

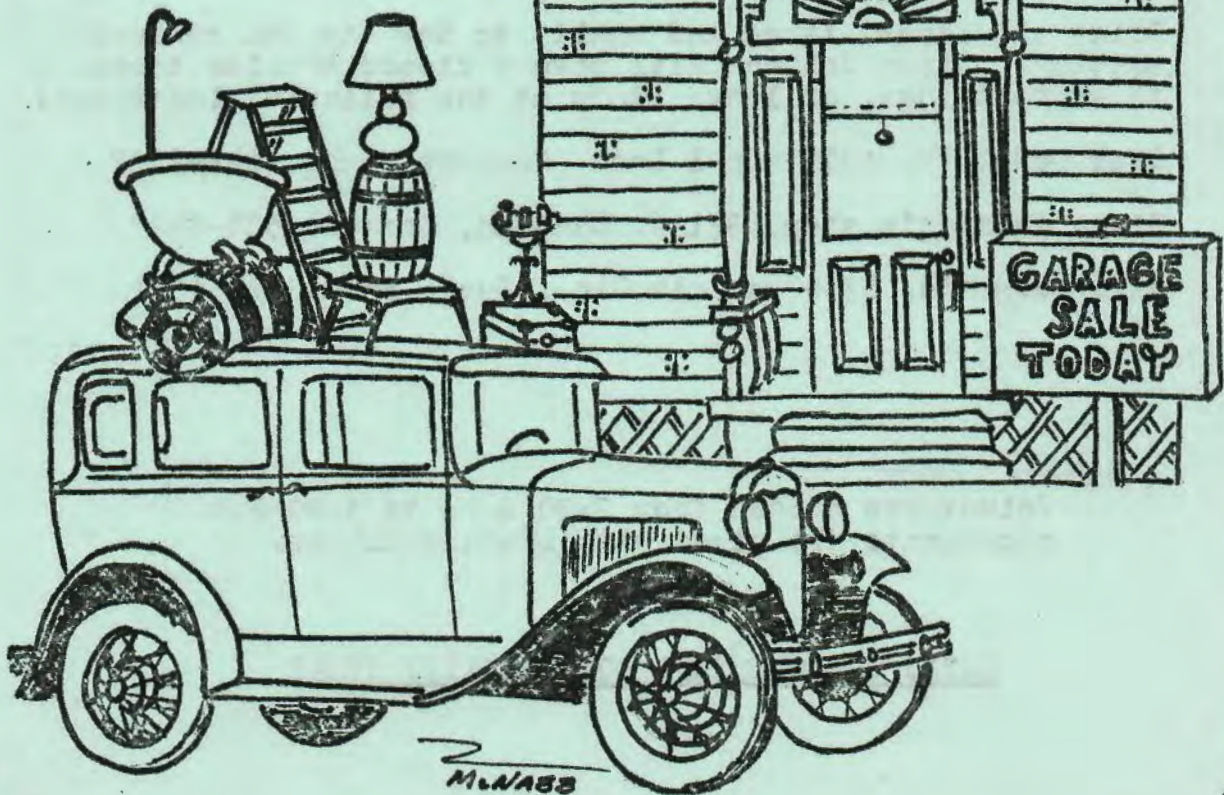
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ORANGE COUNTY
MODEL 'A' CLUB
GARAGE SALE
SAT. MAY 17 th



IMPORTANT FUND-RAISING EVENT

GARAGE SALE

Sat., May 17

8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
at

Chuck William's house

1924 N. Flower
Santa Ana, Ca.
Phone: 836-7057

Bring all items, large and small, to the May 8th general meeting. Glenn Johnson will have a closed trailer there to store things, or leave items at the following locations:

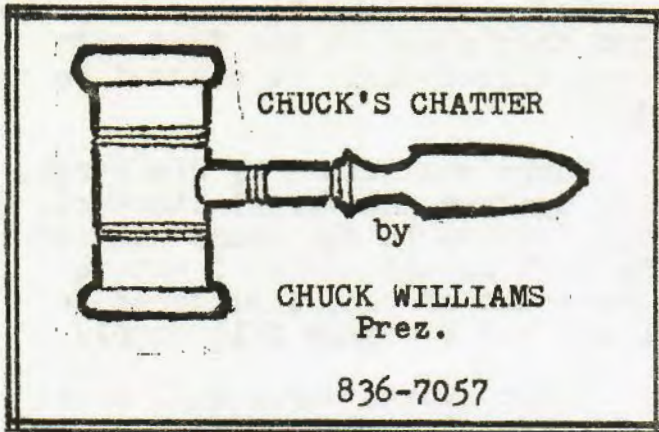
Dick McNabb's, 1806 Beryl Lane, Newport Beach, 642-2137

