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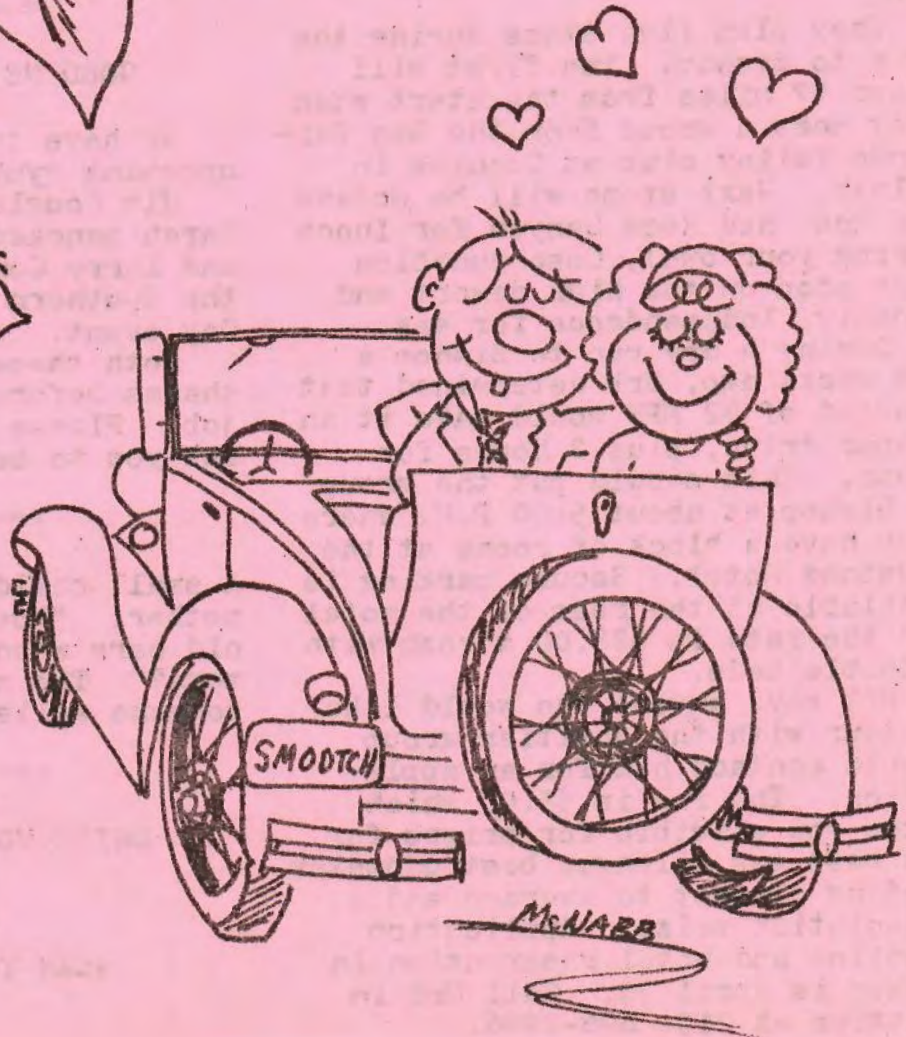
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TOURING TO RENO IN JUNE

As you all must know by now, the MAFCA 11th Annual National Meet is being held at the MGM Grand Hotel in Reno on June 15 to 19, 1980.

With a National Meet this close to home, it can be a lot of fun to tour up as a group. We have about 6 to 10 cars planning to go from Orange County so far and I predict about 10 to 12 by June.

The Whittier chapter is heading up on Saturday, June 14 with 15 Model A's under the direction of Urb Stair. He reports the following plans for the tour:

The group will leave Urbs home in Whittier at 7:00 A.M. on Sat. June 14. The tour will be led by Ernie Harker and will proceed along at a speed of 40 to 45 MPH. Urb will be at the rear of the group with a giant magnet to retrieve any parts falling off the cars.

They plan five stops during the trip to Bishop. The first will occur 47 miles from the start when they meet a group from the San Fernando Valley club at Dennies in Sylmar. Next stops will be Mojave for gas, Red Rock Canyon for lunch (bring your own), Coso Junction rest stop on the high desert and finally, Independence for gas.

During a dry run to Bishop a few weeks ago, Urb determined that a speed of 42 MPH would make it an 8 hour drive, plus 2 hours for stops. This should put the group in Bishop at about 5:00 P.M. where they have a block of rooms at the Vagabond Motel. Secure parking is available at the rear of the motel and the rate is \$28.00 a room with 2 double beds.

