

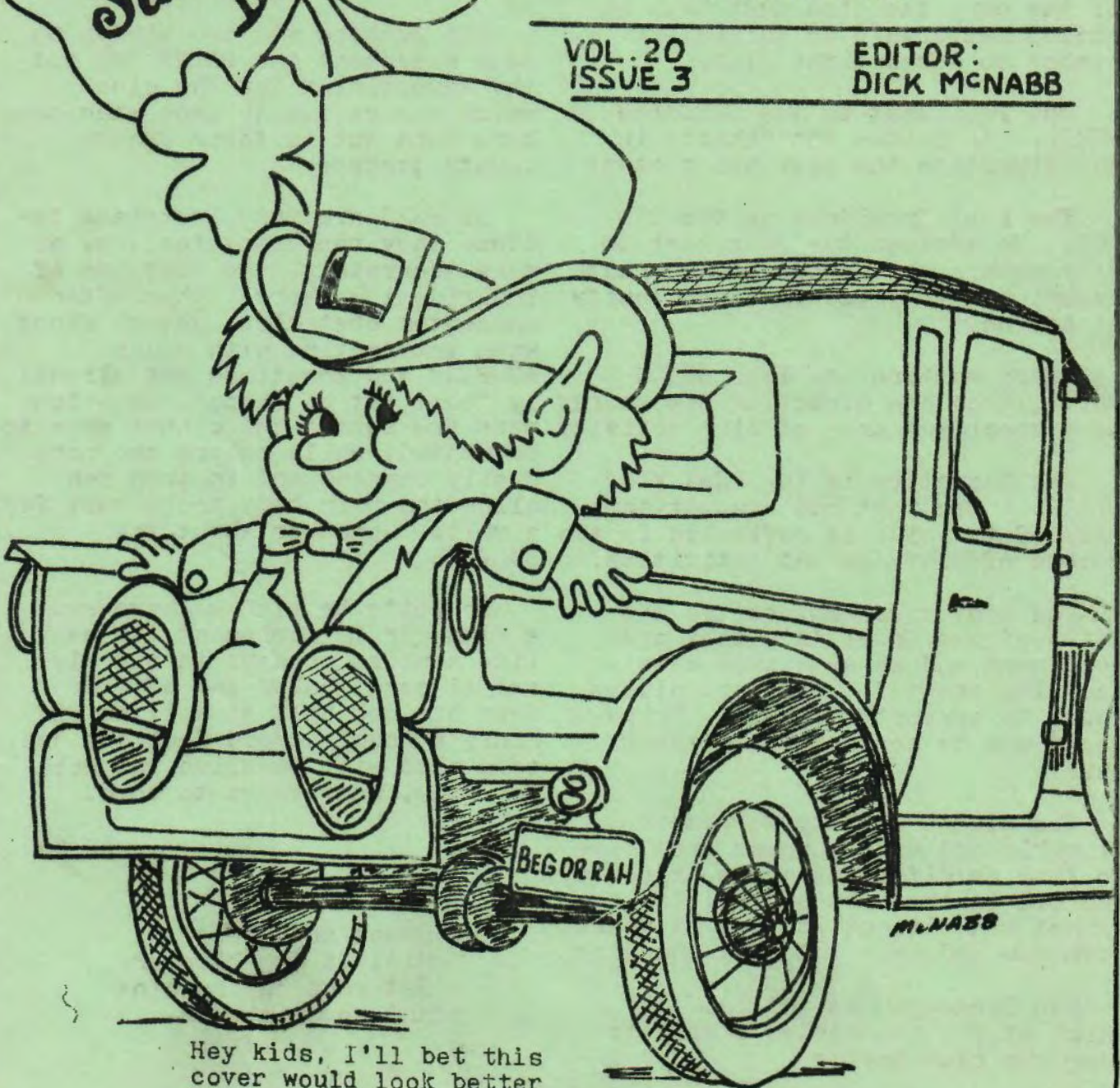
Happy
Saint Patrick's
Day

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Hey kids, I'll bet this
cover would look better
if you colored it in!!!
Remember, Saint Patrick's
Day colors are green.

