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But come with us  
anyway on Sunday, Nov. 12  
on the Oak Glen apple  
country tour.



FAREWELL TO A FRIEND  
by Mary Robinson

Orange County bids a sad goodbye to one of its members this month. Harriett Green passed away unexpectedly in her sleep on October 17th at their home in Fullerton.

Of course when any friend dies, we each have our own special memories -- times we spent working, playing, or just being sociable together. We all remember Harriett the Super-Duper Camper, who supplied the rest of us (especially the Robinsons) with all the small items we'd left behind. She was one of the "Yuma Regulars", part of the group who made that weekend trip every year. At our club picnic this past summer, Herb and Harriett were the stalwart pair who -- almost bodily! -- held picnic tables for Orange County while being glared at by everybody else in the park! Harriett at the piano, playing just about any tune you could name at Christmas parties and at Yuma last year...she was a regular part of all our activities.

But for me, the special, happy memory is of Harriett the Gun Moll! At our very first Pancake Breakfast several years ago, we decided to stage a fashion show as a part of the day's activities. Orange County didn't have the clothing or the knowledge of era fashions it has today, and relatively few of us had era items to model. Harriett, however, had a dress of her own that she'd worn in the 30's, and she offered to be one of the models. And there she stands in my memory right now: in a white lace dress with a passionate pink sash and shoes to match; an ostrich plume at a rakish angle in her hair, puffing on a cigarette in a holder fully nine inches long, looking like all she needed was Jimmy Cagney and the rest of the mob to gather her up in their getaway car!! She played her role to the hilt, and was easily the best part of the whole day!

Yes, Harriett and her special brand of friendly nonsense will be missed by all of us in the Orange County Chapter for a long time to come. Our sincere sympathy and good wishes go to Herb at this sad and difficult time.



NOVEMBER MEETING

SAEZ SEZ ----  
by Andy Saez

Date: November 9, 1967  
Time: 7:30 pm  
Place: Izaak Walton Club House  
1714 Santa Clara, Santa Ana

Smile — you  
may be on  
Candid Camera  
this month!



Yes indeed, friends, this month's meeting'll be films, slides and snapshots of Orange County at work and at play during the past several years. If you have any films, etc. of any of our 1967 activities, or things from past years that are worth recalling, please bring them to the meeting. We will have a slide projector and an 8-mm projector there.

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CALENDAR

- NOVEMBER 12 Orange County Apple Country Tour. Meet at Tustin and Katella in Orange at 10 am. Bring a picnic lunch.
- NOVEMBER 30 Orange County Board Meeting at Antonaccis, 220 E. 21st. St., Long Beach. All members welcome.
- NOVEMBER 30 Deadline for mailing in Orange County ballots. DON'T FORGET!!!
- DECEMBER 2 Annual National Banquet, ShangriLa Restaurant, Pico Rivera. REMEMBER, Orange County gals are providing the entertainment again this year!

Well, we've done it again!! As in the past, each Roundup has been bigger and better, this last one was no exception to the rule. I wish to personally congratulate and thank our Roundup chairman Richard Parrish and all of his able assistants, too numerous to name. I also want to express my gratitude for Richard's judging system which enabled the judges to tally each category in just a few minutes time enabling us to start the presentation program on time even though the judging ran well past the noon hour.

Our last tour of the year will be this month (see Gene's article for details.) As this is our last tour let's everyone turn out with or without your A's.

Our girls have again been asked to present the program at the National Banquet so let's all try to be there and support our club. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd, so mark your calendar.

Remember -- this meeting is home movie night, so bring your slides and movies taken this past year or so.

LATE FLASH: Hooray, it's finally happened!!! We've received our incorporation papers at last!! This is a big step forward for our club because of the additional protection we have given our officers and our regular club members. So on your next club mail, be sure you write "Orange County Chapter, INC.!" -- that's us!!

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VIVA LES GIRLS !!!!!  
(And Like That)

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

Looking thru this issue, I see that none of the officers (and 5 of them have articles this month!) commented on Ladies Night -- our October meeting program. That's probably because it's all been said -- They Were Great !!!

Sandy Antonacci and her "gang" really outdid themselves this year. The chorus numbers (all choreographed by Sandy), the costumes, and the numbers were all excellent: everything was as good or better than last year's show.

In addition to our big show, in the past few months we have also seen our gals shine at other events sponsored by other chapters. Sandy choreographed the "chorus line" that won Orange County first prize in the Jewel City Idyllwild campout entertainment. They also provided the entertainment for Whittier's Rim of the World tour -- much of that was a repeat of last year's show.

