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But my dear... being a member of Orange
County is the BIG thing to do this year!

Do you know absolutely every body's planning to come to Orange County MAFCA's Pancake Breakfast?



No, but if you hum a few bars, I'll fake it.



Date - March 19, 1967
Time - 7:00 to 11:30 AM
Place - Orange City Park
(Hart Memorial Park)

Cost - Donation - \$1⁰⁰ Adults
50¢ Children under 12

Menu - Pancakes, eggs, sausage,
juice and coffee - **DON'T MISS IT!**

(If you're interested - tours leaving after breakfast to
Briggs Cunningham Automotive Museum, Costa Mesa.
Rates - \$1⁸⁵ adults, 85¢ students, no charge under 10.
Special parking for Model A's, and group tour.)

MARCH MEETING

DATE: March 9, 1967
TIME: 7:30 pm
PLACE: Izaak Walton Club House
1714 Santa Clara, Santa Ana

Special guest for the evening will be Jerry Kill, who will speak to us about water pumps.

A report will also be given about the Yuma Tour. Be sure to attend -- and bring a friend.

CALENDAR

- MARCH 4-5 Yuma Tour
- MARCH 12th Pomona Valley MAFCA swap meet at L.A. County Fairgrounds
- MARCH 19th ORANGE COUNTY'S Spring Pancake Breakfast, Orange City Park
- APRIL 2nd San Fernando Valley MAFCA 5th Annual Rally Round the Valley
- MAY 16th ORANGE COUNTY'S Swap Meet, Santa Ana Community Center, 8th and Flower
- MAY 6-7 Bakersfield Swap Meet
- AUGUST 26-27 Idyllwild Campout, sponsored by Jewel City MAFCA
- SEPTEMBER 10 ORANGE COUNTY Fall Pancake Breakfast, Orange City Park
- OCTOBER 21 ORANGE COUNTY ROUNDUP At Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park

ANYONE FOR OROVILLE?

Gene and Mary Robinson are making plans to attend the Northern California Round-up in Oroville, scheduled for the first week-end in June. It's a big trip, but the meet is one of the biggest and best in northern California. If you think you might be interested, talk to Gene.

"SAEZ"ING IT UP
by Andy Saez

"Greetings" from your president -- we'd like to draft all the non-active members into the active status, for support from all of you is vital to keep our club interesting, pleasurable and informative. The roster is soon to go to press, so if any of you have not paid your dues, please get the money to Beth Sale, treasurer, NOW ! ! !

The February Board Meeting was held at Baudinos residence, and we were happy to welcome several non-board members as interested guests. We had numerous discussions and set several dates for future club activities. We are expecting to draw quite a number of other clubs for our Spring Breakfast, so let's have an exceptional turnout from our own club...OK?

The issue that most of you are probably very interested in (if you aren't, why aren't you?) is the feasibility of submitting our bid to National to host the 1970 National Meet. Pros and cons were discussed at length, and we found too many vital pieces of information are still unknown. Jane Walker was appointed Inquiry Committee Chairman, and graciously consented to gather information regarding lodging, seminar rooms, the hall, past records, and other items; she will report on this as soon as she can so that the issue can be examined and decided.

I regret that I will be absent from the March meeting as I will be out of town, so Gene Robinson, Vice-president, will preside.

Many thanks are in order to all who participated in the Cypress parade -- the cars were really cleaned up and beautiful. The club received an attractive trophy, which we will display at a future meeting.

See you in Yuma?

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

by Sara Snoop

Pam Heiland's becoming positively svelte -- partly because of the busy life she leads. She works all week as a beautician, then hops in the car after work Saturday and zips up to Fort Ord to spend Sunday with husband Jon. Then she has to leave Sunday evening to get back home. That's gotta be true love!

Speaking of serviceman, young Joe Eatherton isn't in the thick of battle yet, his folks thankfully tell us. He's going to automotive engineering school at Chanute Air Force Base in Chanute, Illinois. He'll graduate around the middle of April, and isn't at all sure where he'll be after that.

Richard Hope, one of those fellas we haven't seen lately, will be inducted into the Air Force this month. Rick's been working two jobs -- in a restaurant, and also for the Services for the Blind, in Santa Ana. This organization provides training in Braille, use of cane and guide dogs, cooking, sewing, and other skills. Sounds like going into the service will be a picnic, compared to his present 4:30 am - 5:30 pm schedule!

