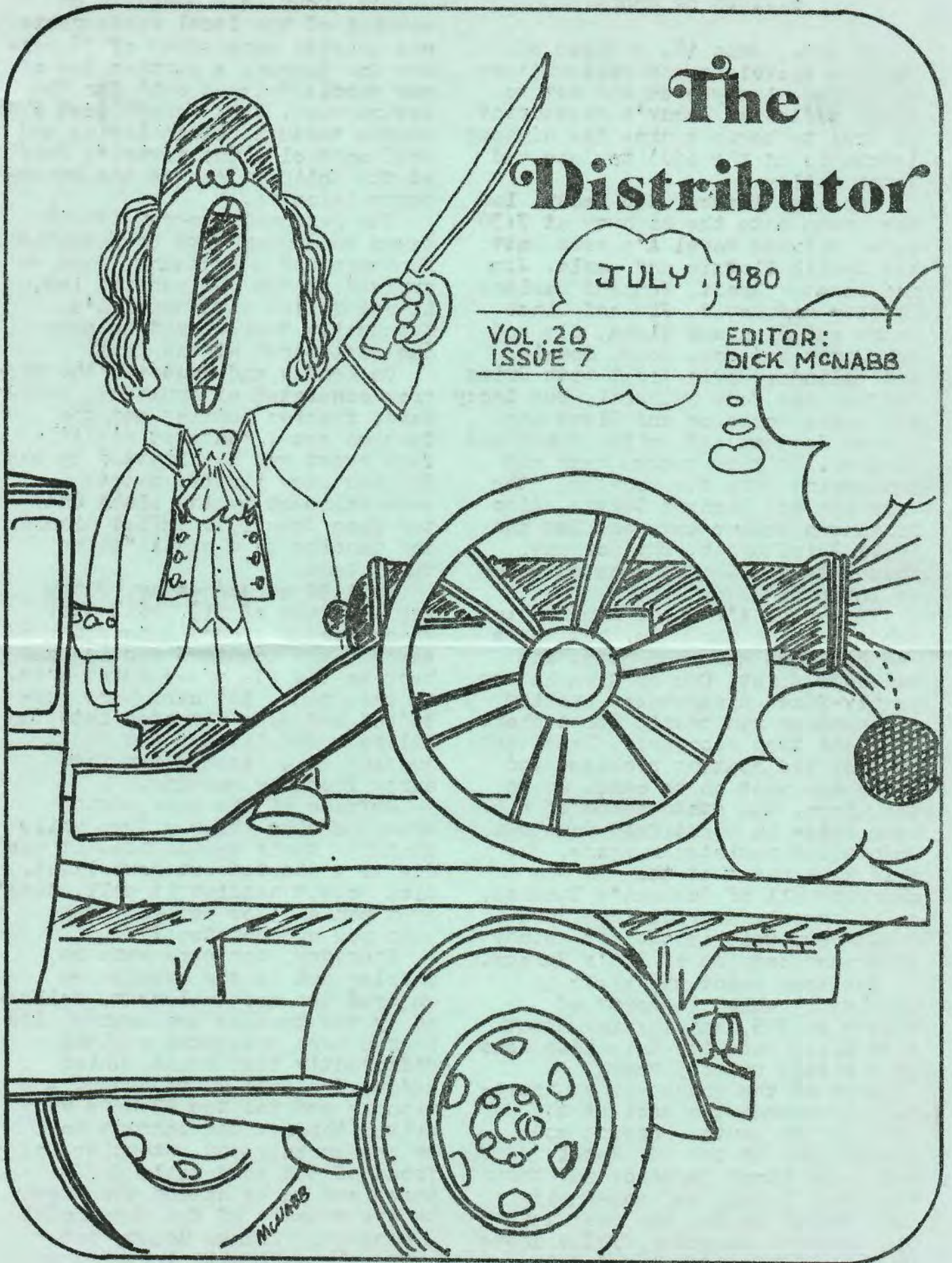


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CARAVAN OF FOOLS

On Sat., June 14, a group of Model A travelers and well-wishers showed up glassy-eyed and not so bushy tailed at Denny's restaurant in Brea to begin a nine day odyssey (emphasis on the odd) to Reno and Squaw Valley.