Urb says anyone who would like to tour with the Whittier group should contact him for an application. The fee is \$5.00 which makes you eligible for prizes for the best gas mileage, best odometer reading closest to average and a consolation prize. Application deadline and hotel reservation in Bishop is April 30. Call Urb in Whittier at 213- 696-2786.

The organized Whittier tour officially ends at Bishop after 292 miles of travel. At 9:00 A.M. on Sunday morning, all cars will resume travel in their own groups for the remaining 175 miles to Reno.

When questioned about the trip out of Bishop on the 18 mile, 7,000 foot Sherwin Grade, Urb said that any car that has been to the Rim of the World or Bakersfield will pull the hill in fine style.

Speaking for the Orange County club, we expect to have at least one back up vehicle and possibly a trailer going. We will also form our own tour from Bishop to Reno. Many of our members are going on to the Squaw Valley swap meet which follows the National. (See "FOLLOW THAT FORD", pg. 6).

Save your money, plan to make this one. The Nationals don't often occur this close to home.

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GOOD NEWS, REAL GOOD NEWS

We have two volunteers for the upcoming gymkhana events.

Jim Douglass will head up the March pancake breakfast Gymkhana and Larry Conkol will organize the Southern Calif. Regional Fun Day event.

Both these men have done gymkhanas before and will do a good job. Please support them if they ask you to help.

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A small child once asked his mother: "Mom, what happens to old cars when they don't run any more?" The mother replied: "Oh, someone sells them to Dave Nelson."

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DRIVE YOUR 'A' TO MEETINGS

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WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE: Feb. 14
 PLACE: Trident Jr. Hi-School
 TIME: 7:30 P.M.
 ACTIVITY: Shoe box swap meet

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BOARD MEETING NOTES

The Board was called to order at Chuck Williams home on Jan. 24th. Minutes and treasurers report were read and approved. Bev Marsh gave activities report. After discussion about conflict of camp-out and National meet, Steve Balmer moved to change the date of the camp-out. Second by Sharon and passed. Matt Plotkin was voted \$54.00 for poker run prizes, Bev was voted \$50.00 for pancake bkfst park deposit. Editors report and Tech report given. Dennis discussed the purchase of I beams for frame straightening. Steve Balmer gave Round-Up report, he stressed the need for filling of jobs, possible review of judging standards. Discussion of prizes for 1980 Round-Up. Dennis Griffin moved to not give away a quilt this year. Seconded by Sharon and carried. Discussion of Reg. Fun Day event. Rick Krist presented facts about Christmas party, 1980. Deposit of \$350.00 reduced to \$150.00 due to small, non-profit status of club. Board adjourned. Next meeting at Dick Berbiars, Feb. 28, 7:30.

GRAND OPENING

Rita and Larry Boef recently announced the opening of their new business, SPECIAL PIECES ANTIQUES. It is located at 921 W. Collins in Orange. See Larry at the meeting for the hours of the shop.

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"Beauty is only skin deep, but BONDO may go all the way through!"

CHUCK'S CHATTER

by Prez.
 Chuck Williams
 836-7057



Confucious says - "He who cannot skate forward should not try to skate backward." As most of you know, if I had followed Confucious' advice, I wouldn't be hobbling around with a broken leg. Believe me, working on your 'A' one legged is really challenging.

I have just received this news from the MAFCA Headquarters. The new 1980 National officers are: Bruce Davis, Pres.; Harry Coy, Vice-Pres.; Don Schade, Sec-Treas. Jim Riley, Publications and P.R. Ed Christopher, Tech. Sec.; Minnie Boehmke, Chapter Coord.; Paul Jensen, Advertising; Bob Jones, Membership; and Mel Hodde, Dir. at Large.

These people are working for us. If you have any questions or problems that require their help, write to MAFCA, 250 S. Cypress, La Habra, Ca. 90631.

Two more chapters were accepted by the National Board in December. They are: The Hangtown A's in Placerville, Ca. and the New York City Chapter, Staten Island, N.Y. Now we have two more places to be with our Model A friends. Congratulations and welcome aboard.

Now is the time for getting your Model A clean and mechanically ready for the many events coming up. Be sure to read "FOLLOW THAT FORD" on page 6 and mark your calendar so you won't miss any of the great events planned.

