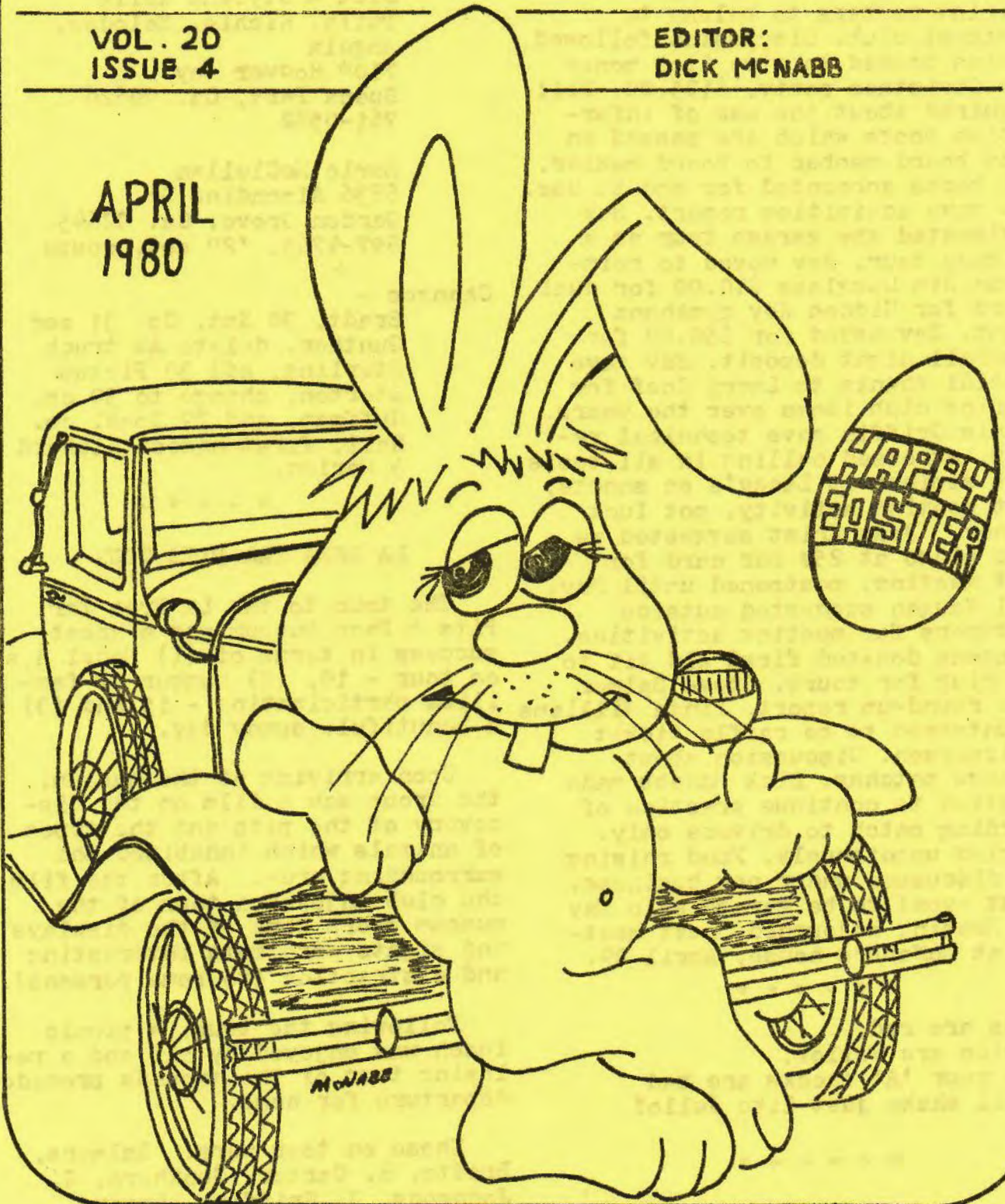


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## BOARD MEETING NOTES

Sharon Johnson read minutes. Bill Vaughn asked about club's policy on number of times guests are to visit meetings and events before joining. Discussion followed. Rick Krist asked about money for Christmas party. Treas. report read. Bill Vaughn asked about policy of requiring members to belong to national club. Discussion followed. Motion passed to give Rick money for Christmas party, \$125.00. Bill inquired about the use of information books which are passed on from board member to board member. All books accounted for and in use. Bev gave activities report. Bev designated the garage tour as a mileage tour. Bev moved to reimburse Jim Douglass \$10.00 for dual award for Hidden Key gymkhana event. Bev asked for \$50.00 for baseball night deposit. Bev gave special thanks to Larry Boef for storing club items over the years. Dennis Griffin gave technical report, stressed calling in all tools. Next seminar at Lacey's on shocks, next meeting activity, pot luck dinner. Joan Krist suggested we have bingo at 25¢ per card for next meeting, postponed until May. Bill Vaughn suggested outside lecturers for meeting activities. Johnsons donated first aid kit to the club for tours. Steve Balmer gave round-up report. Linda Williams volunteered to be raffle ticket chairperson. Discussion about mileage patches, Dick McNabb made a motion to continue practice of awarding patch to drivers only. Carried unanimously. Fund raising was discussed under new business. First event to be garage sale May 17. Meeting adjourned, next meeting at McNabb's house, April 24.

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Roses are red,  
Daisies are yellow,  
When your 'A' shocks are bad  
You'll shake just like Jello!

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Fix your shocks and drive your 'A'

## NOBODY'S PERFECT!

Changes and additions to the roster are:

Add - John & Pat Jeter  
2501 Metaire Lawn Dr.  
Metaire, La. 70002

Dick & Clydene Kelly  
Twila, Richie, Melodee,  
Angela  
7109 Hoover Way  
Buena Park, Ca. 90620  
761-0582

Merle McClellan  
5836 Almondine Dr.  
Garden Grove, Ca. 92645  
897-4765, '29 spt. coupe