CARS & CLUBS

The Model 'A' is not so different from the club members who promote the car. Just as an automobile is made up of integral parts, functioning toward a main goal, a club is made up of many members, who, when working in unison will steer the club to its ultimate goal.

While Model 'A' WHEELS must have many spokes to support the weight of the car, the club must have an active membership in sufficient number to support the club.

The President is the STEERING WHEEL. He guides the vehicle in the direction the club has chosen.

The Past-President is the TIE ROD. He advises the President to stay within the bounds of his past experience to preserve a continuity of action.

Board members are like SPARK PLUGS, each one directing his energy to a specified area of club activity.

The Secretary is the REAR VIEW MIRROR. The past and present activity of the club is reflected in the record of meetings and activities.

The long-time members are the SEATS of the Model 'A'. They are well worn and we sometimes take them for granted. They are always there to support the club. Trips would not be comfortable without them.

The club's ability to remain flexible and make changes from time to time as different needs arise is the OIL in the cars engine. The car cannot run without it, but it wears down now and then and need changing.

The Treasurer is the BATTERY which stores the needed energy to keep the club moving.

Some cars pull TRAILERS. A trailing member is one who is willing to hang back and be dragged along in whichever direction the club decides to go. Trailers are not always bad.

In many cases, a trailer can be called upon to carry part of the load. He just needs to be asked.

The Editor is the HORN. He makes a lot of noise, some necessary and some not, but he "heralds" the many activities of the club among the active and inactive membership and friends of the club.

The members who are always on tour represent the PAINT JOB and the advertising for the club which the community sees when members turn out in their Orange County jackets.

BUMPERS are very important because they represent feelers, or more accurately, the feelings of individual members. They often encounter obstacles, absorb shock when interacting with other BUMPERS and sometimes get slightly "bent out of shape". Some bumpers are strong and cannot seem to be dented, while others are more easily damaged and in turn can allow the main body to be hurt for a while. Remember about the BUMPERS.

So let's be glad we have such a fine car to represent the many fine members we have in our club, and if each member and officer does his job half as well as old Henry's Model A Ford does its job, this club will be alive and well for many, many years to come.

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Roses are red,
Violets are blue-er;
Get your 'A' running
and go on a tour.

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Drive your 'A' to meetings and be eligible for the Model A driver's raffle prize.

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MARCH MEETING

DATE: Thur. Mar. 13
PLACE: Trident Jr. High
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
ACTIVITY: Movies & slides (yours).

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BOARD MEETING NOTES

Board met at Berbiar's house. Prev. meeting minutes read, treas. report read. Activities report: Bev discussed campgrounds, moved to choose Oakglen Grounds near Yucaipa for 1980 campout. Due to closeness of Nat. Meet, campout date of July 25-26 suggested, passed. \$260.00 and \$50.00 voted for bkfst. and gymkhana. Bev discussed upcoming events. Board voted to give Dale Virus free membership for his help in getting bkfst. equipment each year. Reno planning meeting slated for Mar. 21. Distributors report given, \$50.00 advance given for stamps. Discussion of mall shows and other fund raising activities. Motion made to have dime a dip dinner, no second. Tech report by Dennis Griffin. Short film next meeting, suggested everyone bring 5 favorite slides also. Garage tour discussed. Round-up report by Steve Balmer. Discussion to raise regis. fee to \$15.00, no decision. Round-up prizes to be antique floor model radio and floor jack. Steve voted \$150.00 for deposits. No old business. Matt discussed policy for sending of cards to ill members. Decision to send to immed. family, i.e. spouse, children. Poker run discussed, decision to award dual first prizes due to an omission in rules. Next meeting at Johnson's house.