New faces all the time...it was nice to see Hank Bagley and his daughter at the Cypress parade. He's got a real beaut of a '31 roadster. Hank let slip the fact that back in his salad days he was a drum major at Long Beach College. Ah -- such reservoirs of untapped talent we have in Orange County!

Said Chuck and Gail Gammell the other day, "Of course we're driving the Model A to Yuma! It's the only car that runs right!" (Sound familiar?)

Best of luck to Vince and Joan Mariola, who have just purchased a grocery store in Brea. If you're by that way, stop in and buy something. It's the least we can do!

Caught a glimpse of former members Ragnar and Sally Lindman at the swap meet in Pomona a couple of weekends ago. They were hard workers when they were in the club, and they hope join again this year.

We also spotted Gladys and Howard Lambke at the Pomona swap meet. It looked like Orange County Day up there!

Lots of brave gals in the club! Virginia Woltz had never driven an A before the Cypress Parade, but when she found that husband Bob and son Paul were both going to be gone that weekend, she quick took a few lessons, and came up from Newport Beach in caravan with Jane Walker (another inexperienced driver!) They both did beautifully -- didn't hold up the parade a bit! Good for both of you!

Chief Downs really took us seriously when we asked for want ads at the last meeting -- he's given us a whole batch. What are you going to do with all that space when you sell everything, Chief?

Say, Ed and Gary Bond, how'd ya come by them bullet holes in the rear window of your sedan? Was it Eliot Ness or the revenooers?

Have you noticed the sharp little camper on Bob and Jane Walker's pickup? Yep, Gene Robinson finally unloaded it!

Beverly Marsh, a recent new-momma, was honored with a shower February 26th given by Sandy Antonacci at Sandy's home in Long Beach.

 THE SNOW TRIP

by Jim Buford

In spite of a boycott by the majority of the club, a great time was had in the mountains north of Running Springs by the Bufords, Baudinos and Grunklees.

We met in the early hours at Tustin and Katella fought our way through thick fog in the canyon, and emerged into a beautiful day at San Bernardino. The trip was uneventful until we arrived at Running Springs where we found plenty of snow, but as hard as concrete. We stumbled onto a nice slide area where we played for a couple of hours before deciding to head for home via the swap meet in Pomona.

Too bad we had such poor club participation for this event. They missed a lot of fun.

Fads and Fashions

by Gene Walker

"PARIS CONFIRMS NEW MODE"
From Ladies Home Journal,
May, 1930

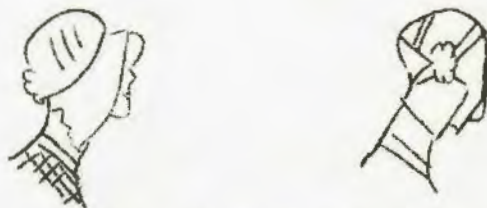
For the second season, Paris launches three skirt lengths. For the second season, Paris clings to the natural waistline. But in her latest interpretation of these, she soft-pedals some phrases and puts forte in others. Out of it all the most exciting new movement is the Grecian theme for evening, in a note of guileless abandon which approaches the poetic.



LEFT - close dark brown felt with interesting silhouette.
RIGHT - off-the-face model with a ruffle of felt up the back.

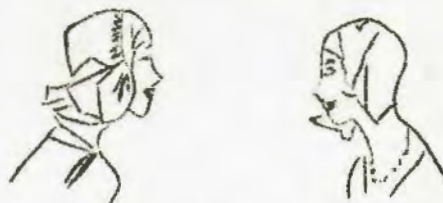
The bolero has a rival -- the cape. There have never been so many and they appear on coats, on suits and on frocks for all times of day as well. They are usually short, sometimes very short, barely covering the shoulders, and sometimes they are merely indicated, through the idea placed over the sleeve top. Chanel makes a capelet scarf to match the fabric of the woolen frock and lines it with a soft-toned printed silk repeated in the frock's cuffs. Short capes rival short jackets for evening, and give considerable prominence to short chiffon ones edged in fur -- usually in the same printed chiffon as the dinner-dance frock.

