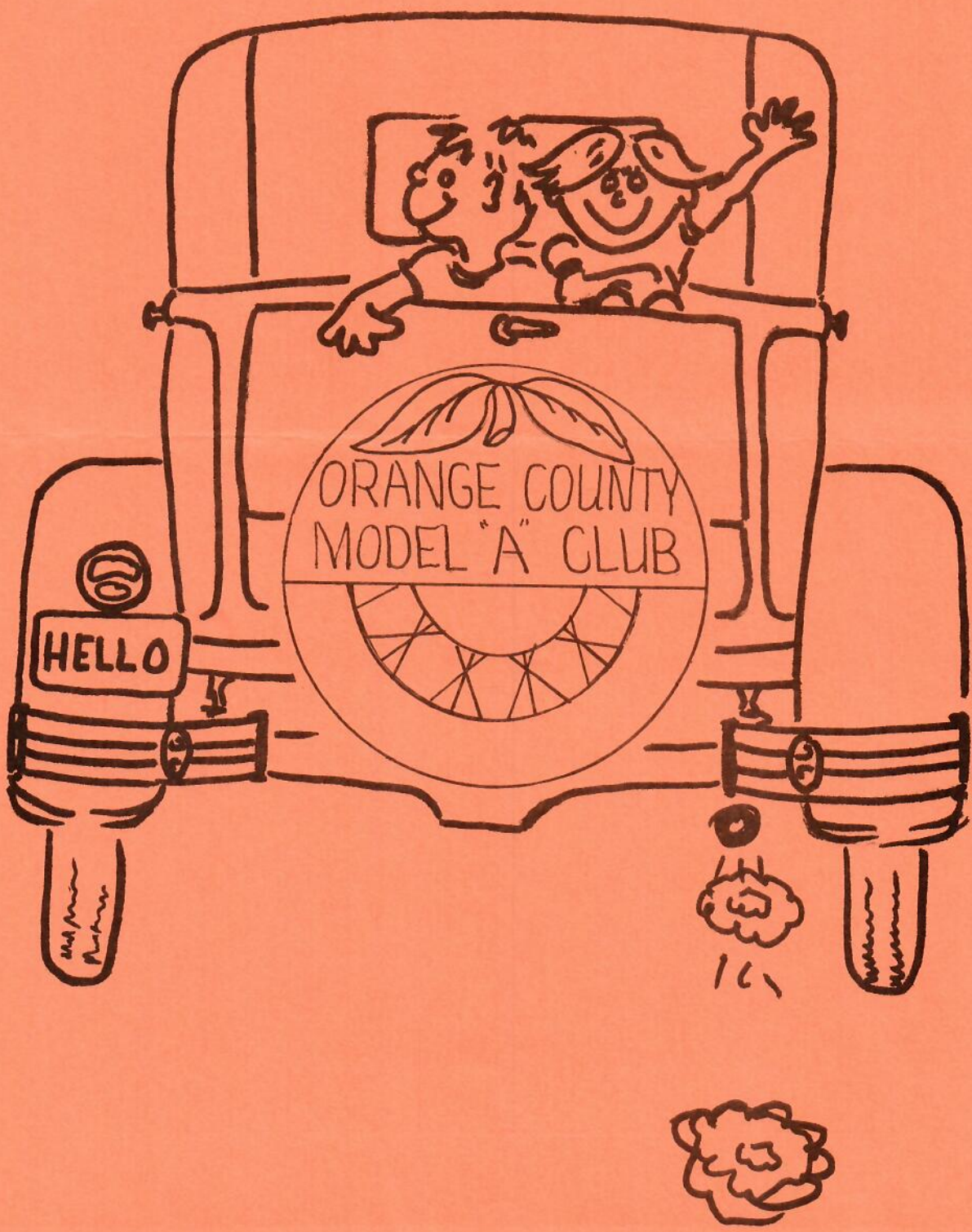


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## MAY MEETING

DATE: May 10, 1979  
PLACE: Trident Jr. High School  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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## MAY CALENDAR

