen so many Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in my life! And at several places along the parade route, there were so many people that it was hard to drive through.

Everyone was enthusiastic and friendly, but I did feel that they went a bit far. So many kids hollered to Gene Robinson asking if he was Jerry Van Dyke driving My Mother the Car, that he's been just impossible to live with.

The kids arms were tired from waving, and my face hurt from smiling so much, but it was a wonderful experience. Thanks to Tom Powell, Angel City president, and to all their members for inviting us and making us so welcome.

ORANGE COUNTY BOY WONDER BECOMES
NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER

Congratulations to Gene Robinson for being elected to the National Board of Directors for the 1967-68 term. (No, he didn't win just because his wife and Larry Boef helped count ballots -- he probably would have squeaked in anyhow.)

Gene has been a member of the Orange County Chapter for five years, making him a real old-timer in the club. He has served the club as secretary, president (1965) and will serve as vice-president of our club in 1967.

He won't know what his duties on the National Board will be till its first meeting this month, and is looking forward to his new job.

LET'S NOT BEAT AROUND THE BUSHINGS

or

Replacing Shackle Bushings 6-73
by Andy Baudino

The Model A restorer is often plagued with projects which require special tools. One such job is the removal and re-installation of shackle bushings in both spring perches and spring eyes. A recent discovery, however, brings a tip on a home-made tool for removal and installation.

Using a front or center main bearing ball with a square head, grind enough off the four corners to permit entry of the head into the bushing up to the round shoulder. This can then be used for driving the old bushing out and the new bushing in. For the rear spring perches, where the backing plate prevents straight driving, a slight dog-log bend in the bolt will permit driving the bushing in.

Drive the old bushing out about one-quarter to three-eighths of an inch; then start the new bushing and proceed to drive the old one out with the new one.



FADS AND FASHIONS

BY SANDY ANTONACCI

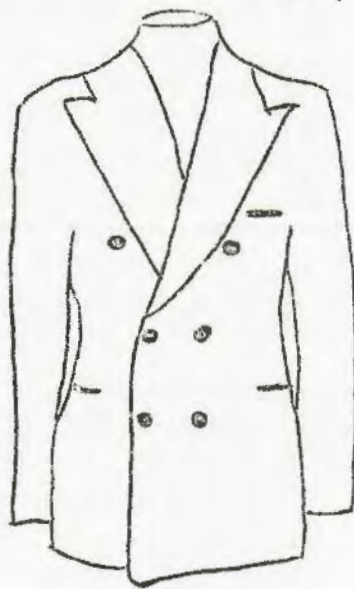
Y' know — except for those baggy pants, not much looks different than today's clothes! Even the wide lapels are getting popular.

— FROM "MEN'S WEAR MAGAZINE" 1931

"PLUS FOURS"

(4 INCHES LONGER THAN KNICKERS WERE BEFORE)

KNICKER SUIT FROM "THE NEW YORKER" 1928



DOUBLE BREASTED JACKET WITH WIDE LAPELS, SHAPELY WAIST.



WAIST COAT IN WHITE BASKET-WEAVE WORSTED, RECOMMENDED FOR WEAR WITH HIGH-WAISTED TROUSERS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A grand time was had by all at the annual Adult Christmas Party, hosted this year by Joe and Betty Eatherton in their lovely home in Santa Ana. There was a record crowd there, and some faces that we hadn't around for some time.

Everything was great -- the refreshments, the drinks, and most of all, the company! (Ever notice what a great bunch of people Model Aers are?)

Joe and Betty, thanks again, the party really ended the year with a bang.

WANT ADS

WANTED: Model A in running condition.
Jerry Wood, 776-6809.

FOR SALE: '62 Volkswagen Sedan. \$875.
Andy Baudino, 544-0788.

FOR SALE: Miscellaneous old car parts, some Model A things. John Estes, 532-2980.

FOR SALE: 1930 Deluxe coupe. Black, rumble seat. New tires, upholstery, 85 to 90% restored, many extra parts.
Rodger Clements, 531-0375.

WANTED: Late '31 fuel filter for carburetor.
Phil Joujon-Roche, 549-3567.

FOR SALE: Pair of '30 running boards, completely restored, with stainless outer strips. \$30.
Phil Joujon-Roche, 549-3567.

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



During the time that I have been in the Orange County Club, people have often told me that they don't go on tours because their Model A isn't running. Well, your board decided to do something about this: We WON'T have a tour in February! That will give you a full month, Mr. Model Aer, to get things in shape for coming events. (Devilishly clever, ain't we?)

Speaking of events, here is a list of some things to look for in 1967: March 4th and 5th is Yuma. Last year there were about as many Orange Countians as hosts, so let's not break our record of super participation. March 19th is the date of the spring Pancake Breakfast at Orange City Park. April 16th is our Swap Meet at Santa Ana Civic Center. This is earlier than last year so that it won't conflict with other meets.

In May, we're planning that long-postponed joint meet with the Ventura club. Also set in May is the Strawberry Festival Parade in Garden Grove. The club camp out is set for June.

August 26-27 will be the date of the annual Idyll wild camp out -- a great meet for the entire family. September 10th is the fall Pancake Breakfast. October 21st is our big day, the Roundup at Knott's Berry Farm. And, if you're not worn out, we'll go to to apple country (Oak Glen) in November.

Remember, if your Model A is in pieces on the garage floor (ready to be put in show-room condition, of course) you're always welcome at all the events in your late-model iron.

Some of the above dates could be changed, but any changes will be mentioned in The Distributor.