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Early to bed,
and late to rise
and your Model 'A' will never
win a prize.

DRIVE YOUR 'A' TO MEETINGS

CHUCK'S CHATTER

by

CHUCK WILLIAMS
Prez.

836-7057



I don't want to complain about January & February, but for this I said "Happy New Year?" I was thinking everything looked good for 1980 until I broke my leg at the January skating party, then my exhaust pipe fell off on the way to the February poker run. Such is life.

We had a great turnout for the poker run, it was a beautiful day for driving our 'A's and fellowshipping with our friends. Thanks again to Matt Plotkin and family for putting on the event.

Also, thanks to Joe Wavra and Steve Balmer for displaying their 'A's with me at the Orange Antique Faire. Even the rain didn't stop them.

I'd like to encourage all members to attend the National Meet in Reno. Let's face it, prices aren't going to get any lower and who knows when another National will be held so close to home. Reno is a very beautiful setting for the meet and the trip and view of beautiful countryside will be worthwhile, not to mention all of the Model 'A's we'll see. Check your RESTORER for meet details.

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DON'T FORGET....
The Straw Hat
Pizza Parlor
after the
general meeting.





Nuts and Bolts

TECHNICAL REPORT
by
DENNIS GRIFFIN

The next seminar will be a garage tour on Sat. Mar. 15th. We will start from the Orange Mall at 9:00 A.M. Sat. First stop will be at Joe Wavras in Costa Mesa and then on to Joe Clary's. Next, Tom Schenks and then on to Glenn Johnson's shop (not garage) for the last stop. We will get a look at several members cars at various stages of restoration as well as a short seminar at each stop.

I would like to say that participation has been really great and I am looking forward to another fine turnout. Ladies are welcome.

The activity for the March meeting will be a film of the 1979 So. Cal. Car Show at Griswolds. In addition, each member is urged to bring his favorite 5 slides on any subject (use discretion). We will coordinate them on a projector and show them with brief explanations.

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THE COOKIE MONSTER SALUTES....

Thanks to the following people for providing cookies for the Feb. meeting:

Rickie Lane, Valerie Simmons, Debi Baker, Myrna Morgan and Wendy Lindman.

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There once was a man from Seaside
Who kept his Model A outside;
Said he to his spouse,
If we moved out of the house,
We could keep the little jewel
inside.

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POKER RUN 1980

Our club's second event of the year will be remembered as one of our most fun activities. You could not have asked for better weather. The course was laid out by Matt Plotkin, who was ably assisted by sons Mark and Alan and daughter Marla. Sheila helped a little too! A special thanks from both Matt and the club to his family. They did a good job of welcoming people and tallying scores.

The tour started in Orange, continued along a course that back-tracked through traffic circles and countryside from Lemon Heights to Irvine, Newport Beach and finally up the coast to the tricky 5th stop just up the road from the Straw Hat Pizza Parlor at Beach and Garfield in Huntington Beach. The following members and friends made the run:

Steve Balmer, Bradts, Boefs, Bakers, Berbiars, Bloinks, Richard Carter, Catteralls, Conkols, DeGrays, Gibas, Griffins, Heilands, Herb Hester, Brian Huffman, Kristis, G. Johnsons, Laceys, Magenheimers, Mari@las, Marshes, Doug & Tom Marsh, McNabbs, Plotkins, D. Powells, Dody Iverson, Stinnetts, Stockards, Duane Robinson, Schenks, Jack Shenk, Vaughns, Kevin Vidal, J.D. Flockhart and Williams.

Best poker hand went to Richard Carter who drove his "new" 1941 Ford pick-up. Worst poker hand went to Bud and Judy Lacey. Best time went to both Rak Krist and Dave & Diane Catterall in a dual-award decided upon by the Board. Worst time went to Bill & Penny Vaughn in their 1931 Victoria.

The run was an excellent chance to shake the winter rust off of the cars, get out in the fresh air and get to know each other at the Pizza Parlor where we were able to sit outside and "keep an eye out" for people who might dare to touch the cars.

