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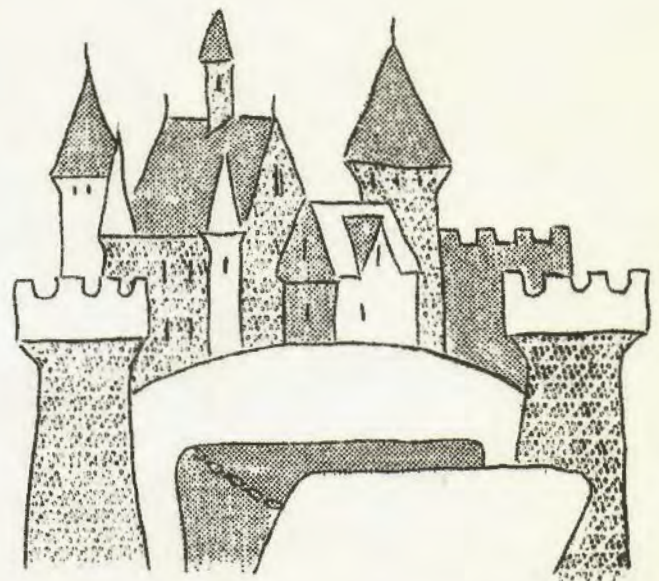
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.... WE'RE GOING ON
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(SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)



.... AND WE'RE GONNA END UP
AT A REALLY NICE PLACE !!!

FEBRUARY MEETING INFORMATION

DATE: February 8, 1968

TIME: 7:30 pm

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

You say you had a ball last month playing Bingo, and you didn't know Model A Club meetings could be so much fun? Well, friend, stick around, and don't miss ANY meetings this year -- they're ALL gonna be great this year!!!

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1968 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 8 Monthly meeting, Orange County MAFCA
- February 11 POKER RUN ! ! See Jim Douglass's Activities article for the details. (Trophies 'n' everything!)
- February 18 Chevy Club's 5th Annual swap meet, Briggs Cunningham Museum parking lot
- February 29 Board meeting at Richard and Jeanne Parrish's, 11422 True Way, Garden Grove. All members welcome.
- March 17 Pomona swap meet, Pomona Fairgrounds
- March 24 Orange County Spring Pancake Breakfast, Orange City Park
- April 19-21 Campout sponsored by Four Bangers Chapter MAFCA
- April 28 HCC Swap Meet, South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa
- May 12 Orange County Swap Meet at Santa Ana Community Center, 8th and Flower Sts., Santa Ana
- June 13-15 FIFTH NATIONAL MEET AND CONVENTION, DALLAS, TEXAS
- August 24-25 Idyllwild Campout, sponsored by Jewel City MAFCA
- September 22 Orange County Fall Pancake Breakfast, Orange City Park
- October 5 Rim of the World Tour sponsored by Whittier MAFCA
- October 13 Pomona Valley Chapter Trophy and Swap Meet, L.A. County Fairgrounds
- October 19 Orange County Roundup, Knott's Berry Farm

THE PREZ SEZ.....

by Richard Parrish

Welcome to all the new members in the club. I hope you will join in the activities, bring your friends, and help promote our club.

The ice skating trip was a lot of fun, and we had a good turn-out. This month Jim Douglass and associates are planning an event which has been requested by many members. He is really working hard planning events which he thinks you will like this year. Show your appreciation; attend as many events as you can, and let him know what you like or dislike.

For those members who were not at the meeting last month, there has been another change in the board of directors. Andy Saez has had to resign because of work conflicts, and Hank Bagley has been appointed to fill the post of Roundup Chairman for 1968.

The 1968 club dues are past due. Only paid-up members will receive the club paper, appear on the 1968 roster, or receive other member privileges. from the February meeting on. Mail your dues to Treasurer Stew Sale or pay them at the February meeting. Payable are \$5 for the national dues, and \$5 to our Orange County Chapter.

You probably noticed the blistering editorial against the administrative officers of the club in last month's edition of this paper regarding running Model A's. Her suggestions of guzzling potato salad, sandwiches,lecturing, picket lines, placards, etc., doesn't sound very constructive to me. Does it to you? Do you think her hands would do as well with a wire brush and sand paper as they do with a typewriter? (EDITOR'S NOTE: Look, fella, keep a civil pencil in your hand, and get back to that garage; you've got work to do! Gentle readers, be sure to check the editorial page this month for our latest strategy in this campaign to end all campaigns.)

We are preparing to write up tour rules, to make our club tours more enjoyable, and safer. If you have ideas, opinions, criticisms, or praise concerning past or future tours, write down all the ideas you have and submit them at the February meeting. From the ideas submitted, we will compile a set of tour rules that will satisfy the most people possible. Do we travel too fast? too slow? too often? too seldom? too far? too near? groups too large? too small? too little information concerning destination? Cost too great? leave too early? too late? Write it down! Bring it to the meeting. Remember, this is YOUR club.