- Chuck -

POKER RUN
by Matt Plotkin

WHEN: Sun. Feb. 24, rain date
Mar. 2
WHERE: Meet at Mall of Orange
(See map, back page)
TIME: Meet 10:00 A.M., one car
leaves every 5½ minutes.
WHO: You and your family.

EQUIPMENT:

1. A car. Your 'A' if it is running, modern car if not.
2. Lunch money for destination pizza joint.
3. A new Model A part worth \$5.00 or \$5.00 cash for entry fee.
4. A navigator, preferably someone you ~~get~~ along with under stress.
5. A keen sense of humor. You will need it.
6. A list of swear words for the originators of this tour.

PRIZES:

1. \$25.00 CASH, for the BEST poker hand.
2. \$25.00 CASH, for the BEST time in a Model A. (Chronographically, not sensually) Ed.
3. CASH prize for the worst poker hand.
4. CASH prize for the worst time in any car.

For anyone who has not been involved in a poker run, it is basically, a road rally. At the start, you will receive directions for a non-freeway route to the ultimate destination.

Along the route you will (hopefully) see four marked locations. At each one, you will find a container with sealed envelopes inside. Each envelope contains one playing card. You pick one envelope, don't open it, and proceed on.

At the final destination (pizza joint), you receive a fifth card. Now you open your envelopes and the best poker hand wins the first cash prize, plus first pick of the entry prizes. Every entree gets a pick at the remaining prizes in

descending order of poker hands.

So, circle the date, come on out. PRIZES for everyone, good food and lots of laughs (or tears). Get on real good terms with your navigator before the run, we'll see you on the 24th.

If you have room for passengers please find someone at the Feb. meeting who would like to ride in your 'A'. It could save you from any possible abuse you might otherwise suffer from your navigator, at least until you are in the privacy of your own home.

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BACK TO OUR ROOTS

It is interesting to review our by-laws now and then. Let's remember the following excerpts from Article II, Sections I & 2.

The purposes of this club shall be:

1. To serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of Model "A" Ford cars, and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in it's original likeness. This club will exercise general supervision, direction and assistance to its members in their restoration processes.

2. To unite in a central organization all owners of Model "A" Fords who are interested in restoring and maintaining the automobile in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community and it shall further be the purpose of this club to help these owners become better acquainted, encourage and maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship, socialability and fairplay through sponsored activities including the use of the Model "A" Ford and family participation.

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ABOUT THESE PICTURES

The pictures you are seeing this month are experimental in a sense. I have come up with what looks like a very promising process, within the bounds of our mimeographing equipment and our budget.

The process is done by A.B. Dick on their electronic stencil maker. It does a nice job on original art work (line shots) and a good reproduction on black and white photos which have been screened. Quality slips a bit for unscreened pictures, color pictures and pictures with dark backgrounds. (Screening means breaking the image up into dots).

In the future, I intend to use black and white polaroid or 35mm pictures at Model A events. Anyone willing to take pictures for us will be welcomed.

This issue was done with color prints I had around. Watch for better quality next month. EDITOR.

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WHO SAYS THERE ARE NO GOOD GUYS LEFT?

A special mention goes to two very generous individuals, Harold Looney of Vintique, Inc. and Con Bliss of Vintage Auto.

Harold has, for many years, donated gift certificates and parts for our raffles, past poker runs, Round-Ups and beach parties.

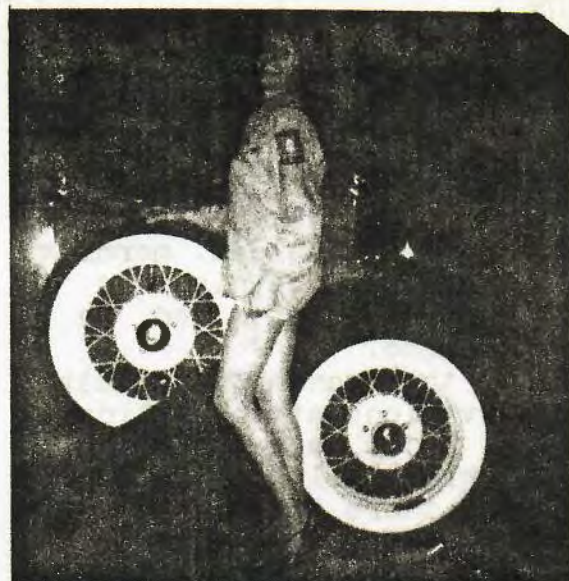
Con Bliss, the new owner of Vintage Auto in Orange, is continuing the generous donations.