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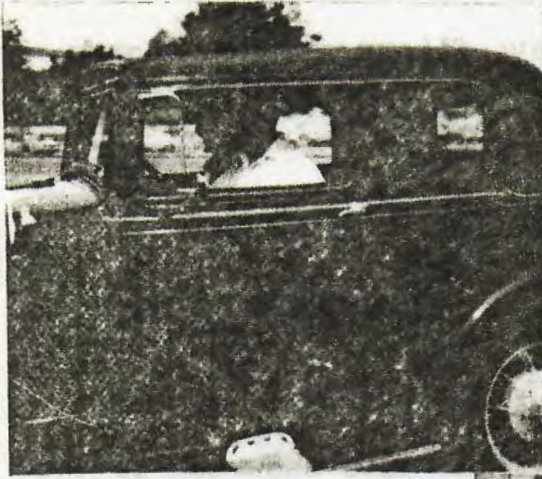
ORANGE COUNTY
POKER RUN
1980



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TALK



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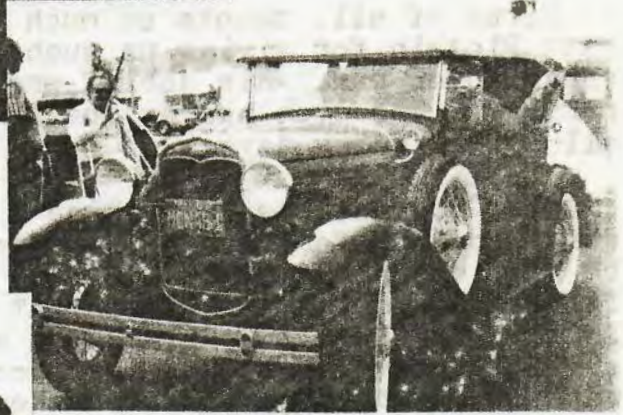


DE GRAYS ARRIVING



TWO
EASILY
AMUSED

SERIOUS
COMPETITORS



MCNABBS/GRIFFINS LEAVING

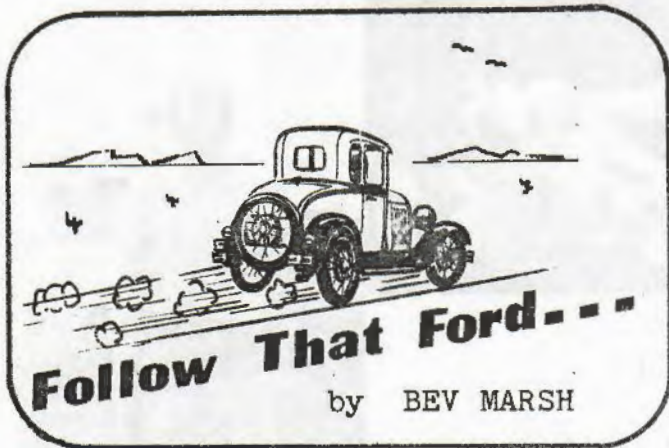


GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS
WORST TIME AWARD

WAITING



IT WAS A GOOD GROUP



- Mar. 15 Garage tour seminar
- Mar. 16 Page Museum/LaBrea Tar Pits
- Mar. 21 Reno tour meeting/Williams
- Mar. 23 Pancake bkfst/gymkhana
bkfst at Hart Park, Orange
- Mar. 27 Board mtg at Johnsons.
- Apr. 11 Lake Havasu tour, 11-13.
- June 21 San Sylmar tour
- July 25,26 Campout at Oakglen near
Yucaipa.

First of all, thanks so much to Matt Plotkin for giving us such a great poker run. His job of preparing it was even harder due to all of the rainy days.