Glenn Johnson's shop, 321 W. Chapman, Orange, 538-9429

Dave Nelson's, 8340 Waverly Cir., Buena Park, 523-1311

Volunteers needed from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
coordinate all plans with Linda Williams.

LET'S SUPPORT THIS MONEY-MAKING EVENT



Hello fellow Model A'ers. We have an addition to our Model A family. The Golden Gulf Model A Club from Lake Charles, Louisiana was recently accepted by the National Board. Let's all welcome them aboard.

Plans are well underway for publication of the 1980 NAFCA membership roster, however, due to the costs of materials, printing and labor, the National will be asking each member to donate \$2.00 to help defray the costs. There will be an envelope sent with each roster for this purpose. Let's all help if possible.

The 1982 National Convention will be hosted by the Twin Cities Chapter in Minnesota. Ordinarily this announcement would have been made at the close of the 1980 convention, but since this will require long-range budgeting and planning, the National Board agreed to release the news as a courtesy to members.

Also, the 1980 National banquet will be held at the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo, Calif. on Nov. 29. It will be hosted by the Cuesta Crankers. More information on this later.

As of April, registrations for the National at Reno were over 500. Bud Lacey of our club is planning a real fine tour to Reno, Squaw Valley and back. If you plan to go, see Bud right away and plan to attend the safety check.

Be sure you make your own hotel reservations. Our group is staying both at the MGM Grand Hotel and the Holiday Inn South in Reno. In Squaw Valley, we will be at the Squaw Valley Lodge. See you all there.

Keep smiling, Chuck

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DISTRIBUTOR POLICY

The main function of the Distributor will be to report on past club activities, advertise and promote future club activities, provide a calendar of events, classified columns, reports from Board members, fashion news as it relates to the Model A era and anything of readable interest to members in encouraging them to participate in all club functions. Filler items are necessary to break up editorial copy and for better spacing of material.

Articles from members are encouraged when they are of general interest and not so lengthy as to use space allocated to club news. Articles concerning outside or commercial interests will take low priority and will be used only when space allows.

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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

can be purchased at Army and Navy store a few doors south of the circle in Orange.

See Dionne McNabb for items
642-2137

NEXT MEETING: May 8 at 7:30 at Trident Jr. High.

Nuts and Bolts



TECHNICAL REPORT
by
DENNIS GRIFFIN

The next seminar will be Sat., May 10th at Dick McNabb's house. This will be a safety check and preventative maintenance seminar and everyone is invited to bring his car to have it road safety evaluated.

All Reno tour drivers are asked to arrive $\frac{1}{2}$ hour early for a short meeting with Bud Lacey. Hope to see you all there.

Thanks again for the terrific turnout at the last seminar. With cooperation like I am getting from everyone, it makes it all worthwhile.

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THE FUN MEET GYMKHANA

The 4th Annual So. Calif. Regional Fun Meet was another huge success. The biggest turnout so far saw 121 entries. Our Orange County club had a great turnout of 16 cars.

The customary tour left the Mall of Orange at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday the 26th of April and arrived at the Whittier Narrows recreation area in less than 45 minutes where they joined Larry Conkol and Jim Marsh who had our Orange County event, the "sobriety test" already set up and underway.

The event was timed and required the driver to drive a course consisting of a wide turn, stop sign, right turn and parallel parking, after which the driver got out,

walked a straight line heel to toe and then stood on one foot with eyes closed while he counted to ten.

Larry was helped by Jim Marsh, Ray Gunther and Virgil Stockard. First place in the event was won by Dick McNabb. (when I got to the count of ten, I pictured Bo Derek and I nearly fell over).

Other events were: fuel shut-off mileage by Conejo Valley, 2nd place won by Dick McNabb and 4th place won by Glenn Johnson.

Jewel City did "the razor's edge" where a razor blade attached to a stick on the bumper was used to break balloons. Jim Manos won the "oops" award on this event by destroying one of the balloon standards.