October '67 Show will be the evening's entertainment for the MAFCA National Banquet at the Shangri-La Restaurant in Pico Rivera on December 2nd. Be sure to mail in your dinner reservations promptly -- it wouldn't do for Orange County to have anything but a giant turnout for this important evening.

The main purpose of the National Banquet (Besides showing off our talented, good-looking Orange County females!) is to introduce next year's National Board of Directors. Gene Robinson still has another year as a national officer, and this year Andy Saez is also running for the National Board. Have all of you mailed your ballots? Your vote could be an important one, so don't delay -- mail it today!!

This coming Sunday, November 12th, we'll shift the A's into second gear to bring some of the gold out of them thar hills (apple cider, that is!)

The tour will be to Oak Glen, north of Beaumont. This is excellent apple country, with good fresh cider, and the best apple pie you've ever wrapped a tooth around!

If the old A isn't able to make it, please get there any way you can -- bicycle, skate board, rickshaw, or even your late model car.

We will leave from Tustin and Katella, in Orange, at 10am. Please bring a picnic lunch with you.

This will be our last Model A tour of the year -- let's make it the best one yet.

See you Sunday!



DON'T JUST SIT THERE....

IF YOUR A'S NOT AVAILABLE,

GRAB A CAB TO

OAK GLEN !  
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THE ORANGE COUNTY ROUNDUP  
A History  
by Richard Parrish

The Fifth Annual Roundup is over, and the club has another feather in its cap. It was a success in any way you look at it. We had 138 cars registered and approximately 30 cars that didn't register. By holding down or eliminating some of the costs we had had in past years, we made \$44.32 profit on the registration receipts alone. The tire raffle cleared \$159.35 after all expenses and the \$100 prize were paid. The "little raffle" made \$103.07 profit after the prizes were paid for.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me on the Roundup. I couldn't do it alone. Almost everyone in the club did his share to make the Roundup a success, either in the planning or preparation stage or actual work at Knotts on the 21st. We had an excellent turnout of club cars, and a fair share of the trophies were left here in the county.

I thought it would be interesting to show the progress and milestones in the history of the Roundup. In 1962 the First Annual Roundup was held in the parking lot of the Santa Ana Community Center (site of our Swap Meet this past year.) The Roundup chairmen were Harold Jones and Roland Ferris. The meet was a gymkhana event with four activities. Approximately 70 cars attended, and trophies were awarded. A portable television was given away at a raffle, and a band was hired for entertainment,

In 1963, Harold Jones and Les Scott were co-chairmen, and the Roundup was held at Knotts Berry Farm for the first time. This was the first year for dash plaques, and three trophies were awarded. The combination car and costume judging was initiated. This was a major milestone in the history of the Roundup. 96 cars were in attendance for the parade through Ghost Town.

The Third Annual Roundup saw me "volunteered" for Roundup chairman. The trophies were extended to four places in each category; dash plaques were given, and we mailed out fliers to everyone on the National Roster within 250 miles. 117 cars came from as far away as Fresno and Santa Cruz.

Last year, the Fourth Annual Roundup, Gene Robinson was Roundup chairman. This was the first time a Roundup chairman was elected and on the board of directors. The parade route was lengthened to take care of the additional cars in the parade. We registered 130 cars. This was the first year to get the Roundup out of the red. This was done by selling tickets for a raffle.

This year is pretty fresh in your minds, but the most notable differences were the addition of fifth place trophies to each class, a goody bag given to each entrant, and a presentation of trophies that started on time! The only apparent problem was the time it takes to judge 138 cars. Possibly this can be helped next year by pre-judging cars at registration to cut the number down to 50 or 75 competitive cars to be judged "in depth" for trophies.

# Fads and Fashions

ACCESSORIES  
by Lu Saez

These of course are the little "extra somethings" that do so much to achieve a "total look" with your era outfit.

Touching very briefly on a few for men ---

...silk handkerchiefs and scarves

...tie stick-pins

...rings

...watches and watch chains

...eye-glasses

For the women some variations are practically limitless ---

gloves, woven or kid

fur scarves

eyeglasses

watches

purses harmonizing with outfit

silk or cotton hose

decorative jewelry

(carved ivory and coral)

(various colored clear beads and necklaces  
in different-length strands)

Try to locate your own different accessories to personalize your outfit for your most enjoyment.