Changes -

Bradt, 30 Spt. Cp. 31 sed.  
Gunther, delete AA truck  
Sterling, add 30 Pickup  
Sterten, change to 30 cp.  
Huffman, add 29 Spec. cp.  
Hall, first names: Richard  
& Marion.

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## LA BREA TAR PITS TOUR

The tour to the La Brea Tar Pits & Page Museum was a great success in terms of (1) Model A,s on tour - 10, (2) number of families participating - 15 and (3) a beautiful, sunny day.

Upon arriving at the museum, the group saw a film on the discovery of the pits and the types of animals which inhabited the surrounding area. After the film the club enjoyed a tour of the museum where some of the displays and sights were both interesting and distracting (to some persons).

Following the tour, a picnic lunch was enjoyed by all and a relaxing tour of the grounds preceded departure for home.

Those on tour were: Balmers, Bradts, R. Carter, Gunthers, G. Johnsons, D. Griffins, Lacey's, Manos', Marshes, Stinnetts, Wavras, Spielbergers, Sterlings, Chuck Williams and Jim Willett.



## RENO TOUR MEETING

On Friday, March 21, a group of 25 people met at Chuck & Linda Williams' house to coordinate plans for the June trip to the MAFCA National Meet at Reno.

After your basic confusion and baloney, the group elected Bud Lacey as tour chairman and the meeting began to take form. Main points discussed were: (1) whether to tour with the Whittier Chapter, (2) whether to go highway 99 or 395, (3) enroute reservations, (4) time of departure (7:00 A.M., ugh!) (5) contests of some sort (secret) (6) coordination of reservations at Reno, Squaw Valley and overnigher for return, (7) back up vehicles, (8) coordination of events at the National, and (9) safety check arrangements.

Surprisingly, we covered a lot of territory at the meeting. Bud will assimilate all of the notes and publish a loose plan for finalizing at the safety check in April.

Those planning to drive Model A, s are: Williams, Plotkins, Johnsons, McNabbs, Bradts, Marshes, Lacey, Kevin Vidal, Mattheys, Stinnetts, Manos', R. Carter, D. Johnson, Spielbergers, and possibly, Dennis Griffin will drive a back up car. Others plan to drive on their own. We expect to have over 30 people from Orange County at the National.