\*= Mileage Tour  
May 10 General Meeting  
May 20 \*Fun Day-Whittier Narrows  
May 24-27 Mall Show at Buena Park  
June 3 San Gabriel Swap Meet  
Pomona  
June 10 Concour de Elegance-Ambassador Hotel  
June 15-17 \*Campout-Woods Valley  
Campground-Valley Center

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## THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Tom Schink  
637-9599

This month our meeting will be held back "home" at Trident Jr. High. We will pass a sign up sheet at the May Meeting for our first car show of the year to be held at the Buena Park Mall. Cars are to be brought in on May 24th and picked up on Sunday May 27th. As you know, this is the way our club meets it's expenses so please sign up & help us out at car shows. The Buena Park Mall is now newly inclosed. It is located at the corner of La Plama & Stanton Blvds. 1 block east of Beach Blvd.

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## JOHNSON'S JOURNEYS

by Sharon Johason  
528-0891

\*May 20th The tour will leave the Orange Mall at 9:30 SHARP for Whittier Narrows Park for the Fun Day Gymkhana. Bring a picnic lunch.

\*June 15-17th If you are planning to go to the Fathers Day Campout please let me know as soon as possible. A sheet will be passed around at the meeting. No reservations will be accepted after June 9 as we only have 19 sites available.

## TECHNICAL

by Kevin Vidal  
847-1164

The after meeting entertainer for this month will be a shoe box swap meet, the idea taken from the last Havasue Meet. All who wish to sell will bring those Model "A" parts that will fit inside a shoe box. After the meeting, pull out your shoe box full of whatever and we'll have us a regular miniature swap meet.

The seminar for this month will be on distributors. This one will be different from the others in that it will be a work shop seminar. Everyone that comes should try and bring an old distributor with a new rebuilding kit and some basic tools, a bearing tool will be provided. This gives us all a chance to rebuild a spare distributor to keep under the seat for tours. The seminar will go step by step from the break down of your old distributor to reassembling it into a brand new and hopefully dependable distributor. There'll be some good tips from some experienced A'ers so dig up an old distributor or pull the one already on your "A" and come to the seminar. It'll be at Jim Marsh's home. (See Map)

## TECHNICAL TIP

SPECIFICATIONS OF FORD MODEL A  
1928-1929

## ENGINE

No. of Cylinders--4  
Cylinder Arrangement--Vertical  
Bore--3 7/8 in.  
Stroke--4 1/4 in.  
Rated S.A.E. Horsepower--24.03  
Piston Displacement--200.5 cu.in.  
Maximum Hp--40 @ 2200 rpm  
Type of Head--"L" head

## CAMSHAFT DRIVE

Gear--Spiral  
Material--Bakelized Frabric

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## Technical Tip Contd.

## Camshaft Bearings

Diameter--9/16 in.  
 Length, Front--1 3/4 in.  
 Length, Second--7/8 in.  
 Length, Third--2 in.  
 Length, Fourth--7/8 in.  
 Length, Fifth--1 in.

## VALVES

## Intake Valve--Ford

Stem Diameter--5/16 in.  
 Style--Mushroom type  
 Tappet Clearance--.015 in.  
 Valve Lift--.287 in.

## Exhaust Valve--Ford

Stem Diameter 5/16 in.  
 Style--Mushroom type  
 Tappet Clearance--.015 in.  
 Spring Pressure--36 lbs.  
 Valve Lift--.287 in.

## CRANKSHAFT

No. of Main Bearings--3  
 Dia. All Bearings--1 5/8 in.

## CONNECTING RODS

Material--Steel forging  
 Weight--1 lb., 6 oz.  
 Center to Center Length--7 1/2 in.  
 Crankpin Diameter 1 1/2 in.  
 Crankpin Length--1 5/8 in.

