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APRIL MEETING

Date: April 10, 1975  
Place: South Jr. High - Anaheim  
Time: 7:30 PM  
Program: Films

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COMING EVENTS

- April 13th: Swap Meet by Packards Int'l at Cars of Stars
- April 11, 12, 13: Yuma Tour
- April 18: Seminar - Headliner - Matt Plotkins home
- April 20: \*\*Tour with Model T club Saddleback area
- April 27: Antique Nat'ls at Irwindale Raceway
- May 4: Swap meet by Antique Motor News at Rose Bowl
- May 4: Swap Meet by Orange Co. Model T Club at Santa Ana Civic Center
- May 11: \*\*Wine Tour
- May 18: \*\*Busch Gardens Tour
- June 1: \*\*Doc Sales Ranch Tour - BBQ
- June 15: \*\*Camp Out

\*\* Tours count for mileage patches

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CONKOL'S QUOTES  
by Larry Conkol, President

April means we're starting the second of the year. There are two club tours this month providing the opportunity to put the "A" to use, why wait any longer? Of course, if the "A" isn't yet roadworthy or purchased bring the modern car, the days labor or searching lost will more than be made up for by the enthusiasm you will gain. Joe Morgan will be leading us to Yuma April 11th, this is a good meet to see out of state "A's", and a fun trip for the whole family. On the following weekend, the Orange County Model T Club has invited us to participate in a 60 mile tour in the area of Saddleback Mountain ending with a bring-your-own picnic lunch. That's April 20th at Civic Center Dr. and Flower St. in Santa Ana at 8:30 AM - let's get the participation trophy. The Busch Gardens tour is rescheduled for May 18th.

Although the weather was against us the Pancake Breakfast and Poker Run made it a memorable day.

Larry Boef's auctioneering at the Great White Elephant Sale was something to behold whether the item was a Polish Flashlight or one of the Model A accessories donated by Vintage Auto Parts. These two events have made it a financially successful spring for the club.

Speaking of Polish inventions, some of the ones that turned up at Raks house last month were hard to believe. Anyone who will not only welcome unexpected partyers into their home but make sure they have a good time is really appreciated. THANK YOU - Rak and Joan.

Ray and Jean Griffin's home was the site of the most popular tech session of the year. Bill Vaughn covered every part of the various Model A Carburetors even to the month of manufacturing changes. Many of us come with a box of parts and left with a correct, working carburetor.

After considering various ideas, Tom Hottel has decided this year's Round-Up will be "The Greatest 'A' Show on Earth" a Model A era circus theme which will interest the whole family. Tom will have raffle tickets at the April meeting for the Round-Up raffle prize of a tool chest, and a microwave oven. Pick up a few tickets and provide someone with the opportunity to win this great prize. Remember these tickets will not be sold on the day of the drawing at the Round-Up.

The search for a new meeting place is progressing with 3 or 4 places being checked out each week and numerous others by telephone, however, we still need suggestions as there is no source of places better than our members. The ideal place would:  
1 - be available from 6-10 pm the 2nd Thur. of each month  
2 - have seating for 150 people (theatre style or table and chairs)  
3 - rent reasonably or free  
4 - have secure parking for our A's  
5 - have kitchen facilities although not absolutely necessary. South Jr. High School is not available after our June 1975 meeting. Please contact me at 772-8937 (in roster my phone number is not correct) if you know of a place meeting the above requirements.

Roger Sowersby has offered to share his movies of early Fords (production, testing,

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racing etc.) with us at the April meeting -- BYOP. \*\* See you at South Junior High School April 10th at 7:30 pm.