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### MARCH RAFFLE WINNERS

Wearing name badge: Steve Balmer  
Model A driver's: Jim Marsh

Wear your badge to meetings and be eligible for the \$5.00 raffle prize. Also, drive your model A to be eligible for another award.

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To err is human,  
but to drive a Chevy  
is unforgiveable!

### CHUCK'S CHATTER

by

CHUCK WILLIAMS  
Prez.

836-7057



Spring is upon us and what a great time it is for us lucky Southern Californians to be enjoying our model A hobby.

Those of you who didn't attend the pancake breakfast and gymkhana missed some good eating and a lot of fun. Many thanks to Bev Marsh and Jim Douglass and all helpers for putting on the event. It was a beautiful spring day and we had a good turnout. On top of that, we made some money for the club.

As I've said before, it sure is a pleasure to be working with this year's board. They are all doing an outstanding job and deserve the recognition and 100% support from all members.

At the last board meeting, it was decided to have two fund-raising events to augment our car show income. The first event will be a garage sale at my house in May and the 2nd will be to sell car-related items donated by the members at the Long Beach T Club swap seet in August. Watch the Distributor for details.

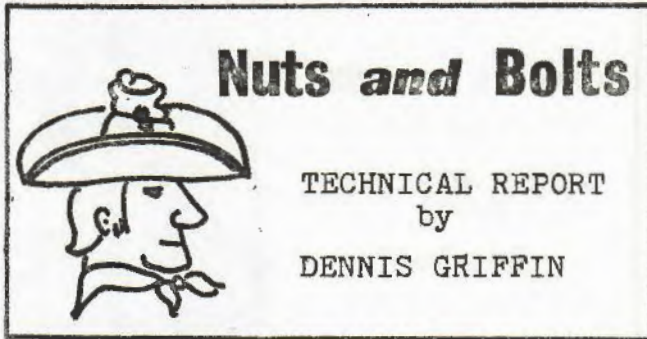
Let's all support these fund raisers so we can generate some much needed income for our club.

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### CRIME-STOPPERS TIP

The best way to defend yourself against pick-pockets is to keep live scorpions in your pockets at all times.





## Nuts and Bolts

TECHNICAL REPORT  
by  
DENNIS GRIFFIN

I would like to thank Tom Schenk, Joe Wavra, Joe Clary and Glenn Johnson for their help in putting on last month's seminar. A successful seminar is a sure thing when you have good people to rely on.

Our next seminar will be a workshop seminar on shock absorbers & shock arms. It will be at Bud & Judy Lacey's house, 1416 Wickford Dr, Brea. Maps available at meeting. Bring old shocks to take apart.

I would also like to thank those who brought slides to the last meeting and apologize for not getting to them since the movies ran longer than expected. We will try to do it again in the near future and allow more time.

The April meeting activity will be a potluck dinner. To reverse the usual procedure, those whose last names begin with the letters A-K, bring a main dish for eight plus a salad or vegetable and those with names from L-Z, bring a main dish for eight plus a dessert. Rolls, butter, coffee and punch will be provided by the club. Bring your own dinnerware.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** If you have any club tools other than those listed, please notify Dennis.

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If we painted every car in the United States pink, we would have a pink carnation!!!

The March seminar was a departure from our regular routine since the group met at the Mall of Orange on Sat. morning and proceeded on a 4-stop "garage tour". The first stop was at the home of Joe and Marion Wavra in Costa Mesa where Joe and Steve Balmer talked about Joe's recent purchase of a late 1931 big-bed pickup. After coffee and rolls, an attempt was made to line up Joe's splash pans and running boards.

The second stop was at the home of Tom & Arlene Schenk in Orange. The group worked on re-covering of running boards and installing cowl lights on Tom's 1930 town sedan.

The third stop was in Santa Ana Canyon at the (huge) garage of Joe & Patty Clary. Joe spoke about alignment of hood and radiator and doors, using a 1931 roadster he is currently working on for example.