Our tour leader, Bud Lacey, led the group onto the highway at 7:30 A.M. Driving model A's were Matt and Sheila Plotkin and Marla, Jim and Dorothy Bradt, Tom and Darlene Matthey and David, Jim and Diane Manos and Gina and Elena, Jim and Bev Marsh and Tom, Doug, Donale and Melinda, Kevin Vidal with Brian Kuffman and Tony Guinerri, Bud Lacey and Duane Robinson and Glenn and Sharon Johnson and Holly, Heidi and Heather. Driving backup vans and trailering were the McNabbs, the Griffins and Richard Carter. Also driving a backup car were Lou and Pearl Spielberger. The Morgans, Beaumonts and Dennis Johnson met us later at Reno.

The model A's did a remarkable job of making the trip, but there was bad news and good news. The bad news first. One of them had an easily-fixed distributor problem and another ran poorly for a short time and then recovered. Both backup vans had heating problems and while one went on to catch up to the group, the other suffered a 6 hour delay in beautiful, downtown Mojave for radiator repairs. The good news was that the van was carrying all of Johnson's lunches, so we eagerly scarfed them down during our wait in the hot, windy afternoon outside of Bud's Garage.

The tour spent the night in LeeVining, which is north of Bishop on 395, and leaving about 7:30 A.M., made the trip into Reno in a little under 5 hours.

Most of the group set up house-keeping around the pool at the Holiday Inn South, Morgans and Bradts were at the MGM Hotel. Kathy and Lloyd Marcacci and their daughter, Lennie and son-in-law, Bud, joined us for the week and the McNabb's daughter, Julie drove down from Chico for two days.

The group made assaults on several of the local restaurants, one session consisting of 38 persons for dinner. A certain few of our people "pigged out" for the entire week, Dick McNabb lost 2 pounds through "clean living and self control". The favorite food at the Holiday Inn was the strawberry daiquiri.

The National program itself began on Sunday with registration, seminars and a gymkhana. When we arrived at the MGM parking lot, it was filled with model A's. Eventually there would be over 600 registered at the meet.

On Monday and Tuesday, the program consisted of gymkhana, seminars, fashion judging and the fashion show, "Cabaret Night". This event was highlighted by the Fashion show itself, awards, entertainment by the Aloha Chapter from Hawaii, a buffet dinner and dancing to a small "swing type" band.

At 1:30 on Wednesday, there was a parade of 515 Model A's, which looped around Reno and through the downtown section and back to the MGM pre-judging area. At this time, 101 cars were pre-judged and were directed into the ballroom for display and final judging which lasted far into early Thursday morning.

Outside of the pre-judging area, McNabbs blew a fuse while checking their headlights. It was due to a shorted out cowl light. Dick McNabb handled it well, didn't even panic. (How can you panic when you are comatose?).

Thursday, the cars were on display and in the evening we enjoyed the cocktail hour, followed by the banquet and awards. The awards were presented a little differently than usual. Chief judge, Tom Moxley, presented the winners and the top 23 cars were driven through the banquet hall by pre-arrangement, stopping in front of the head table for pictures and to be handed the trophy by the winners of the Miss Model A contest. Orange County did extremely well with trophies in
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JULY MEETING

THE PREZ SAYS

by
Tom Schenk
637-9599

DATE: Thur. July 11
 PLACE: Hart Park, on Glassell at
 the Garden Grove Freeway.
 TIME: 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:30 mtg.

The July meeting will be a Pot Luck dinner meeting. Those with last names beginning with A-K, bring a main dish for eight plus a salad or vegies, 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.

Thank you and please... in taking over this office once again, I want to remind you that we have two car shows coming up. Our first is the biggest of the year. We need 30 cars at the Huntington Mall (corner of Beach & San Diego Freeway). We'll take our cars in at 6:00 P.M., July 9 and pick them up at 5:00 P.M. on July 13. Many of the people who are showing cars will meet Sat. night at the Old World restaurant and beer hall behind the Huntington Center, and again on the 13th, prior to picking up the cars.

Thank you for helping us out at these car shows. It is really not a very difficult way for our club to raise funds if all of us cooperate by showing their cars and help to set up stanchions and take turns watching the cars during the shows. We also appreciate the people who take drivers home and pick them up at the end so we can all leave at once.

So...please help out your club and take an active part in car shows. We have one more big one coming next month. Please help us. Thank you!!!

GET WELL SOON

Ray Griffin recently suffered a broken hip in a fall at the Colorado River. We hope you will be feeling better soon, Ray.

GOODBYE TO CHUCK & LINDA

On June 28, the Williams' were wished a farewell by a group of members during a pot-luck dinner at the rec room of the Balmer's, in Santa Ana. The food was terrific, the same people who always "pig out" did so, (you know who you are!).