\*\* Bring you own Popcorn

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BARNEY'S BRIEFS

BY Gary Barnes, Act. Charman

This is the Tour mileage as my records show it. If you have any questions see the person who was activity chairman at the time of the event in question - current members only listed:

- Gary and Rosie Barnes - 615
- Larry and Pat Boef - 1153
- Richard and Jane Boris - 176
- Dr. Gordon and Marilyn Chamberlin - 71
- Steve and Jackie Chambers - 397
- Ray and Barbara Chips - 47
- Bob and Candy Cole - 320
- Larry and Carol Conkol - 2529
- Jim and Pat Douglas - 1287
- Ray and Jean Griffin - 830
- Maynard and Lorna Grunklee - 1479
- Rick and Louise Hall - 564
- Richard and Marion Hall - 52
- John and Pam Heiland - 644
- Bill and Patsy Heller - 55
- Red and Linda Hoffstatter - 1801
- Tom and Kathy Hottel - 610
- Glenn and Sharon Johson - 2342
- Rak and Joan Krist - 676
- Rags and Sally Lindman - 532
- Vince and Joan Mariola - 1126
- Jim and Bev Marsh - 1128
- Hal and Jean Martin - 96
- Tom and Darlene Matthey - 500
- Joe and Myrna Morgan - 3172
- John and Eleanor Morgan - 150
- Tom and Barbara Morris - 444
- Frank Parker - 325
- Jim and Irene Pebley - 166
- Ron and Sylvia Posten - 709
- Jack and Bobby Roggenbuck - 330
- George Silva - 110
- Tony and Paulette Spataro - 75
- Geo. and Darlene Staib - 80
- Bill and Penny Vaughn - 2008
- Fred and Donna Yeaw - 185

TOTAL 26,784

This is Yuma month and is a great chance to party, relax and rack up a lot of tour miles all at one time. "The greatest tour of the year" is commonly heard among those members who have gone in the past. If you

are lucky enough to be able to go, be sure and let Larry know.

As you probable noticed, we have changed the date of the Busch Gardens Tour. This is so we can go with the Orange County Model T Club on their Saddleback Tour. This is an invitational Tour with seven other clubs besides our own being invited. The meeting place is the parking lot of the Santa Ana Bowl, which is located at the corner of Civic Center Dr. and Flower St. in the city of Santa Ana. We will be meeting at 8:30 am for coffee and donuts. Tour plaques will be ordered at that time. There will be a club participation trophy (which we should get) and a hard luck trophy (which we will let someone else have). Starting time is promptly at 9:00 am and will be over at about 1:00 pm. The ending place is University of Irvine's Regional Park. Picnic lunches are a good idea, as well as a blanket to sit on. There is a fifty cent (50¢) charge per auto to get in, so try to have the correct change on hand. Awards, etc. will be presented here. The Model T Club is really going all out, they are even bringing a trailer in case anyone has serious problems - nice Run? The day should end by 2:30 pm. If you plan to make this tour, please let me know at the meeting as they need a count. If you can't be there, either buzz me (213-920-1351) or Larry at 772-8937 before April 14th.

We may have a tour to Irwindale for the Antique Nationals, if there is enough interest. This will be covered at the meeting. See you there.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES 3-27-75

Meeting called to order by president Larry Conkol. Secretary's report read and approved.

Treasurers' report by Tom Morris read and approved.

Activities report by Gary Barnes. Yuma tour April 11, 12 and 13. Model T Club Tour April 20. Antique National at Irwindale April 27. May 11 - Mothers day wine tour. May 18 - Busch Garden Tour. June 1 - tour to Sales Ranch. June 15 - Club campout at El Lorro camp ground. July - Paradise Valley BBQ and our club progressive dinner. August - Beach party. Patsy Heller requested articles by Mar. 31. Technical Advisor Rick Hall reported that

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the seminar on carburetors was very well done. Next one is on installing a Headliner kit (LeBaron Bonney) April 18 at Matt Plotkins.

Roger Sowersby to show films at the next meeting. Judging seminars are being planned for those interested in becoming judges.

Tom Hottel on Round-up. Our raffle tickets are ready. Some suggestions were given for a theme for the Round-up. It was decided to use (Greatest 'A' Show on Earth"

The purchase of a shed for club equipment will be brought up at the general meeting.