## PISTON RINGS

Ford--3 used

## LUBRICATION

Type--Pump splash & gravity feed  
 Crankcase Oil Capacity--5 qts.  
 Oil Pump Type--Gear

## COOLING SYSTEM

Water Circulation Type--Ford  
 Pump Type--Centrifugal  
 Radiator Shell Material--Bright  
 Nickel  
 Capacity Cooling System--3 Gals.

## FUEL SYSTEM

Ford-Zenith Carburetor  
 Size--1 in.  
 Fuel Feed--Gravity Type  
 Tank Capacity--10 Gals.

## IGNITION SYSTEM

Spark Control Type--20 degrees  
 manual advance  
 Firing Order--1,2,3,4.

## Technical Tip Contd.

## Distributor Interrupter Point

Opening--.018 to .022  
 Spark Plug Size--7/8 in.  
 Recommended Gap--.015 to .020 in.

## MISCELLANEOUS ENGINE PARTS

Starter Motor--Ford  
 Generator--Ford cut-out type  
 Battery--Ford, 6 volts, 80 amp  
 capacity

## CHASIS

Wheelbase--103 1/2 in.  
 Overall Length--113 7/16 in.

## TRANSMISSION

Ford--3-speed, manual shift

## CLUTCH

Multiple disc (later replaced with  
 single disc type)

## REAR AXLE

Type--Three-Quarter Floating  
 Gear Ratio 3.7 to 1  
 Final Drive Type--Spiral Bevel

## FRONT AXLE

Type--"I" Beam  
 Toe In--5 degrees  
 Axle End Type--Knuckle Reverse  
 Elliot  
 Bearings--King Pin, Upper and  
 Lower--Bronze

## BRAKES

Type--4-wheel mechanical, Ford  
 Braking Area--168 s. in.  
 Drum Diameter--11 in.  
 Brake Lining--Woven wire and  
 asbestos  
 Emergency Brake--Left Side (Later  
 changed to location beside gear  
 shift lever)

## WHEELS

Type--Steel Spoke, Ford  
 Bearings, Front--Timken  
 Bearings, Rear--Roller

## TIRES

Size--30 x 4.50 baloon  
 Recommended Pressure--35 lbs.

## STEERING GEAR

Type--Irreversible, Worm & Sector  
 Ford  
 Minimum Turning Circle--34 ft..

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## Technical Tip Contd.

## SPRINGS

Front, Ford

Type--Transverse, semi-elliptic

Width--1 3/4 in.

Material--Chrome Steel

Rear, Ford

Type--Transverse, Semi-elliptic

Width--2 1/2 in.

Material--Chrome Steel

## FRAME

Type--Box channel, Ford

Material--Pressed Steel

Depth--4 in.

Thickness--5/32 in.

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Round-Up Report  
by Chuck Williams  
Round-Up Chairman  
836-7057

All the quilt squares have been assigned and many thanks to all the stitchers who volunteered their services. Remember everyone, Linda will need to have your completed square by the June meeting. Keep those needles moving- it's for a good cause!

A special thanks goes to my wife, Linda who will sew all your beautiful patches together into a super beautiful quilt. Thanks to her, we will be able to save the \$100-\$150 (or more) expense needed to have some professional do it. This is a really big job. Which anyone who knows a little about sewing can appreciate.

Bev Marsh has volunteered to handle the pre-registration duties for us this year. Another reliable, dependable Orange County member comes through again. Many thanks Bev.

It seems a shame that a nucleus of only a dozen or so people have to keep this club rolling. Come on you other guys, step forward and get involved, you'll like it. In order to receive you must give of yourself. Enough said!

Ronald Morgan sold thirty raffle tickets at the Lake Havasu meet. Way to go Ronald, your enthusiasm is really appreciated! Also, Joe Wavra stood up and gave a little selling pitch to the Arizona Model "A"ers

## Round-Up Report Contd.

at Havasu and he's going to do the same at Bakersfield. Thanks Joe!