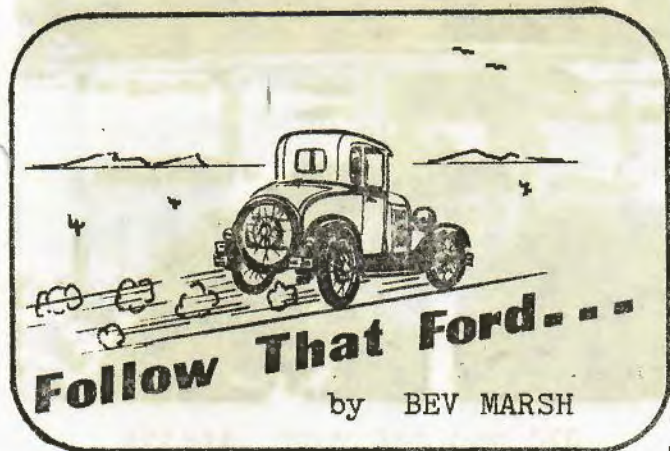
The fourth stop was at Glenn Johnson's place of business, "Glenn Johnson Architectural Models" in Orange. Glenn showed everyone through the facility and then showed his beautiful, 4 car showroom which is done in old tyme motif along with skylights, potted plants and vinyl floor. He is fortunate in having his own "heaven" in his newly purchased "old building" and he didn't even have to confess his sins, yet!

Dennis Griffin gave a quiz on identifying a few (obscure) model A parts, the contest and a can of wax, was won by Glenn Johnson.

Those attending the seminar were: Hannaman, Sterten, Spielberger, McNabb, Bradt, Balmer, Ed Powell, Richard Powell, Bloink, Sowersby, Slawson, Bowers, Sterling, Lacey, Robinson, G. Johnson, Hunt, D. Griffin, Nelsons, Lanes Schenk, Wavra and Clary.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 11-13 Havasu tour\*
- April 27 Funday, Whittier Narrows\*  
Leave Orange Mall at 9:30 AM
- May 4, Wine tour\* Mall at 9:30 AM
- June 5, Quarter horse racing &  
dinner, Los Alamitos.
- June 14-19, Reno National tour.\*
- June 21, San Sylmar tour \*
- June 22, CHVA meet, Rancho Calif.\*
- Aug. 16, Overnight to Solvang,\*  
(tentative)
- July 25-26, Orange County campout.

## SNAP MEETS

- April 20 Rosebowl
- May 25 Fallbrook High School

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First of all, thanks so much to all the people who worked so hard to make our pancake breakfast a success, (which it was, we made over \$200.00). Special thanks to the Boefs for storing all the club equipment for all these years, thanks to Maynard Grunklee for taking charge of the griddles and Jim Douglass for handling the gymkhana.

Coming up soon is the So. Calif. regional "FUNDAY". It is hosted by the San Fernando Valley Club this year. There will be games for adults and children, as well as the regular gymkhana. Our event will be done by Larry Conkol (with volunteer help). Bring a picnic lunch and blanket and be sure you don't let the lack of a running Model A keep you at home.

Bring a picnic lunch and blanket for our wine tour on May 4th. We'll stop at three wineries and will eat at the Brookside winery. I hope we can get a back-up car for this one.

Sign up sheet for the San Sylmar tour will be at the next meeting, remember, we need to know the exact number and sorry, no kids under 12 are allowed. Ed Powell is going to try to bring a tape recording of the guided tour to the meeting.

Bud Lacey is the Reno tour chairman and is finalizing the plans. It is exciting to see such good participation on this coming tour.

See Joe Wavra for details of the Lake Havasu trip coming up in April.



WORKERS AT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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## PEOPLE CONTEST WINNERS

The people contest was won by Jon Heiland with Linda Williams second. It just proves that if you want to walk up and talk, you find out the darndest things.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and especially to Jon & Linda.





Model A era headgear and hair styles were as follows: For women, the cloche was the popular daytime hat and was even carried into evening wear, in a more elaborate type of fabric. There were wide-brimmed straws for the afternoon, the garden type hat being in fashion. The back of the brim was somewhat narrower and the crown was much more shallow than in the earlier part of the decade. The fabrics found in the hats were usually straw, felt, silk and lamé for evening wear.