Larry Conkol reported that our club insurance has been cancelled and our \$150. refunded. Reason given was because of our car shows and the cars not being roped off. A discussion regarding the need of Ins. followed. No decision made.

Beth Sales reported on locations for the Christmas Party. Further research needed no decision made.

The club will furnish beverages at Sales Ranch and everyone will be asked to bring something as for our pot luck.

Bev Marsh will take care of ordering jackets, patches, mileage patches and bars for those wishing to purchase extra ones for the family.

We are still checking on meeting rooms as a club meeting place.

Next board meeting at Jim Marsh's.

Motion to adjourn by Patsy Heller - second by Gary Barnes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Lorna Grunklee, Secretary

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TEC TOC  
By Rick Hall

I'd like to thank Ray Griffin and Bill Vaughn for the very well done seminar on carburetors last month. This was a much needed seminar in that up until now, few of us have been able to do much with those Zenith carburetors.

Our next seminar will be held at Matt Plotkins home at 7:30 on Friday, April 18. Matt has a '31 coupe and we are planning to install a headliner in it. Matt has a

LeBaron Bonney interior kit. See the map on the last page for directions to Matt's home.

Please see me if you have ideas or requests for seminars. If you would like to put on a seminar but don't have room, see me anyway - several members have volunteered their garages.

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ALBERT SITTON HOME

This months donation for the home will be cans of soda. If everybody brought six cans they would have more than enough for the kids. Buy Shasta or "Market Brands" such as Ralphy's, Vons etc. They cost less that way.

Thanks,

Sharon Johnson.

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ROLL OVER AND GO BACK TO SLEEP OR ----

It was too early to tell what the days weather would be when I arrived to find Maynard and Lorna Grunklee, Dale Virus, Bill Heller, Jon Heiland and Gary Barnes preparing the supplies and stoves for our Spring Pancake Breakfast at Hart Park. Dale had just repared a gas valve at the park which could have made the stoves useless, when Rick Hall, Joe and Myrna Morgan, and Ray Griffin started comparing cooking techniques - I didn't participate in their discussion as I had been out promoting the breakfast the night before earlier that morning.

By this time it was evident we weren't going to have a bright, sunny day, but that didn't keep those true Model Aer's from pancakes, sausage, eggs and coffee on the cloudy, cool and drizzly March 9th. At one point I counted 30 Model A's in the parking area and at least 10 others had already left for a local swap meet after breakfast. The bad weather seemed to bring out more open cars than usual for some reason. Tom and Barbara Morris' son Jonathan made his Model A Club debute and was the center of attraction for some time.

Joan Krist announced the Poker Run would start at 10:30 and it wasn't long before 62 hands were sold. Rak and Jim Douglass were out marking the stops with gypsum as the light drizzle threatened to wash the markings away. Why is it you always

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think you're right and the other cars you pass going the opposite way are wrong on these x@#x\*%#!! poker runs? Of course there's always Gary Barnes and a few others who hardly ever slow to 20 mph during the entire run. Someone later told me the entire trip was 20 some miles long - why Vince Mariola, Maynard and myself had more miles than that on the Riverside Freeway!! We later found out freeways aren't used on poker runs. Vince figured he had about 800 miles on the trip of which I can verify most.

Meanwhile, back at the pizza parlor where it all ended everyone had decided a time limit was necessary so prizes could be awarded. I finally called it a day, but hope to finish the run on the next couple of weekends.

In all, the day proved that bad weather and for that matter most obstacles can be overcome by a few hard working people determined to have fun and help our club at the same time.

To all who worked on the days events -- THANK YOU -- your efforts saved the day and made it a financial success.

LARRY CONKOL

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Thanks Larry for a great article. May I say all the work is worthwhile when we have someone who is a good sport and as much fun to be with as you.