Jim Douglass has everything under control for the gymkhana to be held after the pancake bkfst. It will be in the parking lot at Portola Jr. High this time. We are still looking for two of our stop watches. I need someone to take care of the griddles before the breakfast. They need to be set up, tanks filled and transported from Grunklees to Hart Park. The equipment is supplied by Dale Virus. We'll need help from 6:30 A.M. on, but if you can't help, support the club by attending anyway. Bring friends and neighbors. Breakfast is served from 7:00 to 11:00 A.M.

For the tour to Page Museum, take a picnic lunch and blanket. We'll lunch by the cars, there are no tables. Leave the Orange Mall at 9:00 SHARP with a stop at Jerry's Barbeque at Valley View and Santa Ana F'way to meet those who live out that way. We'll visit the museum and take a guided tour of the grounds. Another choice

would be the L.A. Arts Museum which is on the same grounds. The Page Museum is \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for kids. Someone will watch the 'A's while we are inside. Anyone willing to drive a back-up vehicle would be appreciated. A trailer hitch is handy.

I now have fliers and reg. forms for the Havasu tour. We need a tour leader and back-up car for that also.

A sign-up sheet for the San Sylmar tour will be at the meeting. The tour is limited to 40 people, so be sure to sign up early. No children under 12 are admitted. I am told that this is a fantastic tour of the world's largest collection of music machines as well as an antique auto showroom of the thirties and restoration shop.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT RENO.
We just realized that the awards banquet is on Thursday night. You might want to extend your hotel reservations to include Thursday. Also, don't miss the "Reno plans" meeting at Chuck Williams house on Mar. 21 at 7:30 P.M.

Are you willing to spend a little time once in a while phoning members to remind them of activities? Already involved members are: Cheryl Conkol, Sharon Johnson, Dick McNabb, Darlene Stinnett and Mary Stockard.

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CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

- Jacket back patches \$4.25
- Iron-on T-Shirt patches 1.50
- Name badges .75
- Window decals .50
- T-Shirts with emblems 4.50
- Jackets (about \$13.00 at the Army/Navy store, Glassell St. in Orange). See Dione McNabb for directions and any of the above items. Call 642-2137.

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Wear your name badge to meetings.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



In Model 'A' fashion judging, the major garment is the highest scoring of the entire dress. Here the score must depend upon authenticity and styling primarily. The factors to look for in dresses are positioning of the waistline, if any, fabric and styling.

Waistlines during the era were both up and down. Starting in 1928 the waistline was still found about three inches below the natural waist which was a follow-through of the earlier decade. By 1930, the waistline had moved up to the ladies' true waistline and many times a belt was added. This was especially true of afternoon frocks.

Most popular fabrics were silk, pongee, shantung, crepe, velvet, some rayon, cotton and wool. Combination fabrics were not often found and nylon was not yet available. Ladies' stockings were either silk, cotton, rayon or lisle and were in various shades, especially nude, for the more modish, fashion conscious lady.

Factors to consider in men's attire: jackets had wide lapels, knickers were blousy and might team with a sweater instead of a jacket. Evening wear consisted of tails with a white vest, always a bow tie, or a tuxedo with a black bow tie. A white dinner jacket was also an accepted evening fashion. For daytime wear, the suit was usually double-breasted and sometimes sported a vest of matching material, however, single vested suits were also worn.

We have many era clothing experts in the club. Ask them for help with your attire.

Since this is the first listing of new members in a while, I will welcome all "new" members who joined during the past year. Some of them are:

Earl & Debi Baker
Clark & Lynne Beaumont
Pete Britton
Dave & Diane Catterall
Oney & Dorothy DeGray
Don & Billie Gibas
Jerry Hannaman
Joe & Rickie Lane
Bob & Lonnie Olson
Don & Jackie Powell
Dan & Valerie Simmons
Conrad Sterten
Jake & Dorothy Thomas
Robert & Elaine Tule
Richard & Florence Walters

We are glad to welcome these very important people to the club, make a point to introduce yourselves to anyone you do not already know. I think our club is to be congratulated also because I have noticed that our members are making a real effort to welcome and encourage new people. Keep it up.