Tell them "THANKS" the next time you see them.

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If at first you don't succeed, make a driver out of it!

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ADVERTISING PAYS

Do you want to be noticed at the next affair? Wear your club jacket. On that jacket, wear your club name badge. If you do not have a club jacket or badge, see Dionne McNabb at the next meeting or call 642-2137 for ordering and a free inspirational message.

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PICTURES FROM SO. CALIF. MODEL 'A' SHOW

Ron Posten, of the Diamond Tread Chapter, MAFCA, was kind enough to show us photographs taken at the 1979 Model 'A' event at Griswolds Inn in Claremont.

Ron brought a film along, but due to the first of year change of command, the projector was not obtained to show the film. With Ron's permission, we plan to show the film at the March meeting.

Those of you who saw the photo album of "era pictures" can testify to Ron's talent and professionalism. Contact him personally if you are interested in purchasing one of the pictures from his collection.

FOLLOW THAT FORD
by Bev Marsh
839-5203

Our club is planning on touring to Reno with the Whittier club. We will leave Sat. morning, June 14 and spend the night in Bishop. Sunday through Wed. we will be in Reno.

Some of the Orange County club have reservations at the Holiday Inn South. It is much cheaper if you are taking children. The toll free number there is 1-800, 238-800. The MGM Grand Hotel (convention headquarters) is 1-800, 634-6363. Be sure to mention the MAFCA convention to get special rates.

On Thursday, some people will return home while others will go on to the Squaw Valley swap meet.

We will leave Squaw Valley on Saturday, stop over midway and be home on Sunday the 22nd.

At the convention, you do not have to participate in all of the events. See the registration forms in the RESTORER to pick what you like.

Please let me know if you plan to go so that I can keep you up to date on our plans.

- - Coming events are: - -

Feb. 15 Seminar at Griffins
Feb. 24 *Poker Run, Mar. 2 rain date.
Feb. 28 Board mtg. at Berbiars
Mar. 23 Pancake Bkfst, Hart Park
Jul. 11 *O.C. Campout
June 15-19 Nat. Meet, Reno *
Sept. 5-7 Rim of World, Arrowhead*
Dec. 20 O.C. Christmas Party
(Asterisks mean mileage tour)

NON-CLUB ACTIVITIES

Feb. 17 Early Times swap, Perris
Feb. 23,24 HCCA Swap, El Cajon
Mar. 2 Street Rods Swap, Pomona
Apr. 20 Rosebowl Swap
May 18, Long Beach T Hill Climb

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TECHNICAL REPORT

by

Dennis Griffin
894-7661



The next seminar will be on Friday, Feb. 15 at my house, 5341 Anthony Ave. Garden Grove. Maps will be available at Feb. meeting.

The subject will be the Model A chassis. We will demonstrate how to take the years of sag out a Model A frame, and then cover the changes made in the chassis throughout the Model A era. Ladies are most welcome for a get together inside. See you all there.

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MODEL 'A' FASHIONS

There is a tendency among newcomers in the Model A hobby to dress in the amusing "Twenties" costume. Actually, the short, straight, fringed skirt above the knee was in vogue about 1925 and by 1928 skirts were more decorous and fell down to the top of the knee cap.

The stock market crash of 1929 caused skirts to "crash" down 2 or 3 more inches for daytime and by 1930, they were about 14 inches from the floor.

Evening dresses went full length after many years of being very short. 1928-1929 saw fancy details such as flying panels, flounces, sash ends and slanted hemlines. By the end of the Model A era, the evening gowns had to be at least ankle length to be in fashion.

(Taken from MAFCA fashion judging standards.)

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Take your era clothing to our seminars when you have questions.



WHIRLING & TWIRLING

"A vast magnitude of planetary bodies, travelling in prescribed ellipses at differential speeds. An array of celestial forms in globular clusters, single units and large maternal configurations with attending satellites; some hardly visible with the newness of their very existence, not far removed from the embryonic state, others of grossly developed proportions representing eons of past and present life energy. Bodies moving in-differently away in parallel paths, others attracted to one another by some invisible force. Now and then a sudden flash and brilliance as a "star" makes itself known to the naked eye with it's spectacular high speed pirouetting, seeming to command the attention of the slower moving planetoids and asteroids in the ever-moving circle.