Easily caught-up girdled waistlines, floating panels, draped surplice bodices, banded frills and pleated flounces, fluid skirts that float in movement and cling in repose -- these are best details combined to express the meaning of eek." But for evening, the Greek line might



LEFT - Pleated cockades of black grosgrain trim bright green felt.
RIGHT - Dark brown bakou bound with grosgrain, long at the sides.

spar amicably with the Spanish, for there are numbers of boleros that reflect the gay matadors. The bolero, in fact, has a very dramatic place in the mode, from beach pajamas with short sleeveless boleros, through promenade costumes and elegant afternoon gowns and then for all evening affairs.



LEFT - light blue angora-straw model trimmed with Bordeaux red grosgrain.
RIGHT - dark green felt has pointed length at each side.

With the fore-going you can see that the natural waistline is far from obvious. The bolero and the cape conceal it -- not entirely, but enough for the greatest of low-waisted die-hards to yield to the persistence of this mode. Jackets are another help in this

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action. Whether they are hip length or three-quarter, they entirely conceal the position of the waistline in the frock. The small print, used so much for afternoon, has coat and frock to match, but with big patterns or bright colors the coat is dark or plain and sometimes tips the frock's hem.



ABOVE - a stunning black-antelope hand bag has a modernistic frame of black and green enamel, edged with silver and marcasite.

For street and sports wear the hemline is never shorter than several inches below the knee, nor longer than the top of the calf. For afternoon the hem goes on from here to the ankle. The ankle length needs explaining. It appears only in those gowns intended for late-afternoon hours. Again, you may see it in floating soft chiffon gowns at garden parties and the races. For evening, skirts do anything from flick the instep to trail on the ground, but of course trains are only for affairs of state and the grand reception.

Coat dresses in soft pin-checked or plain wools, which have come into their own, divide the ratio between bolero backs and capelets, attached or detached. And in these frocks, too the pique band or collar and cuffs have a lot to say, yet not in these alone. White collars and cuffs, and even jabots and what the French call "plastrons" are so often in white of any kind -- pique, linen, organdie, chiffon, and almost anything to which "lingerie" applies. More, though, these have prime importance on afternoon frocks of black or navy blue -- and there is much navy this year.



LEFT - a sandal of green and beige woven fabric has jade-green leather heel, strap and piping.
RIGHT - an evening slipper buckles glittering metallic tissue called "Scintilla" with a brilliantly colored stone.

Sleeves have taken on much importance as the silhouette itself, for so often they are part and parcel of it. Paris gives us cape sleeves elbow sleeves, sleeves just below the elbow, some pushed up to this effect, and sometimes the shoulder of the frock is made rather long to give a cape effect. Sometimes the very short bell sleeve appears for evening in a line with the capelet bertha.

LET'S GO
by Gene Robinson



I wish to thank all of you who took the time to bring your Model A to the Cypress parade. This is a very good way to promote good will, and also to bring our club in the eyes of the public. As now planned, the only other parade will be the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade, Saturday morning, May 27th.

The Pomona Chapter's swap meet on March 12th will be held at the fairgrounds in Pomona. Pomona really turns out for our chapter events and I know that there will be a large delegation of Orange Countians at their meet.

April 2nd will be the date for the Rally Round the Valley. This meet is put on by the San Fernando Valley Chapter. This is a fine meet; try and make it.

Some time in May we will have a joint meet with the Ventura group, possibly a tour to Busch Gardens. The date will be set later.

GOOD IDEAS FROM OTHER CLUBS

Golden Feather Chapter, in Oroville, recently had a Hobo Dinner at their monthly meeting. They awarded a prize to the best hobo costume.

Pasadena Chapter, ("dedicated to proving there are more than 3 A's in Pasadena) has a great column in their paper each month, featuring letters to "Uncle Henry." The questions are very funny, and the answers hilarious! Here's a sample from their January paper:

Dear Uncle Henry - I am planning to completely restore my Model A and enter the "owner Restored" category in the MAFCA Nat'l. Meet in Dallas (68). People say I'm not too mechanically inclined, but I think I can do all the restoring. You can help me get started by answering a few questions. How do I open the hood? How do I take the wheels off? All I've got in the way of tools is a pair of pliers and a screwdriver. What else will I need? -"Ambitious"

Dear Ambitious - To open hood, lift up on those little hook-like things on the side (between the fender and the hood.) Use your pliers to take the lug nuts off the wheels...and drink the screwdriver. Good luck in Dallas!