Women's hair was close to the head, might be permanent waved, although the close corrugations were not so obvious as they had been, it was usually bobbed and shingled but might be long with a knot or bun at the nape of the neck. Hats were shallow crowned in comparison to the very early '20s but yet deep enough to cover the entire head, especially in the popular cloche style. In the larger brimmed garden type hat, the crown is not deep enough to resemble the pre-1920 appearance.

For men, caps were good with sports clothes. Derbies or Homburgs were popular day headgear, especially with business suits. Top hats of beaver or silk were for evening attire. A derby is also acceptable with a tuxedo, but not with tails. Straw hats might be flat boaters or copies of felt hats, in straw, always with a higher crown than we are now used to.

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Superman sleeps in his underwear!



Old man delivers Gazette

#### CAR BECOMES STAR

Glenn Johnson enjoyed a nice two days last month at the Disney Ranch in Newhall where the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency used Glenn's beautifully restored 1929 Ford Station Wagon (woodie is so informal, don't you think?). for a commercial series featuring the 1980 Ford station wagon.

The commercial crew shot 11 scenes in 2 days, using both a professional actor and a stunt driver. The theme of one segment of the series was the "old man" who had been delivering the "Gazette" since he was young and the Model A was new. In various other scenes featuring the 1980 models, the 1929 wagon was always somewhere in the background.

The ad, written by the Dearborn office of Thompson, will be aired in one full minute segment and two 10 second segments sometime in May.

Last year, Glenn and his family were featured in a similar commercial shooting at Marietta Hot Springs. That ad is scheduled for Time, Newsweek, Family Circle and Popular Mechanics magazines in May or June.

The Disney Ranch series was set up by Al Newman of Classic Wheels in Anaheim, who furnishes cars for T.V. and movie work.



## PEOPLE CONTEST SUBJECT REVEALED

We have a rather famous member in our local club, and that person represents the true answer to last month's PEOPLE CONTEST. Read on for a brief synopsis of that person's interesting life.

Person "X" was born at an early age, under the sign of Zilch. His birthstone was the crystal of a Captain Midnight decoder ring.

Leaving home at the age of 6 to tour South America, he sold his family collection of over 1800 player piano rolls to finance the trip. He was able to support his travels by working at odd jobs such as in a pickle factory and a cook in a Chinese restaurant, while living for a short time in Peking. Finishing high school "on the run", he was voted Valedictorian of his correspondence class, after which time he worked at raising sheep and carpenter jobs.

In 1931, with the proceeds from a winning motorcycle racing season, he purchased a new Model A, which he still owns. While travelling extensively, he kept his membership active in the Diablo A,s club and from time to time participated in National meets where he was fortunate enough to win a 3rd place, modified in 1970 and a first place in 1978. Keeping an interest in racing, he was a Grand National Super Stock winner in 1965 and during the race-opening ceremonies, served as Captain of the Calif. State Champion Color Guard.

Mr. "X", a descendent of the Czar of Russia, is married, has one son who is a former President of MAFCA.

By now, you surely can identify this famous person, and if you believe this story, I will print an even dumber one next month.

April Fool!

## ANSWERS TO PEOPLE CONTEST

Here are numbers of the facts in correct order to save space.

13,14,12,17,9,7,11,6,10,2,4,3,1,  
15,5,8,16.

## The Wit & Wisdom of



## Chief 'Yellow Snow'

### CHIEF SAY:

If it not for your feet, your socks would be up over your knees!

You can lead a horse to drink, but you can't make him water!

### TAX TIP:

A jacuzzi can be a tax deduction if ordered by your doctor. If you don't have a jacuzzi, drop two Alka Seltzer into your shorts and add a quart of water.

### DEAR CHIEF:

Can you tell me the penalty for bigamy?

Signed, Curious.

Dear Curious:

Yes, it is two mothers-in-law!

### FAMOUS QUOTES:

Henry Ford's 2nd grade teacher:

"Your signature practice is coming along fine, but you don't have to draw that oval around it."