Pomona Valley put on a ladies event which required the changing of spark plugs on a head.

Santa Anita A's had a potato stab event and Paradise Valley put on a moving ring toss event.

The gymkhana shut down from 12:00 to 1:00 P.M. while we all got together for picnic lunches and swapped stories and lies.

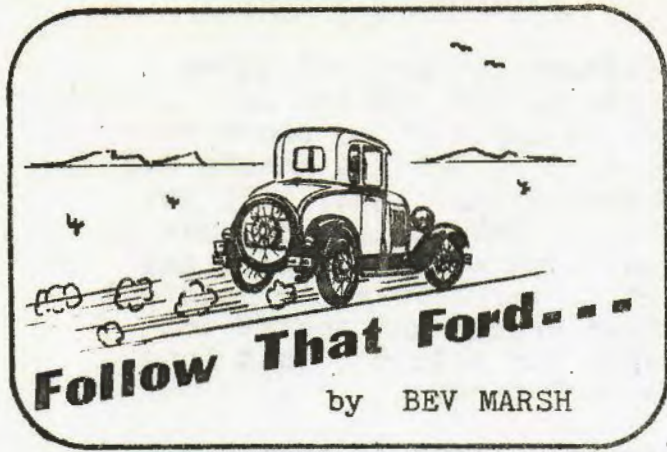
The weather was just right, not hot and not cold and no rain.

The following families enjoyed a fun day: Glenn Johnsons, Dennis Johnsons, Matt Plotkin and Marla, Marshes, Virgil Stockard and Chrissie, Bradts, Bowers, Gunthers, Conkols, Laceys, Duane Robinson, Chuck Williams and Brad & Alicia, Beaumonts, Fischers, McNabbs, Navras, Dennis Griffin, Manos' Morgans and Mattheys.

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DON'T FORGET

The straw hat pizza parlor after the general meeting.



This year we will be starting at a new winery on our WINE TOUR, the Opici Winery. Following that stop, we will eat lunch at the Brookside Winery and we will end up at California's oldest winery, the Thomas Winery.

About the GARAGE SALE, let's all help to make the club's first sale a big (financial) success. Bring all your items to the meeting. We will store them in Glenn Johnson's trailer. Or bring them to Chuck Williams' house prior to Sat. morning. Additional drop off points will be Nelsons in Buena Park, Glenn Johnson's shop in Orange and McNabb's in Newport Beach.

Larry Conkol is planning our tour to the TROLLEY CAR MUSEUM in Perris. The tour will be on back roads as much as possible. The museum is the world's largest collection of trolleys. No admission is charged, but donations are accepted. Either bring your good old picnic lunch or plan to buy lunch at nearby fast food services in Perris.

It looks like we will have a large group at the HORSE RACES. We voted on prime rib for the dinner at a cost of \$13.75, including tax and tip. Be sure to get your tickets from Sue Nelson at the meeting. May 25th is the deadline. We will meet at the Los Alamitos clubhouse at 6:30, dinner is served promptly at 7:30.

As far as RENO goes, I would suggest that you reaffirm your reservations at the Reno Holiday Inn South for Sunday through Thur. nights. I understand that two reservations so far were not right.

We still have room for five more people to attend the SAN SYLMAR tour. Last chance to sign up is at the May meeting. Jerry Sterling will be tour leader.

Get out the picnic lunch again, this time to go to the CHVA CAR SHOW at Rancho Calif. You may want to take a side tour to the historic town of Temecula.

Tickets are \$2.50 for BASEBALL NIGHT. I have reserved 75 seats in left field. Get your tickets from me at the May meeting to assure yourself a seat. It will be the Angels vs. Oakland.

Also please try to reserve your spot for the July 25th CAMPOUT. The cost is \$10.00 (one night's deposit). Do this at the May meeting. We will be camping at the Oak Glen Resort in Yucaipa. It has, among other things, 2 large pools, horseback riding, a saloon and interesting shops. Tents and trailers are welcome.