TECH TIPS  
by Jim Buford

MODEL A TURN SIGNAL CONVERSION  
(Part II of a 3 Part Series)

When making the conversion it is much easier to replace the entire lower socket and wire than to try to add the two contacts to the old socket. However, if you should prefer to modify the old socket, it will have to be pressed deeper into the tail light body in order to allow enough room for the large two-element, non-indexed bulb, No. TS 1158. Use a metal rod and hammer to drive the old socket out of the tail light body and to drive in the new socket from the face side of the light. (Fig. 2A)

A new replacement double contact socket with 24" wires may be bought at your local Ford dealer. If he doesn't have any in stock, he can order them for you. The part number is OIC 13410-A and it will take a two-element indexed bulb, No. 1154 or 1034. (You could also use the tail light sockets from a junked '50-'51 Ford.) After you have completed the socket change-over it is a good idea to put a rubber boot, as used on conventional distributor caps, over the sockets and wires to keep dirt and water out of the tail light body.

To hook up front turn signal lights, cowl lights or early fender lights are ideal, but they cannot be modified to take a larger 21 CP bulb without ruining the light. The best you can do is to replace the 3 CP cowl light bulbs No. 63 with a 6 CP bulb No. 81. Place a small amber lens on the top of the bulb to give the amber light effect. Since a No. 63 or No. 81 size light bulb does not come with a double element, your cowl lights can only serve as turn signal lights and not as parking lights. If your state is one that requires parking lights, you can convert your headlights to the standard type incorporating parking lights. It is not acceptable, however, to use the parking lights of the built-in headlight design as turn signal lights. These lights would not be effective at night with the headlights turned on.

Now, we have covered all the modifications, but the combined candle power of the 21 CP rear light bulbs, and the 6 CP bulbs in each cowl light doesn't draw enough of a load to make the flasher function properly. A combined load of at least 42 CP is required on each side of the circuit. You must install an additional socket and bulb on each side of the circuit. These extra bulbs should be mounted in an out-of-the-way place. As good a place as any is on the same mounting screw that holds the flasher unit (Fig. 2B.) For these extra lights you can use a dome light socket such as Ford part No. CITF-13793-B. The bulbs should be of at least 15 CP such as No. 209.

Wire one to each side of the switch, and not to the third post of the flasher unit. The third post on the flasher unit, you remember, is for the dash indicator light and has a very low capacity.

Now all that remains is the careful installation of about 30 feet of wire hooked up to the various sockets and umpteen hours of patience.

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(TURN-SIGNAL CONVERSION Cont'd.)

You may prefer to solder all connections, or you can use wire "butt-connectors" and crimp-type "shur plugs". In order to make the flasher unit replaceable, it is advisable to use the faston tab, or the faston receptacle connection, depending on the type of flasher unit you use. Refer to the wiring diagram (Fig. 3) for proper wire routing.

(NEXT MONTH: PART III - DIAGRAMS FOR COMPLETION.)

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MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING

October 12, 1967

The meeting was opened by president Andy Saez.

The treasurer reported \$516.35 in the club treasury.

Richard Parrish have a progress report on the Roundup. He requested help on traffic control registration. He announced a meeting at his house, October 19, 1967, at 7:30.

Nominations for the next board election were given.

A drawing was held, and the ladies gave a show for the evening's intertainment. The meeting was held at the First Baptist Church in Santa Ana instead of at our regular meeting place.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Antonacci, Secretary

WANT ADS

- FOR SALE:
- A) Columbia 2-speed rear end, adapted for "A". \$60
  - B) '31 closed cab pickup, disassembled. Make offer.
  - C) '31 Victoria. Rough but complete. \$200.
  - D) One set (5) 21" wheels, \$25
  - E) One set (5) 19" wheels, \$20
  - F) One '30 left front fender, real good. \$15.
- Plus other A parts.  
C.R. Downs Sr., 12552 Josephine, Garden Grove.

WANTED: '28 or '29 coupe or roadster with rumble seat. Good condition. Bill Koenig, 537-4431

FOR SALE: (or trade) '36 Chevy sedan delivery. Don Koenig, 537-4431.

WANTED: Windshield frame hinge for '29 sedan. Also need 21" wheels, radiator and shell, tail light and front bumper. R.K. Walker, 540-6713.

LOOK OUT !!

Don't let any thing stop you from going on our November 12 tour to Oak Glen!



Drive Carefully — we need all the members we can get!