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PAST RAFFLE WINNERS WERE:

Jan.
Name badge: Ken Carbaugh
'A' driver: Steve Balmer

Feb.
Name badge: Herb Hester
'A' driver: Steve Balmer

Wear your name badge to meetings and be eligible for the raffle prize of \$5.00 cash.

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A small boy was fishing out of a bucket in his front yard when a passer-by stopped and asked with a twinkle in his eye, "how many have you caught?" "You're the third," the boy replied.

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NEW PRODUCTS

The Wit & Wisdom
of



Chief 'Yellow Snow'

TEPEE HINT:

A raw onion, eaten after meals will remove the unwanted odor of vanilla ice cream.

Do not plant above ground crop. where elephants are known to graze.

HEAP INTERESTING FACT:

J. Daniel Boom, the famed front-iersman, once defeated 3 grizzly bears in hand to hand combat. Unfortunately, he was fighting 4 at the time.

Dear Chief:

Can you tell me who holds the world's record for the longest swim?

(Signed) Curious

Dear Curious:

World's longest swim record held by Moby Dick.

Dear Chief:

In my dreams I am only 4 feet tall. What does this mean?

(signed) Freddy Nertz

Dear F.N.:

No can answer question until I know if you are 4 feet tall when you are awake.

50 % of all doctors were in the lower one half of their graduating class!!

Personal reply to K.M., Ely, Nev.

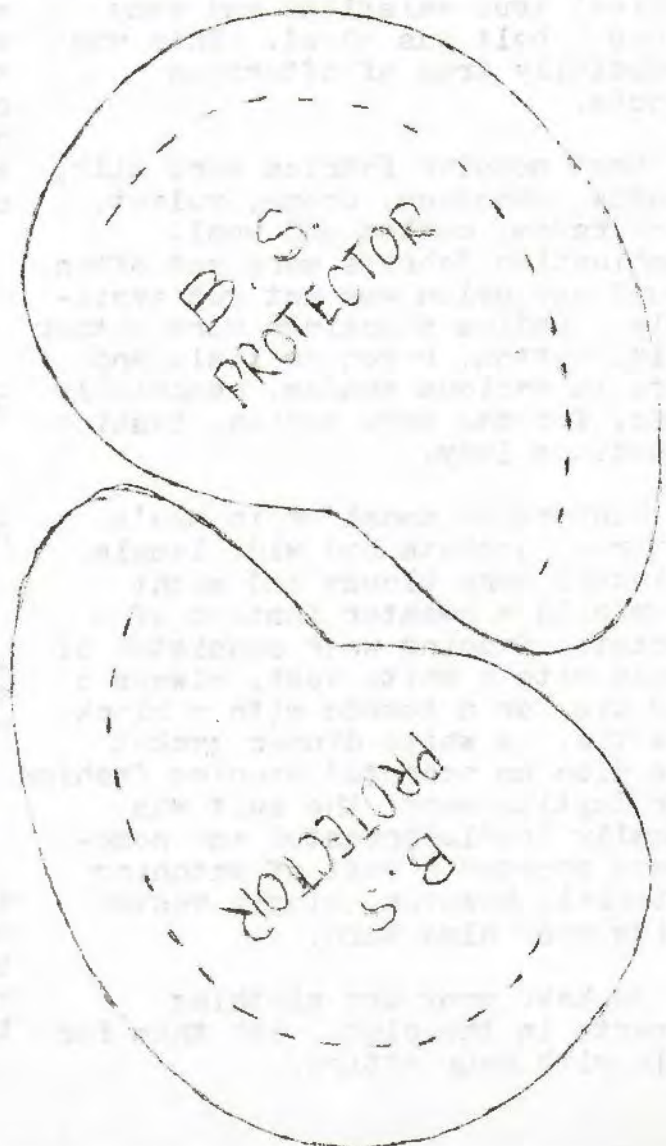
No, the Epistles are not the wives of the Apostles.