A view from the starship "Enterprise" as it nears the solar parallax beyond the Milky Way? No, this was the sighting of the Orange County Model A Ford Club as it's members, young and old, showed their skills at rollerskating during our first activity for 1980 which was held at the Holiday Roller Rink in Orange.

Sorry about the introduction folks, the Editor got carried away. Coincidentally, a few of the skaters were almost carried away also.

The fun event was well attended by: the Johnsons and girls, the Wavras and grandson, the Manos and girls, the Plotkins and Marla and Sheila's sister, the Simons and girls, the Boefs and daughters, the Grunklees, the Heilands and children, the Morgans and boys, Dennis Griffin, the Williams and children, the Marshes and boys and daughter, Jim Willett and daughter, the McNabbs and Rak and Joan Krist who joined us at the pizza parlor.

And now I have some bad news and some good news. First the bad news is that Chuck Williams suffered a broken bone in his leg during some high speed pirouetting. The good news is that the "hard luck" trophy will be easy to award in February.

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CALLING ALL TOOLS

As you know, the club has equipment, tools and publications which are made available to anyone who needs them.

Over the months, some of the items have been loaned out and not returned.

If you have anything that belongs to the club, please tell Dennis Griffin so that we can account for it. This includes tools, tour items, publications, STOP WATCHES and GYMKHANA BOOK, clipboards and gymkhana equipment.

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COMPLAINTS WELCOMED

The editing of a club newspaper is an inexact science. From time to time, errors will occur. Your criticism and complaints are welcomed. Please submit all complaints to the Editor, using the space provided in the box below. Print legibly and use capital letters.



POLISH CONTEST

"FORMERLY OWNED"
CARS & PARTS

Can you identify the owner of
this car?



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THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

The 1979 Board voted to pay the National dues for members who displayed cars in our car shows during 1979. They are:

Vaughn, Grunklee, Rak, Stinnett, Matthey, D. Johnson, Lacey, Shenk, Sterten, Williams, Conkol, Boef, Gunther, Nord, Wavra, Balmer, Hurst, Douglass, Bowers, Schenk, Sterling, Britton, R. Griffin, Hester, Craig, Lindman, Simons, G. Johnson, Vidal, Plotkin, Carter, Stockard, Ames, Adelman, Sowersby, Scherer, Marsh, Mariola.

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"Fashions that are now called new, have been worn by more than you; Other times have worn the same, 'tho the new ones get the name."

Margaret Story, 1930

Poem submitted by Lorna Grunklee.

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FOR SALE:

1931 Rdst P.U. Pinto eng.
Hy bks. \$9500 Pete Barrett
548-6646, 642-5200

1940 Ford cnvt. restored,
\$12,800 557-5216

1956 Ford 1/2 ton P.U. V-8, OD,
excel cond. 2nd owner \$3,000.00
Jim Marsh 744-7568

Matching 1931 license plates,
Don Gibas 962-9695

1976 Ford van, loaded 1976
Ford P.U. 10 mi, full pwr.
1965 T-Bird, restored.
Larry Boef 838-5151

WANTED:

Wind wings, screw in type for
'30 town sedan. Joe Eatherton
556-7362

Left rear 30 coupe fender,
Bob Baxter 532-2748

Front spring, 30 sedan, Joe
Lane 536-4961

WANTED OR TRADE:

Have 28-29 front fenders, need
30-31 front fenders. Fred
Sutherland, 673-9226 after 6.

FOR SALE:

1950 Ford 4 dr. 28,000 orig
mi. one owner, all records,
\$1700.00 Connie Olsen 996-9495

WANTED:

Rear seats, any year, any body
style, for transporting people
who do not have running Model
A,s on the coming Feb. 24th
Poker Run. If you have extra
room, find someone to ride
along with you at the Feb.
meeting. This is a good way
to get acquainted.

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PEOPLE CONTEST ENDS

Well folks, the first contest is over, and EVERYONE was a big winner! At least anyone who talked to anyone about anyone, or asked questions about the many and weird facts presented.

It was fun to listen to people getting involved in finding out all about fellow members. There was definitely dialog between new and old members. The winners of the general meeting raffle tickets are: 1st, Sharon Johnson; 2nd Jon Heiland and 3rd Linda Williams.