Venus De Milo:

"Please, no more autographs."

### WEATHER FORECAST:

Light eye irritation. Those with dark eyes need not be concerned.



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST A SUCCESS

On March 23, we had a very fine pancake breakfast at Hart Park in Orange. This year the weather was good to us and the turnout was big.

Some of the stalwart members were on hand at 6:30 AM to set up the equipment. They were: Maynard Grunklee, Gunthers, Griffins, Dick Carter and Marshes. The cooking equipment was again furnished by Dale Virus.

Those seen working at the breakfast were: Jon Heiland, Sylvia Berbiar, Gunthers, Maynard Grunklee, Williams', Spielbergers, Dick Carter, Griffins, Hoke Dillon, Marshes, Jim Millett & Lisa, Dionne McNabb, Sue Nelson, Darlene Stinnett, Sharon Johnson and Dave Nelson.

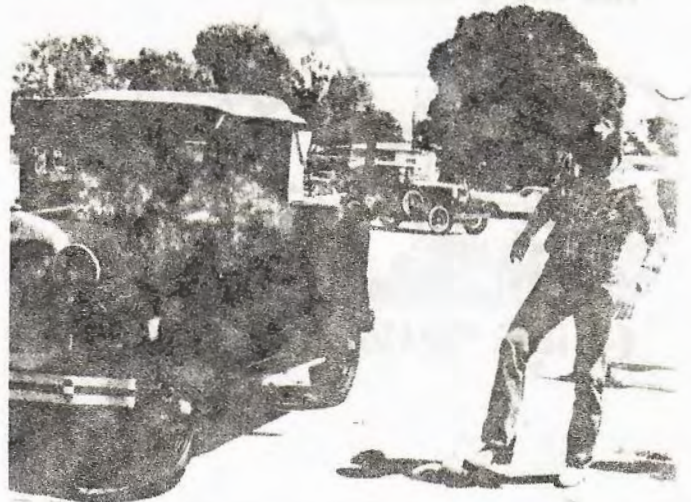
The after breakfast gymkhana, under the direction of Jim Douglass, got underway shortly after 10:00 at Portola Jr. High School. The events were as follows: HIDDEN KEY, by Bill Vaughn, winners were Phil Allen and Marlin Perry of Santa Anita A, s BUMPER MEASURE by RAK Krist, aided by Larry Conkol, J.D. Flockhart and Jon Heiland, won by Don Schade of Whittier, STAND YOUR CAN by Dick McNabb and Dave Nelson, aided by Dennis Griffin, won by Richard Riggs of Pomona and GRAB YOUR LADY AND RUN, by Tom Schenk, aided by Dick Berbiar, won by Don Schade. (I understand that someone confused parts of the "Grab Your Lady" and "Stand Your Can" events and was disqualified for ungentlemanly behavior). Editor.

Women's overall winner was Joan Krist.

Those who missed the event, missed a fine day of eating and competing. Thanks to Bev Marsh and Jim Douglass and all of the "merry little workers" for a fun day.

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The Eskimos of Northern Canada wear heavier clothing than that of the inhabitants of Mozambique, Africa. Government studies have related this to the thermal difference.



Chuck Williams, standing his can.

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## FUND RAISING IDEAS

With inflation altering the fund raising picture, it is time to examine our fund raising events. The shopping center car shows have been by far the greatest money maker for the club, however, those shows are getting a little hard to arrange.

Anyone having fund raising ideas, please write them down and submit them to a board member for board discussion and consideration.

How about this idea? Donate all unwanted Model A and other items to be sold at our Orange County "spot" at the Long Beach T Club swap meet this summer.

Bring your ideas to the next meeting.

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## THANKS FOR COOKIES

The March meeting cookies were furnished by Linda Williams, Darlene Stinnett and Diane Catterall. They were good, even the funny colored ones!

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An angry air conditioner will give you cross ventilation!