Chuck and Linda received gifts and a money tree to be used for model A parts. Some of those present chose to swim in the pool after dinner. One person swam without choosing to do so.

Saying "goodbye" to Chuck and Linda were: Johnsons, Lanes, Conrad Sterten, Kristis, Flotkins, Simmonses, Berbiars, Balmer's, Marshes, Griffins, Bradts, Schenke, Conkols, Willetts and Spielbergers, and McNabbs.

NEW ADDRESS FOR WILLIAMS'

Chuck & Linda Williams
 3040 Havenhurst
 Flacerville, Ca. 95667

Most successful dermatologists started from scratch.

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the following categories:

Fashion Show: Bev Marsh, 2nd place, women's daytime wear, the Johnson family, 2nd place, family, Andy Saez, 1st place, men's daytime wear and Lu Saez, 1st place, women's reproduction clothing.

Holly and Heidi Johnson won 2nd place in their division of the children's bowling competition.

Heather Johnson won 4th place in the Miss Teenage Model A contest.

Andy Saez won the Jack Payton Participation award.

In the car judging category, Andy Saez won an honorable mention in the tour class, Glenn Johnson won an honorable mention in the tour class, Matt Plotkin won honorable mention in tour class, Lloyd Marcacci won third place in tour class and Dick McNabb won first place in Modified class.

While the dinner and awards were going on, the kids were having a dance in another room at the MGM Hotel.

After leaving the MGM and taking home the "gold" to our Holiday Inn rooms, we met in the bar where the first place winner had to buy drinks.

Our tour left for Squaw Valley on Friday morning, a distance of about 43 miles. We checked into some rather "funky" rooms, and then took in the 2nd annual Squaw Valley swap meet. Griffin, Morgan, Lacey, Robinson and Manos had been there early the morning before and bought all the good stuff.

The Squaw Valley Concourse was held on Saturday. It hosted about

75 cars of all kinds. Showing from our club were Lloyd Marcacci and Dick McNabb. Lloyd won a 3rd place in the Model A class and Dick McNabb won a first.

The tour left Squaw Valley on Saturday and stopped overnight in Bishop. The final leg of the trip went well, however there were some slight heating problems and apparently some bad gas which gave the back-up vehicles plenty of start and stop practice.

Many thanks to Lou and Pearl Spielberger who followed throughout the entire tour with the tow bar and Richard Carter who carried the club tools in his van.

Glenn Johnson and Tom Matthey enjoyed the tour so much that they have babbling ever since about getting ready for the drive to Minnesota for the next National Meet.

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RAK Krist was almost kidnapped recently on his vacation to Michigan. While he was walking down the main street, he heard one girl say to another, "get him!".

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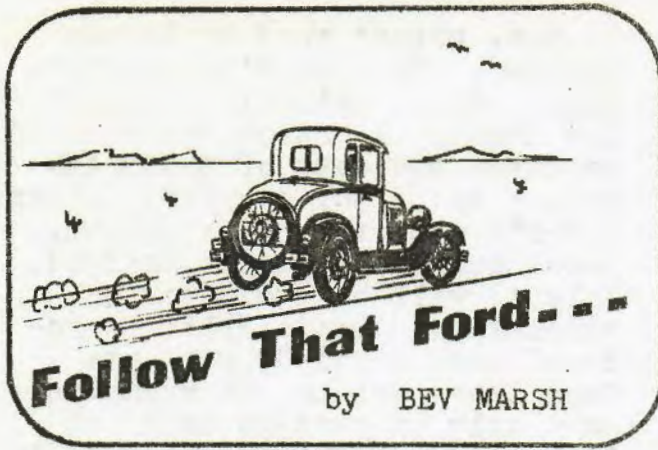
If the automobile had not been invented, we would be wasting a lot of money on highway improvement!

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DRIVE YOUR MODEL

'A' TO MEETINGS..

Special Thanks



I want to say "thanks so much" to all the neat people who helped Jim with our kids on the Reno tour. (From what I heard, he had his hands full just keeping "Harriett" our Model A, up with the other A's.) I was called back home because of a family emergency, and believe me, it's really nice to know that so many people in the club are always willing to give a helping hand.

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DENNIS DOES IT AGAIN

The seminar for June was once again at Dennis Griffin's house, the subject was "assembling the Model A rear end". A successful seminar depends upon good preparation and able help, and Dennis and Bud Lacey provided both.

Each piece was discussed as it was fitted together, first for tolerance and then again for final assembly.