I'll see everybody at the meeting February 8th. Wear your badge, pay your dues, bring your tour suggestions, and reserve Sunday, February 11th for our Poker Run. The board meeting is at my house Thursday, February 29 at 7:30. The address is 11422 True Way, Garden Grove. All members interested in how the club operates are invited to attend.

Y'ALL COME.....by Jim Douglass

Well, our first activity for the year is past, and it was quite a success. We had thirty-eight skaters on the ice and six more spectators. I hope you all had as much fun as I did!

Our week end snow trip for this month will be postponed until we can locate a suitable lodge to hold everybody. So, in its place this month we have planned a Poker Run on Sunday, February 11th. If your Model A isn't running, come in your Detroit Iron. Starting place will be the rear parking lot of Bullock's Fashion Square, at North Main Street and the Garden Grove Freeway in Santa Ana. Where will we wind up? That's for you to find out!

There will be a \$1 entry fee to cover the cost of the trophies we'll be giving away. We will have a first, second, third place trophy, and, of course, a hard-luck trophy. We will start registering at one o'clock sharp, and will register until 2:00. Come early if you can so we can get you started early. This is a family outing, so bring the kids to enjoy the fun and pizza afterwards. Oh yes, we're also giving a free pizza (large, of the winner's choice) to the car that comes closest to the calculated time for the run, and has one card from each of the five stops.

Remember to wear your badges!! More on the Poker Run at the February meeting. We have a change on our Swap Meet date to May 12th, so that we would not conflict with the HCCA of Newport Beach's Swap Meet on our original date of April 28th.

Richard Parrish and I attended an Orange City Council meeting last month, and found out that we can use the City Park for both our Breakfasts, but that we must put up a \$50 clean-up bond. We'll get the money back if we leave the park clean. So we'll need help in getting it and keeping it clean. Don't forget, our Spring Pancake Breakfast is March 24th.

We still want and need your ideas on other club activities. Let us know what you would like to do; then get out and take part in the activities!

EDITORIAL

PROGRESS REPORT

on

Getting Richard on the Road

and

Darn It, Douglass, Drive!

Boy O boy! You take up a just cause -- try to remedy a dreadful situation -- and look at the thanks you get! A certain president of a certain Orange County Model A Club has certainly gotten touchy about the subject of his inanimate auto! Frankly, his article this month (see page 2) sounds a little grumpy, don't you think? And friends -- THAT'S GOOD ! ! Until we get him and his vice-president really riled up, we'll never see any action.

And brother! ! You should have seen what Jim Douglass brought to the last board meeting! Look here, Douglass, unless you can figure out how to become 1/30th scale yourself, a 1/30th scale Model A just isn't going to satisfy this newspaper! Of course, what will finally Get Richard on the Road is a little wager your snoopy reporter has found out about. Seems several fellows in the club with basket case A's have agreed that the last man to get his car on the road (deadline: the '68 Roundup) treats the others to dinner. And we all know, friends, that MacParrish will never let that happen! Now, won't somebody make the same deal with Douglass, and spur him on?

In response to many requests (well, anyway, one), we say: Yes friends, YOU, TOO can help Get Richard on the Road, and further the Darn It, Douglass, Drive! cause. Yes, folks, keep those anonymous phone calls and poison pen letters coming! We shall overcome! Or at least, we'll wear 'em down!

THE GAY "A" BLADES AT GLACIER FALLS
by Pat Douglass

The ice skating party last month was really great! On the ice we had the Antonaccis, Baudinos, Boefs, Douglasses, Gammells, Parrishes, Saezes, Vaughns, and ALL the children, plus friends of the Antonaccis. Mary and Gene Robinson didn't join us on the ice, but kept an eye on their children, and our coats, purses, shoes, etc., which we all appreciated. Everyone was happy to see Jack and Vivian Payton, who joined our chapter last month; whenever anyone "took five" it was nice to chat with them.

It was hard to tell who had the most fun, the adults or the kids! I did hear that Dom promised to bring his girls back the following Sunday. Rosemary Baudino kept "losing her head" but with the help of a few pins, she "nailed" it down. Dom and Andy Saez were giving free rides, but there weren't too many takers. Lucile almost made a new exit at the west end of the rink!

When the session ended, we all decided to 'tour' to the Azteca, to warm up with some Mexican food. Would you believe it was Jack Payton's first encounter with Mexican food???????

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NEWS OF MEMBERS.....by Sara Snoop

We understand Dennis Clawson will have a new employer sometime this month: that well-known boss called Uncle Sam. He has enlisted in the Air Force....keep us posted on your whereabouts, Dennis, so that we can keep your Distributor coming.

Say, what's with Dom Antonacci's new title, "Keeper of the Banner"? We understand he's already forgotten it once! Maybe we'd better start a "Keeper of the Banner Auxiliary", to remind Dom where he's left it!

Jim and Beverly Marsh's new baby has been named Donald Lawronce, and is doing splendidly. The older children celebrated his arrival by coming down with chicken pox, we hear.