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I must have asked two people to write articles for the breakfast so here is another viewpoint. But the author didn't sign his or her name.

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SPRING BREAKFAST AND POKER RUN

The great Orange Co. Chapter once again turned out an excellent breakfast attended by many despite the doubtful weather. The day started out a little slow and a few pessimistic statements were overheard but by 9:30 things started to pick up. All of a sudden it seemed everyone was there at once. We served until 11:00 with members from at least three other chapters arriving throughout the morning. The day was cold and cloudy with some rain but everything went very well.

The poker run which followed was frustrating as usual. The brown A's were a mistake and very hard to see. The instructions were so indescribable but we just considered the source, cussed and finally made it to the pizza parlor - ready for a pitcher of beer. The run took anywhere from 2 - 4 1/2 hrs., our "leader" came up the rear pulling in the drive as everyone else was leaving. Better late than never, huh Conkol? Seriously, Thanks RAK and JOAN.

The prizes were great as was the food and conversation. All in all a day well spent.

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By the way, I heard from a very reliable source that after the surprize party given at RAK and Joan's, Fred Yeaw was seen the next AFTERNOON laying on the floor of his apartment trying to get some oatmeal to stay down!!!

How about it, Fred, was my source reliable???????????

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THINGS YOU AUTO KNOW  
by Roy Taft

Fork was the first to offer shatter proof glass as standard equipment in 1928, Cadillac had it as an option.

Coast to Coast bus service began in 1928.

Concrete mixers, mounted on heavy duty trucks appeared on the west coast in 1927.

Dr. Graham Edgar devised the Octane scale for gasoline in 1926.

Hot water car heaters were introduced in the U.S. in 1926.

Uniform markings for Federal highways were adopted in 1926. Even numbers were assigned to east west roads odd numbers to North -south.

Closed cars outnumbered open cars for the first time in 1925.

Ethyl gasoline was first put on the market Feb. 2, 1923 in Dayton, Ohio, by General Motors Research Corp.

1922 was the first year for motor driven snow removal equipment to be used.

In 1922 the first dash mounted gas gauge appeared on several cars,

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Thanks Roy for some more of those interesting tid bits of information.

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WANT ADS

FOR SALE: 1930 "A" Closed Cab P/U  
Model C Eng. Excl. condition.  
Original. \$2450. 557-8150  
1563 'B' Coriander  
Costa Mesa.

FREE-FREE: Cute, adorable, lovable  
puppies. Will be ready to  
be taken home in 2-3 weeks.  
Call Sharon Johnson 528-0891

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The following are correction to be added  
to your roster.

Bandara --  
Charles and Ana Mario Gandara

Zunker --  
Bud Yunker

Floyd Christensen  
Phone # incorrect - do not have correct  
one.

Tom and Darlene Matthey  
Phone # 535-3033

Larry and Carol Conkol  
Phone # 772-8937

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Ray and Mary Drott  
939 S. Lemon St. # A  
Anaheim, Ca. 92805  
635-4241

Sorry for the errors. Please make these  
corrections on your rosters. Thank you.  
If there are any other corrections or  
additions please let me know.

Patsy

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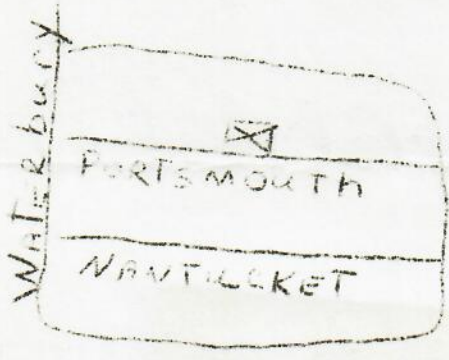
Sorry girls but there are no fashions  
this month due to not having the correct  
stencils. As you have noticed the draw-  
ings have not been too clear. I have  
decided it must be the stencils. They  
aren't the ones I usually use. Next  
month for fashions.



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