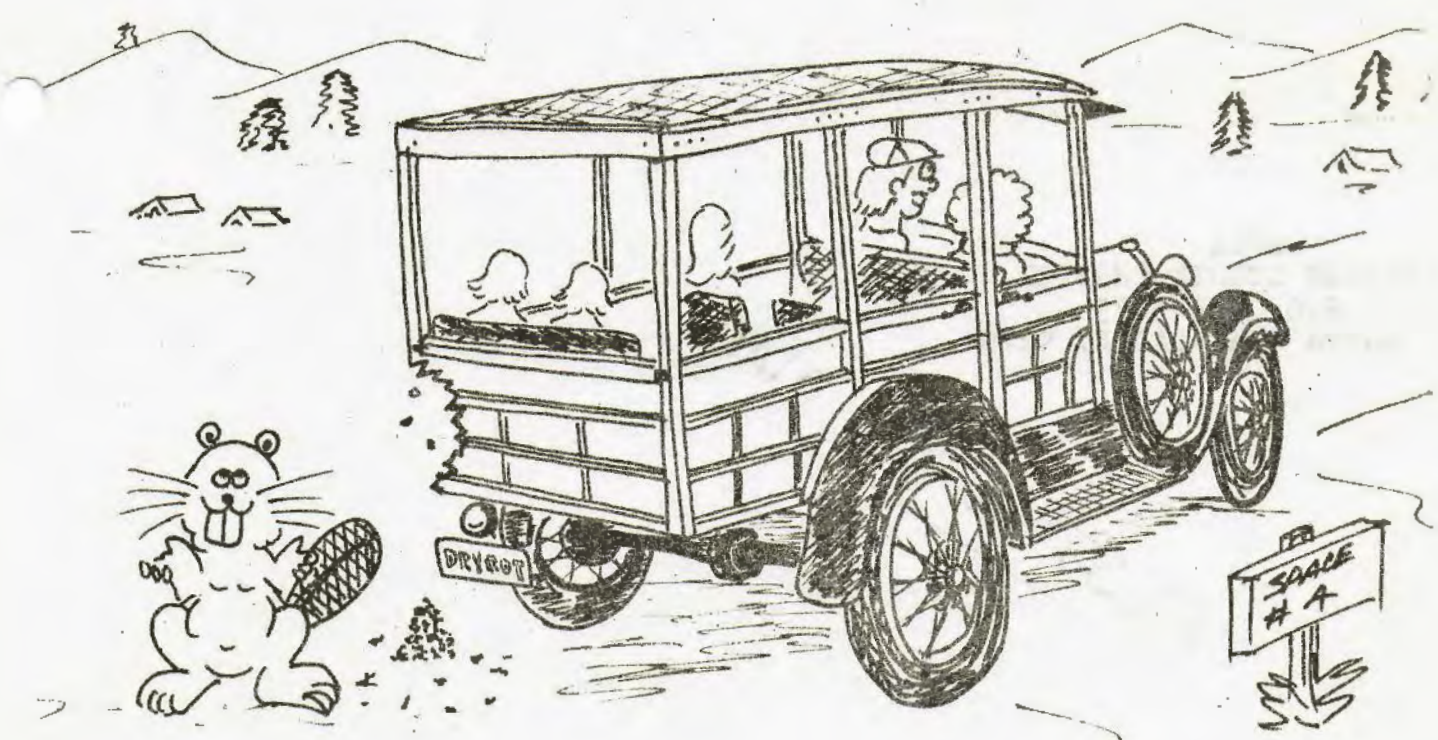
Here are the names with the correct, amazing facts. Don't stop talking now, look at all of the interesting characters we have in the club.

28 sailing trophies. L. Spielberger Born in Panama Lori Simons Working Engineer...Mary Stockard Owns over 30 cars. Roger Sowersby Caught 10 yellowtail.Ruth Deckert Blue 57 T-Bird..Darlene Matthey Taught auto mech....Earl Baker Born in Minn. ...Lonnie Olson Former CHP.....Oney De Gray '68 Lincoln Cont. .Larry Conkol Antique purses..Dorothy De Gray Visit Europe 76 times.Tom Matthey Pilot WWII.....Clark Beaumont Flight Engineer..Bill Vaughn 2 yrs. med. school.Lynne Beaumont

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THANKS FOR COOKIES

January meeting cookies were furnished by Sharon Johnson and Cheryl Conkol. We thank you!!!



DICK McJARS
2-80

YOU WERE RIGHT SHARON, THIS IS GOING TO BE A REAL FUN CAMPOUT !

MAP FOR START OF
FEB. 24TH PEEK RUN



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