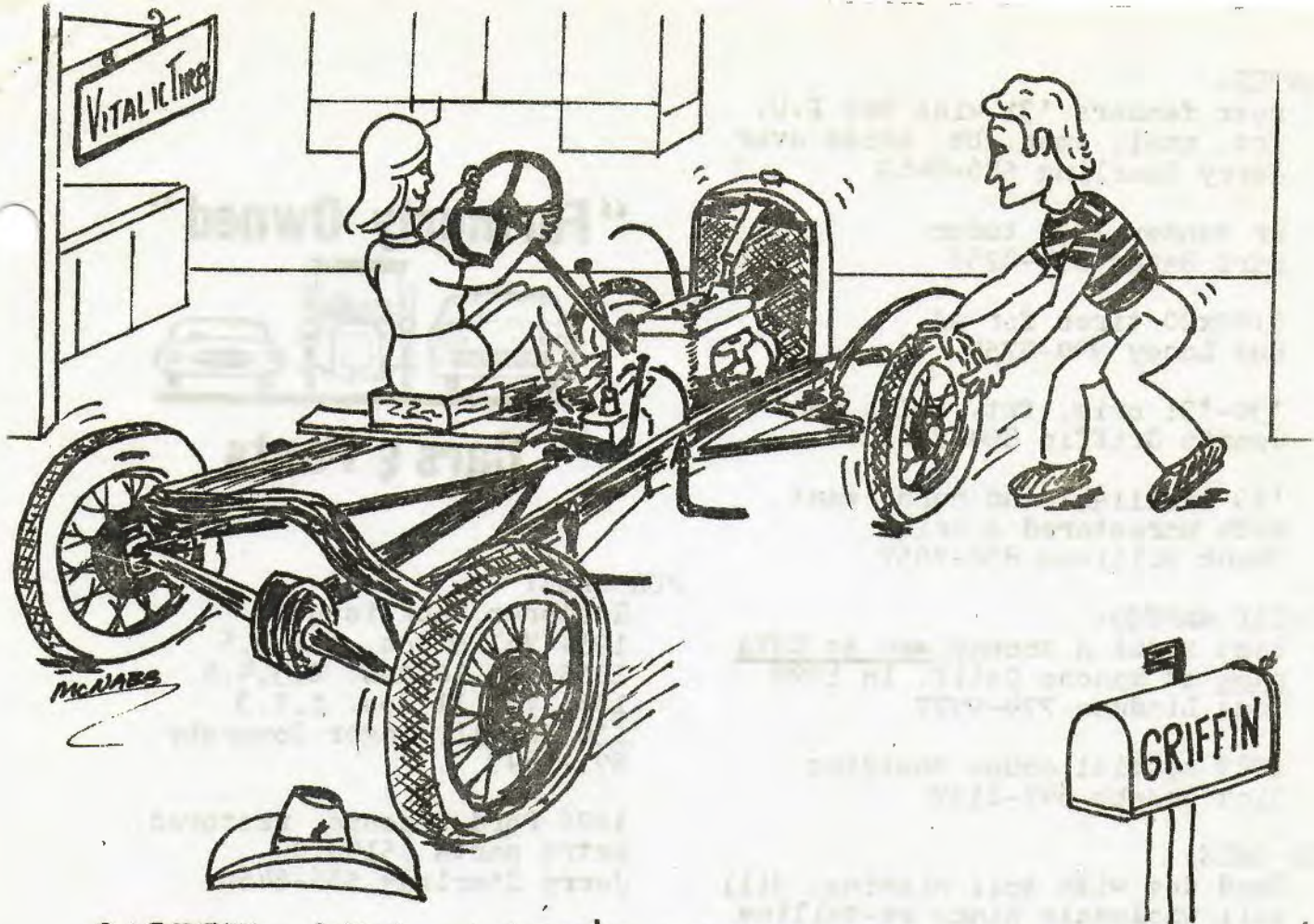
Introducing a 'must' accessory for antique car people.