The entire operation is much more than a person can assimilate in one session of "looking on", but the methods and precautions were well taken by the group which included: Robinson, Lanes, Bower, Carbaugh, Morgans, Plotkins, Raskin, McClellan, Simmonses, Manoses, Spielbergers, Laceys, Bradt, McNabbs, Griffins, Boef, Johnsons, Mattheys, Stinnett, Kristis, Schenks, and Nelsons.

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NEW YORK, HERE I COME

Marla Plotkin is collecting smashed aluminum cans for raising cash for the Huntington Beach High School's band trip to New York. The band has been awarded a special invitation to play in the Thanksgiving Day Macey's parade.

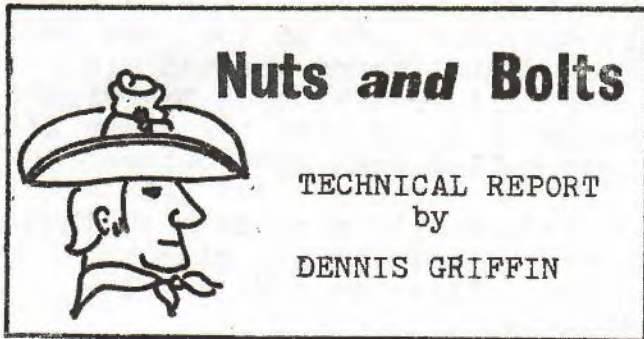
If you would like to help Marla out, please bring your aluminum cans to the next meeting.

- July 9-13 Huntington Center Car Show, 30 cars needed.
- July 11-13 Ely, Nev. swap & show.
- July 14 Baseball night, Anaheim
- July 20, Swap meet, L.A. Fairgrounds, Pomona
- July 25-27 Campout, Oakglen
- Aug. 2 or 9 Car show, Bristol Town and Country, 25 cars needed.
- Aug. 9 Hayride
- Aug. 16-17 T Club swap, Long Beach
- Aug. 24 Beach Party
- Sept 6,7 Rim of World, Apple Valley
- Sept 12-14 Car show, Griswolds
- Sept 20 Progressive dinner

I can give you your baseball night tickets at the next meeting or mail them to you. Let me know. 57 of us are going and maybe we can change the Angel's luck as they face Oakland. Meet at Gate 3 on State College.

Be sure to get maps & info from me about the Campout. If you have not reserved a place already, you can contact Oakalen Resort personally for a space. We have 2 wagons reserved for an evening hayride so there should be plenty of room for family and friends. Any volunteers to lead songs during the ride?

Plans for the progressive dinner are going well. We will start with hors d'oeuvres at Matthey's in Anaheim, salad at Wavra's in Costa Mesa, main course at Olson's in Mission Viejo and dessert at Willetts in El Toro.



The next seminar will be on upholstery. It will be at my house and will be conducted by Joe Morgan. The date is July 13, at 7:30. Ladies, please come and join us.

Any suggestions for seminars that will be of general interest to club members are appreciated.

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A HALF YEAR DOWN THE ROAD

Well, here we are in the month of July already. Looking back, we can see the beginning of an outstanding year. Our activities have been terrific. We started with a roller skating party, poker run, pancake breakfast and gymkhana, a tour to the Tar Pits and museum, a wine tour, San Sylmar, Rancho Calif. and the Regional Fun Day at Whittier Narrows.

The recent tour to Reno was the highlight of the year for many.

The seminars have been great. Dennis Griffin has put a lot of work and thought into them. We had a super garage tour, a chassis seminar, a workshop on shocks, a rear end seminar and the safety check for the Reno tour.

The club has travelled over 2400 miles with a total of over 280 participants. Attendance and cooperation has never been better and congratulations go to you ACTIVE MEMBERS, as well as to our activities director, Bev Marsh.

Sec. report read by Sharon Johnson. Treasurer's report by Larry Boef. Activities report by Bev Marsh. A motion was made to increase the cost of the prog. dinner to \$3.50, carried. Distributor's report by Dick McNabb, Tech. report by Dennis Griffin, July 18 will be a seminar on upholstery. Linda Williams relayed some Round-Up comments from Steve Balmer, Steve needs some help in certain areas at this time. A motion was made to award a club mileage patch to members Andy & Lu Saez (San Raphael) for the Reno tour. A decision was made to cancel plan for a club space at the Aug. T Club swap in Long Beach. Dick McNabb asked the Board to clarify a question brought up during recent sales of name badges. According to Article III, Sec. 3, para. a of the club by-laws, the name badge is not listed among active member entitlements. The discussion was tabled at this time, and name badges will be continued to be sold until such time that an official change be included to Article III of the by-laws.