# "Formerly Owned"



## Cars & Parts

### FOR SALE

1929 fordor sedan, running. Has new wood, new top (not installed needs inter. glass, paint, minor body work. Don Marsden 213-924-2072

1953 Ford, 2 door, 6 cyl O.D. new paint, one owner, runs gd. 830-8795

### WANTED

1930-31 cowl band & frnt splash Dennis Griffin 894-7661

8 leaf rear spring, Lou Spielberger. 675-0974

RR fender 30/31 coupe/rdstr. also crank bearing, 29-31, John Marsh, 527-4402, 732-2503

1931 frnt bumper, restorable, 2 blade fan, Jim Manos 333-5093

'28-'29 standard, folding luggage rack, Bob Olson 586-5089

1930-31 tudor, unrestored, possibly accept 28-29, Dick Kelly, 761-0582

'28-'29 spec. coupe belt mldg. Bob Armstrong, 979-1731

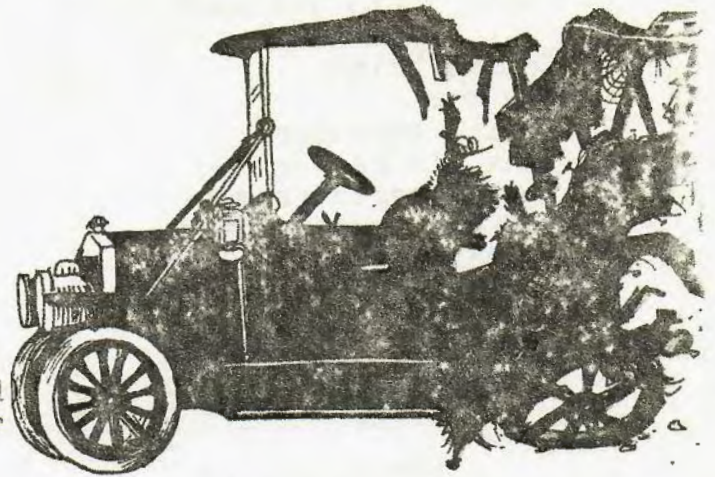
### FOR SALE

50 room house, no bathrooms. Ideal for the filthy rich!

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There is a new gamboling scheme in Las Vegas this year. A new track opened where they are using eight Greyhound buses to chase a Volkswagen Rabbit.

KNOW YOUR CLASSIFIED TERMS



"PARTIALLY RESTORED"

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### FUND RAISING EVENT

After much discussion at the recent board meeting, it was agreed that we would hold a giant garage sale. If the event is handled with enthusiasm and we get a lot of cooperation, it could result in a good profit for a one day effort.

The object, of course, is for each member to donate household items which they do not need and probably will never have the opportunity to sell anyway. Furniture, dishes, tools, clothing, etc. are good items. All goods left over will be donated to the Goodwill.

The sale will be Sat. May 17 at Chuck Williams' house in Santa Ana. Please bring all items to the April meeting, no matter what size. Glenn Johnson will have a closed trailer there to store items until the sale.

WE NEED COOPERATION FOR THIS EVENT. WE NEED COOPERATION FOR THIS EVENT. WE NEED COOPERATION FOR THIS EVENT. This is not a recording, Thank you.

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CLUB TOOLS AVAILABLE

Engine hoist  
Tow bar  
Spring spreader  
King pin reamer  
Spring perch reamer  
Engine number stamps  
Restorer issues  
Gymkhana book

Call Dennis Griffin  
894-7661

T-SHIRTS ARE IN

The club has received the official Orange County club T-Shirt in sizes small, medium, large and extra large. They are \$4.25 each. Support your club by buying a T-shirt. See Dionne McNabb at the meeting for shirts, badges, decals and back patches.

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MAFCA  
Orange County Chapter  
P.O. Box 5023  
Santa Ana, Calif.  
92704

FIRST CLASS

HEY ALL YOU BOWLERS

It's time again to think about our summer bowling league. Before I make arrangements with the bowling alley, I need to know how many people are interested. We need to have 32 participants to set up the league. Remember, you can sign up as substitutes and subs will be available to fill in for you while you are on vacation.

Please call me at home or see me at the April meeting.

Brian Huffman, 847-2285, after 6:00 P.M.

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Save a dime here and a dime there and before you know it, you've got about 20¢.

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