The support and enthusiasm I've received from everyone about this years Round-Up has been very encouraging. Thanks to all-It's made my job an easy one.

See you at the meeting,  
Chuck

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The following was contributed by Sharon Johnson for your enjoyment:

TEN COMMANDMENTS  
FOR THE CAR COLLECTOR

I. Thou shalt not store thy cars out-of-doors, except for thy wife's modern iron..

II. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor car, nor his garage, nor his battery charger.

III. Thou shalt not love thy cars more than thy wife and children; as much, but not more.

IIII. Thou shalt not read thy Hemmings on company time, lest thy employer make it impossible to continue thy car payments.

V. Thou shalt not despise thy neighbor's Edsel, nor his DeSoto, nor even his 1947 Plymouth.

VI. Thou shalt not allow thy daughters nor thy sons to get married during the holy days of Hershey..

VII. Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive when, indeed, thou art going out to look at another car.

VIII. Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of thy latest restoration, at least not all at the same time.

IX. Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition to the house and

Ten Commandments Contd.

then use it to store cars; thou shalt not store cars in the attic.

X. Thou shalt not buy thy wife a floor jack for Christmas.

Donald R. Peterson  
Car Collector Magazine

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Thanks for supplying the treats at last month meeting: Sue Nelson, Sylvia Berbiar and Hazel Powell-- Yum, Yum!!!

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WANT ADS

FOR SALE:

1930 Town Sedan everything done but paint & upholstery. Includes Le Baron Bonny kit. \$4,500 Firm

1930 68-B Cabriolet almost finished except top & miscellaneous items. Includes Le Baron Bonny kit. \$6,000 Firm Bob Hooker. Days only 996-0794 Leave name & number

FOR SALE:

'77 Cordoba-Landau Roof, am-fm stereo, spoke wheel covers, power windows, cruise control, tilt steering. Come & drive it..It's a dream. asking \$4,200 Tom Simons 714-962-0227

FOR SALE:

'71 Firebird-Formula 400, Racing Red, wide raised letter tires, Air cond., American mags. Asking \$1995 Steve Stringola 714-540-4074 eves: after 6

Please add these names to your 1979 Roster:

SIMONS, Dan & Valerie  
20902 Brookhurst Suite #214  
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92646  
968-7466

LANE, Jo & Ricky  
8312 Castillian  
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92646  
536-4961

SIMONS, Tom & Lore  
10022 El Capitan Dr.  
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92646  
962-0227  
'30 Coupe

CRAIG, Ruth  
P.O. Box 2342  
Santa Ana, Ca. 92707

WALTERS, Richard & Florence  
732 Miramar Dr.  
Fullerton, Ca. 92631  
871-1943

VIRUS, Dale & Marlene  
19364 Mesa Dr.  
Villa Park, Ca. 92667  
637-1792  
'29 Coupe