A discussion was held regarding the recent audit.

It was decided that Glenn Johnson will chair a committee to update and revise the by-laws as needed. Chuck Williams spoke briefly about coming car shows. Tom Schenk reviewed changes of officers and terms thereof.

Meeting was adjourned, next meeting July 31 at Marshes.

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Thanks to the June cookie persons, Pat Douglass and Darlene Matthey.

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Sue Nelson says that a good way to keep your dog active and alert is to step on his tail regularly!



WHAT A WEEKEND, by Tom Schenk..

from the Dec., 1961 Restorer

Children's clothing in 1931 was made mostly of jersey, wool, crepe and gingham.

An older girl's outfit might consist of a one-piece wool crepe dress, with long sleeves, cape shoulders, and a belted coat effect in front. With it she might wear a wool tweed coat with a full shawl raccoon collar. The big news in women's and older teen's coats that year was the cuff interest. They were large and buttoned or covered with fur.

A younger girl might wear a one-piece suspender dress with a jersey yoke and upper sleeve.

Boys were wearing an all wool ensemble with short trousers and flap pockets. The all wool coat had broad lines, large, roomy pockets and raglan sleeves.

Popular songs of the day were: Choo-Choo by Paul Whiteman's orchestra, Dancing in the Dark, by Jaques Renard's orchestra, Falling in Love, by Waring's Pennsylvanians, and I Found A Million Dollar Baby and I'm Through With Love, sung by Bing Crosby.

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THANKS GUYS!

Tour leaders Larry and Cheryl Conkol would like to thank the Wavras, Balmers and Sterlings for their support in the recent club tour to the CHVA meet at Rancho Calif.

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Touring is fun, let's do it!

We started out at the Orange Hall on Sat. June 21. Except for a slight problem getting to Jerry's Bar-B-Q, all reached Merle Norman's "Tower of Beauty" at San Sylmar without difficulty. Jerry Sterling made a fine tour leader.

If you remembered to read the last Distributor's directions which mentioned clothing at San Sylmar, and if you can remember back to our last tour there as well as certain roller skating parties, you can guess what happened to old "blue jeans, Orange County" once again!!! But most of our members were allowed in for the tour which displays automobiles, (you can't call 'em cars) in a very elegant setting.

Joe Wavra took us to Philippes Restaurant across from the Union Station in L.A., where we ordered, among other things, lamb dip sandwiches and coffee for only 10¢. We enjoyed the somewhat less elegant setting than San Sylmar, especially the sawdust on the floor and writing on the walls.

On Sunday, the next day, we journeyed to the CHVA car show in Rancho Calif. The CHVA didn't advertise this year's show because of construction at the site, but over 615 cars showed up anyway.

The Corvair Club of So. Calif. won the Club Participation trophy and best of show went to a 1929 La Salle.

The weather was excellent and we look forward to Rancho Calif. again next year, especially if the blue bikini (and the girl in it) return!!! It really was too bad that she belonged to a '33 Chevy, but ...What a weekend!!!

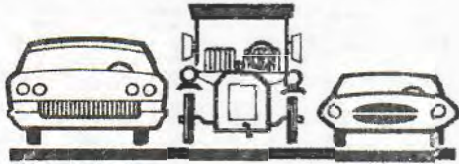
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Dick McNabb wanted to quit showing his Phaeton, but he still has one can of wax left!!!

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Wear your name badge to the park for the next meeting.

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WANTED

Orig. bumper clamp covers, must be workable. Dick McFabb 642-2137

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FIRST CLASS

Reprint from Wisconsin Chapter Newsletter:

Hydraulic Fluids for Houdaille Shock absorbers: Contrary to the belief of many Model A owners, the glycerine and alcohol which was recommended during the Model A production era is the least desirable substance for filling the shock. The glycerine base fluids oxidize rapidly and give no corrosion protection.

By today's standards, the best shock absorber fluid for Houdaille shocks, recommended by hydraulic oil experts, is SAE 90 transmission and axle lubricant. The oil base fluid has a SAE 50 viscosity and can withstand extreme pressure, does not oxidize, and it contains anti-scuff and anti-corrosion additives.

Another recommendation is SAE 50 engine oil. This oil has similar qualities and better cold test characteristics, but is not as readily available.