How long has it been since you heard the one about the old man "back home" who bought three Model T,s, or A,s or V-8,s, or whatever, took two of them apart and stored them while he was driving one. When he wore out the first one (doubtful) he started driving the second and he still has the third one stored in a barn "back home".

Or how about the ever-popular, "I had a car just like this one when I came to California, only it had pedals to shift it with."

Cut out your official BS (baloney stopper) ear protectors along the lines. Slit along dotted lines. Fits all sizes.





CAREFUL JUDY, I DON'T WANT TO DAMAGE ANYTHING!

WELL, ARE YOU READY FOR ANOTHER PEOPLE CONTEST?

I think the last one was successful and gave us a good reason to walk up to a stranger and ask a dumb question without being completely embarrassed. Remember the rules. Ask your questions discreetly so that others may not benefit from your discoveries. If you are asked a direct question about the contest, you are obligated to give a yes or no answer. Okay, here are some more interesting members of our club. You may begin.

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| 1. Maynard Grunklee |Has owned his model A since it was new. |
| 2. Dave Nelson |First place, 1978 MAFCA National. |
| 3. Ray Griffin |Journeyman carpenter. |
| 4. Mary Livingston |Toured South America at age 6. |
| 5. Jim Bradt |Raced motorcycles. |
| 6. Sue Nelson |Used to raise sheep. |
| 7. Lorna Grunklee |Has over 1800 player piano rolls. |
| 8. Dione McNabb |Captain, Calif. State Champion Color Guard. |
| 9. Dennis Griffin |1965 Grand National Super Stock 1st Pl. win. |
| 10. Mike Livingston |Descendant of the Czar of Russia. |
| 11. Bob Magenheimer |High school Valedictorian. |
| 12. Vince Mariola |Son was National MAFCA President. |
| 13. Ed Powell |Lived in Peking, China. |
| 14. Glenn Johnson |3rd place modified, 1970 MAFCA National. |
| 15. RAK |10 years in Diablo A,s. |
| 16. Matt Plotkin |Worked in a pickle factory. |
| 17. Karen Bloink |Chinese cook. |

First three correct entries will win 5 each general meeting raffle tickets. Send entries to EDITOR by Mar. 27, 1980. Enter for fun.

WANTED:

rear fenders '31 wide bed P.U.
frt. axel, emer. bk. cross over
Jerry Sterling 586-8469

rr fender 1930 tudor
Earl Baker 894-8768

6:00x20 tires for AA
Bud Lacey 990-0750

'30-'31 orig. frt. splsh pan
Dennis Griffin 894-7661

'29 taillight and horn, want
both unrestored & orig.
Chuck Williams 836-7057

REALLY WANTED:

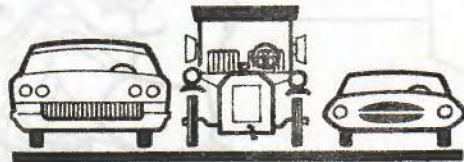
Best Model A trophy won at CHVA
show at Rancho Calif. in 1978
Rags Lindman 774-9977

1929 special coupe moulding
Dick McNabb 642-2137

FOR SALE:

Used dog with tail missing. Will
sell wholesale since re-tailing
would be impossible.

"Formerly Owned"



Cars & Parts

FOR SALE:

Restorer back issues:
1964 Vol 9 Nos. 1,2,3,6
1965 Vol 10 Nos. 2,3,4,6
1966 Vol 11 Nos. 1,2,3
\$30.00 all, Roger Sowersby
871-5849

1926 Ford T coupe, restored,
extra parts \$5100.00
Jerry Sterling 586-8469

1962 Porsche Super 90
\$5,000.00 Dick McNabb 642-2137