THOMAS, Jake & Dorothy  
514 Virginia  
Santa Ana, Ca.  
836-7602

TULE, Robert & Elaine  
312 Swanee Ave.  
Placentia, Ca. 92670

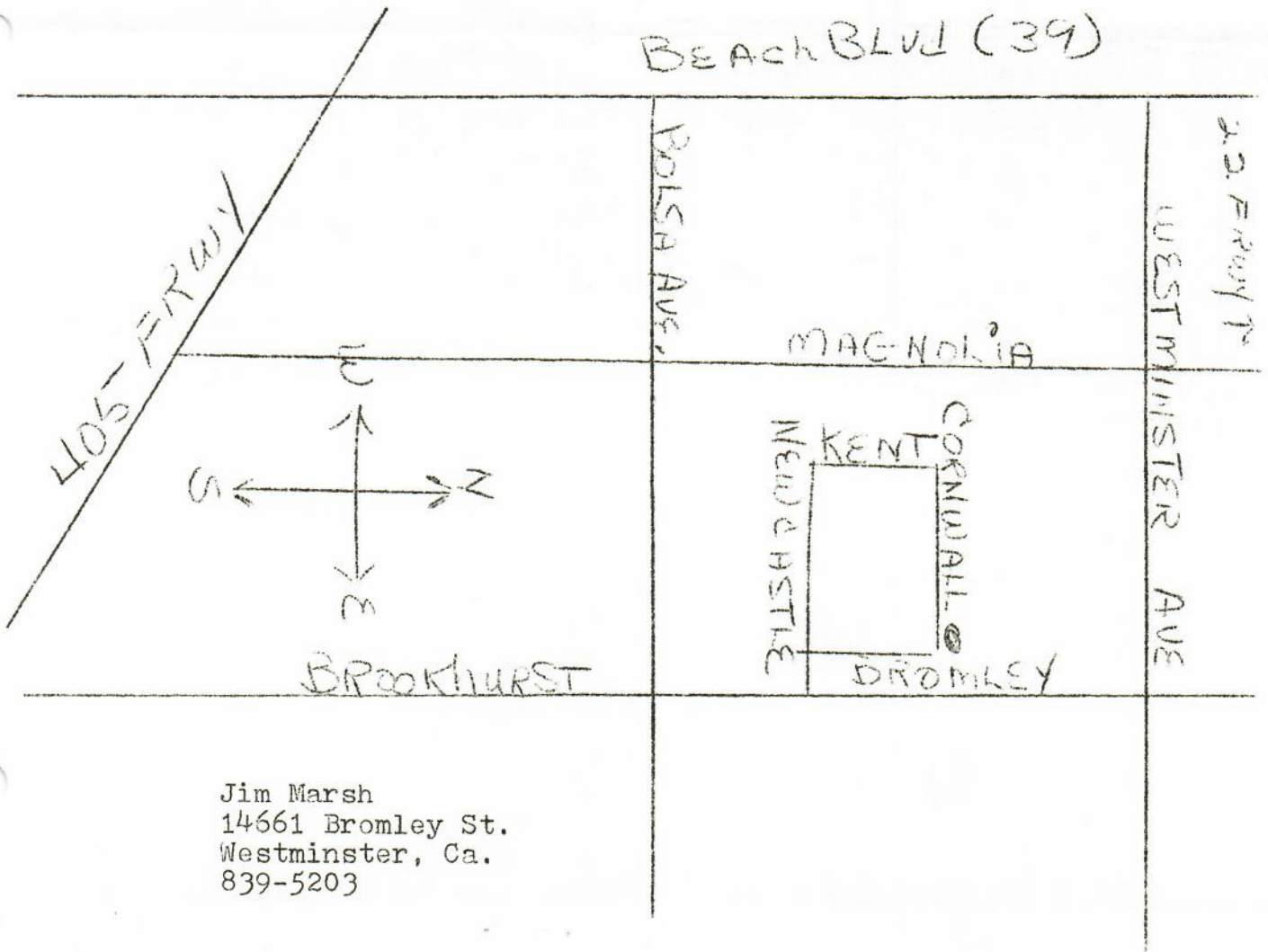
These phone numbers were omitted from the current Roster:

EATHERTON--556-7362

VIDAL--847-1164

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| SUNDAY                         | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY              | FRIDAY                   | SATURDAY |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------|
|                                |        | 1       | 2         | 3                     | 4<br>Bakersfield Meet    | 5        |
| 6<br>Bakersfield               | 7      | 8       | 9         | 10<br>General Meeting | 11                       | 12       |
| 13<br>Happy Mothers Day        | 14     | 15      | 16        | 17                    | 18                       | 19       |
| 20<br>Fun Day Whittier Narrows | 21     | 22      | 23        | 24<br>Car Show        | 25<br>at Buena Park Mall | 26       |
| 27<br>B.P. Car Show            | 28     | 29      | 30        | 31<br>Board Meeting   |                          |          |



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