If you see Joe and Betty Eatherton with a map of England in their hands, don't bother to ask -- they'll tell you anyway! They'll be going to England later this year, partly as a vacation, but mostly to visit Joe, Junior and Sue. Young Joe is stationed there by the Army.

Say, does anybody know what ever happened to the stopwatch our club reputedly owns? While checking back in the old club minutes, Betty found that we were presented with one, but nobody we know has ever seen it. If you have a clue, let one of the board members know.

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(MORE NEWS OF MEMBERS)

Say, don't forget, gang, if your 1968 local and national dues haven't been paid by the February meeting, this is the last Distributor you will receive. (Horrors! Could life go on?!? If it did, would it be worth living if you never found out how long it's going to be till Richard and Jim Douglass decide to assassinate the editor?) If you aren't able to make it to the meeting this month, you can still get in under the wire, by mailing your check for \$10 (\$5 for National, and \$5 for Orange County) to our treasurer:

S.C. Sale, M.D.
5172 Princeton
Westminster, Calif., 92683

Be sure to tell him what it's for -- otherwise he may figure you're a patient paying your bill!!

Congratulations to Jim Ryner; he and Claudia Davison have announced their engagement. Jim, as most of you know, is the editor of our fine national publication The Restorer. They plan an early summer wedding.

Our thanks to Lu Saez, who has been supplying us with those beautiful fashion pages in The Distributor for the past several months. We didn't make contact this month, so no fashion news for January. However, we expect to resume the column next month. Again, thanks for all your lovely illustrations and hours of research, Lu.

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LET'S GET TECHNICAL....by Jim Marsh

It would be greatly appreciated by me and your fellow club members if you would return any books or Model A tools that belong to our Orange County Club. If you are still using the book or tool, please let me know you have them, so I can make a record of their location. If you know of any former members that have any of our books or tools, let me know, and I'll try to get them back in our club.

PATENT PLATES....taken from an article by Bill Kerr in the Mile-Hi, Denver, Colorado Chapter paper.

As you know, we have eight patent numbers on our firewall patent plate. What do they stand for? Each number stands for a different item on the Model A, as follows:

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| 1012620 . . . | Motor vehicle 1911 three spring |
| 1044038 . . . | Spring suspension 1912 cross spring |
| 1075557 . . . | Three part suspension 1913 |
| 1467478 . . . | Metallic vehicle wheel 1923 wirewheel |
| 1508387 . . . | Method of forging ring gears 1924 |
| 1568505 . . . | Non-glare headlite lens 1926 and lamp therefor |
| 1629493 . . . | Body construction 1927 pertaining to gas tank in cowl |
| 1640118 . . . | Split valve guides 1927; mushroom stems. |

MINUTES OF JANUARY, 1968 MEETING

Betty Eatherton, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by president Richard Parrish. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$573.64 in the club treasury.

February 1st is to be the deadline for payment of club dues.

Gene Robinson had to resign from the board because of his new position as president of the National organization. Jim Marsh has been appointed to fill Gene's position. Andy Saez had to resign as Roundup chairman due to his business obligations. Hank Bagley has been appointed to fill Andy's position.

Dominic Antonacci has been appointed Keeper of the Banner. Peggy Twyman is Refreshment Chairman for the year.

It was suggested that the club set up tour rules, and see that a repair kit is brought along on every tour. The secretary was asked to look over the former minutes to see that we are abiding by all the former motions. The Treasurer was asked to set up a report showing how our club money is spent.

Correspondence from other chapters was read.

Vice-president Jim Douglass reported on future club plans, including our January 14th skating party.

Gene Robinson invited anyone interested to attend a National board meeting. The next National board meeting is February 3, 1968.

Mr. Davisson, of Knott's Berry Farm, asked if our club could have 5 or 6 open cars at Knott's January 27th for promotional pictures.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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WANT ADS.....WANT ADS.....WANT ADS.....WANT ADS.....WANT ADS

FOR SALE: 1933 pickup with pink slip. Good front fenders, running boards, doors, dash, bed, hydraulic brakes, 5 17-inch wheels. No rear fenders, firewall, engine or transmission.

FOR SALE: '29 roadster channelled. Good doors, sheet metal, front end and rear end, but that's about all.

WANTED: Good original 2-blade fan.
Richard Parrish, 534-8129

FOR SALE: '30 Model A roadster. Rebuilt engine, body needs work.
13242 Newhope, G. G. 535-1211

FOR SALE: 1931 deluxe roadster. Restored, 16" white side walls. \$1275 cash.
Bill Swagger, 892-5248

FOR SALE: '30 deluxe roadster, perfect R. well fender, cowl lights, headlights. Tow away for \$280.

FOR SALE: 1 (#1 DELUXE COUPE (whoops! that's really a 1931, folks) completely restored, perfect condition. \$1295.
S.C. Sale, 892-5154

FOR SALE: Late '31 hard-top pickup; large bed, lots of extra parts. Hydraulic brakes, 12-volt system. \$500.
Bob Twyman, 527-2969