Twin Cities Chapter, St. Paul, Minn., gives a yearly "spark plug" award to the non-officer who has given the most time and effort to the club. (Good idea!)

Delaware Valley Chapter, Philadelphia, held a "losers only" meet! The cars had to be in good shape, but could not be a trophy winner.

Long Beach Chapter -- have you ever read their chapter news in The Restorer? Man, that's got to be the most casual club in MAFCA!!

Wisconsin Chapter has an annual bowling party

New Jersey Chapter has an annual square dance party.

GEE THANKS, FELLAS....

or

Ain't It The Blushin' Truth!

By now you've surely seen the great article about Orange County in the January-February Restorer -- not to mention Rosemary Baudino on the cover! According to them, our MAFCA Follies was a "famous parody" with "startlingly real effects." By the way, the photos accompanying the article were taken by our own Andy Saez. Beth Sale was about the only one who performed at the Banquet who didn't get her picture in the article. Beth, you'll just have to remember past glories -- bring out last year's Sept.-Oct. issue with your picture on the front.

Golly, we've got two cover girls in the club now! Don't forget to bring your autograph books to the next meeting, men!

GEE WHILLIKERS, ARE THEY ALL MEMBERS?

No, as a matter of fact they aren't. We really had full house at the February club meeting; there were lots and lots of visitors from other MAFCA chapters in the area.

Whittier was about the best represented, with nearly fifteen people present -- we're glad you all could come. There were also several members of the Pomona Valley Chapter.

THE BIG ONE'S COMING ! ! !

by Gene Robinson

Yes, the big event for our chapter coming up is our Spring Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, March 19th at Orange City Park. I've heard some rumblings from Pomona, Whittier, Jewel City and Paradise Valley that they will be attending. We will schedule 2 tours to Briggs Cunningham; the first one about 10:00 am, the next about 11:30am. I will need 2 tour captains to lead these. Any volunteers?

We'll need some people at the park between 6 and 6:30 (AM, that is) to set up tables, start the fires, etc. Can you donate any wood for cooking? More about this at the March meeting.

Let's Get Technical

by Andy Baudino

Through the courtesy of Warner Banes of Houston, Texas the following sketches and hints.

"A" modeling presents many intriguing problems, especially in the steering department.

I believe I have (and I'm sure I'm not the first) the solution to 2 parts to 50- to 100% better steering.

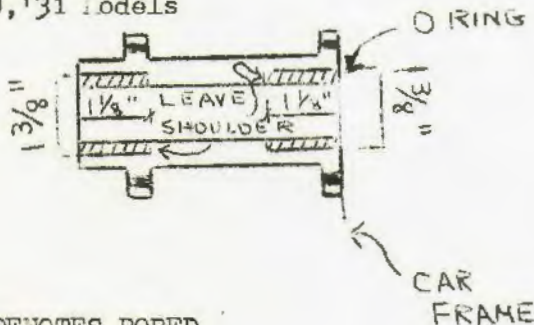
PROBLEM I: (late '29, '30, '31 only) There is entirely too much lateral friction in the sector and sector housing.

REMEDY:

- Remove sector housing
- Bore (carefully) a 1-3/8" hole in each end for the distance of 1-1/8"
- Insert needle bearings. (Torrington #B1816 cost 74¢ each)
- Be sure sector is not worn more than a thousandth or two as needles will not roll too well.
- Use rubber ring on frame end of sector housing to prevent oil leaks
- The rubber will work on all models.

SECTOR HOUSING

'29, '30, '31 Models



////// DENOTES BORED OUT SECTION

- USE TORRINGTON #B1816 NEEDLE BEARINGS
- LENGTH - 1.00 IN.
- O.D. - 1.375 IN.
- D. - 1.125 IN.

USE RUBBER RING ON FRAME END OF SECTOR HOUSING TO PREVENT OIL LEAKS.

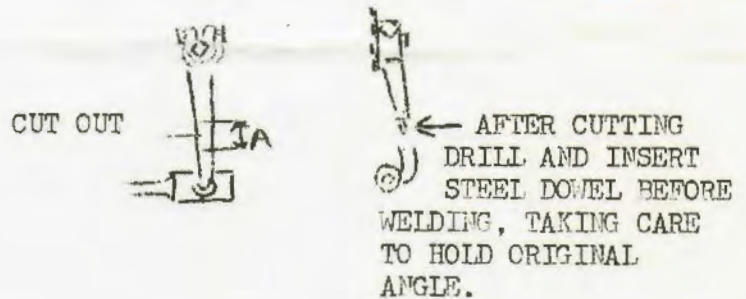
PROBLEM II: A's steer too fast for our present day roads, and too hard.

REMEDY:

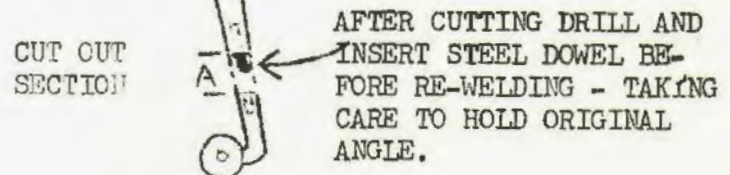
Cut 2" ('28 and early '29) from center of pitman arm and re-weld (have a pro do the job) at original angle.

Cut 1-1/2" (from '29-30-31)

This increases the turns from 40% to 70% making steering much much nicer and safer. It also relieves much strain on steering box and bearings.



A = 2" ON '28 and EARLY '29
A = 1 1/2" ON 29, 30, 31 models



MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING

WANT ADS

February 9, 1967

The meeting was opened by president Andy Saez.

Secretary Sandy Antonacci read the minutes of the January board meeting.

Treasurer Beth Sale reported a balance of \$249.34 in the club treasury.

Activities Chairman Gene Robinson set a date for a snow trip on February 19 and appointed a tour chairman, Jim Buford. Members were reminded of the following dates: Cypress parade, February 18; Yuma Tour, March 4-5; Pomona Swap meet March 12.

The president asked everyone to introduce themselves. There were several visitors.

Our liability insurance was brought up, and it was suggested we contact Farmer's Insurance Company for information.

Artesian Lakes was chosen for our campout in June. A date will be set at the next board meeting.

Bill Vaughn was given a plaque for being a past president.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that we table the matter of supporting the Condensor as a club until next year.

A motion was made and carried that we gather information on having a national meet. A committee will be set up at the board meeting.

A drawing was held for door prizes. Four were given away.

Andy Baudino, program chairman, introduced Chuck Peters, who gave a talk on shock absorbers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Antonacci, Secretary

FOR SALE: Thermostats for Model As. 160° and 180°. \$1.50. Chuck Gammell, 879-5462

WANTED: Side curtain Irons for '28-'29 roadster.

Rumble seat lid (deck lid) '28-'29 roadster.

Handle for rumble seat (top rests on these when down) Also for '28-'29.

Bob Woltz, 646-2562

FOR SALE: '28 roadster body, misc. parts. \$100.

'31 P.V. cab and bed. \$75

Ten A engine blocks, varied condition. \$15 each or \$100 for all.

One C engine, needs work. \$30

Misc. deck lids, \$5 each

'60 V-8 engine and trans. Complete, runs \$100

3 pairs '30-'31 cowl lights, \$22.50 pair

'29-'30 chrome dash, complete with instruments. \$15.

'31 left roadster door, \$8

'29 right roadster door, \$15

'29 left wheel well fender (cherry) \$20

'29 hood (cherry) has raised moulding like the '30-'31 \$10

Set '29 roadster pickup top bows; original; good condition. \$80

'29 roadster pickup, needs finishing \$300

'32 V-8 engine and trans. Flat head with H₂O pumps in alum. heads. \$50

Two A horns, \$22.50 each

Five 19" wheels cut down to 16" with tires all mounted. \$50

'29 roadster posts (fold-down type) and windshield, cut down. \$25 complete.

C. R. Downs Sr., 12552 Josephine, Garden Grove. (no phone calls)

FOR SALE: '30 closed cab pickup, clean. \$500
Tom McLaughlin, 893-7608