COMING EVENTS

- May 4 *Wine tour, Orange Mall 9:30
Picnic lunch/ blanket
- May 17 Garage sale, Chuck Williams
- May 18 *Trolley Museum, Orange Mall
9:30 Picnic lunch or?
- June 5 Horse races, Los Alamitos
- June 14 * Reno/Squaw Valley tour
- June 21 * San Sylmar tour
- June 22 * CHVA tour, Orange Mall
9:30
- July 11 Ely, Nev. car show, swap
- July 14 Baseball night, Anaheim
- July 25-27*Campout, start to be
announced
- Aug. 24 * Beach party (tentative)
- Sept 6,7 * Rim of World,
- Sept 12-14 So. Cal. car show
Griswolds
- Sept. 20* Progressive dinner (ten)



A SHOCKING SEMINAR

Fifteen members and three friends met at Bud and Judy Lacey's house on April 26 to prove that taking apart model A shocks was not such a hard task. All you need is a 3x4 angle iron sunk in cement onto which you bolt the shock, a torch to apply heat and a chain wrench and socket and breaker bar with a 6 foot long "cheater" pipe.

In all, about 35 shocks were opened up and the percentage of good ones was very high. Most of the guys cleaned and wire brushed their parts during the seminar and will finish them up at home.

Dennis Griffin had an excellent 2-page info. sheet for everyone, in addition to samples of shocks and arms. The seminar was one in which a maximum of work was accomplished. Thanks to Bud and Judy for the use of the garage and the chips & dips, etc.

Those in attendance: Dick Kelley, Oney DeGray, John Marsh, Jim Willett, Lou Spielberger, Darryl Hinds, Glen Bowers, Jim Slawson, Duane Robinson, Dennis Griffin, Dave Nelson, Jim Fischer, Jon Heiland, Dick McNabb and Bud Lacey. Bud's friend, Calvin Beeker headed up the "heavy wrench work".

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BOARD MEETING NOTES

Meeting called to order, minutes read & approved, treas. report read, activities by Bev, to be published in Dist. no interest in bowling. Dist. voted \$50.00 for paper & stamps. Dennis announced tech seminar May 10 on safety check, May meeting program will be era fashion accessories. Garage sale discussed during old business. A possible casino night discussed during new business, next board meeting May 29 at Dennis and Judy Griffins house.

ERA FOOTWEAR FASHIONS:

Low-heeled shoes were universal for daytime wear, but T-strap evening slippers in gold, silver or satin were also popular during the Model A days. No open toes or heels were worn during the era and no needle-like heels or wedge types were in fashion. Daytime shoes were either T-strap or laced oxford types.

Both men's and women's shoes were almost always low, although high shoes were used for hiking, uniforms and special purposes.

Women's shoes rarely had flat heels. They were usually quite "sensible" or medium height, or "high", about three inches.

Men wore shoes much like today's plain oxford, cap toe and flat heel. Two toned shoes were worn only with sports outfits. Black kid or patent leather in the oxford or pump style was for evening wear.

Women wore silk stockings, or lisle for sports wear, sometimes with side clocks. Men wore silk or lisle socks with clocks, or elaborate knee high socks in wool, or lisle with knickers.

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"It is difficult to soar like an eagle when you associate with turkeys".

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When your Model A horn becomes indifferent, it won't give a hoot.

RENO SAFETY CHECK

The Wit & Wisdom of



Chief 'Yellow Snow'

"Never try to teach a pig to sing. It wastes your time and it annoys the pig".

A sprig of garlic, tied around the neck will always keep vampire bats away.

How to get rid of ants from the house: Ants have a sticky substance on their feet which allows them to cling to surfaces. Simply take an ordinary kitchen knife and apply butter to their little feet. When they attempt to walk on the ceiling, they will fall off and break their necks.

CRIMESTOPPERS TIP:

Con men are always waiting to catch the unsuspecting. Send \$2.00 today to Chief Yellow Snow for full protection.

FAMOUS QUOTES:

Julius Caesar -

"You bring the steaks and I'll bring this terrific salad I just invented".

Thomas Edison's wife:

"Turn off that darn light and go to bed".

Albert Einstein's wife:

"It figures".

The germ is the most unloved of all earth's creatures.

Sat., May 10 at 10:00 A.M. will be the time for the Reno tour safety check at Dick and Dionne McNabb's house.

Under the direction of an up and coming technical advisor, Dennis Griffin, the check will cover all areas of the car from top to bottom. It will be administered by a team other than the owner of the car.

All people who are going in the tour group are required to attend the safety check, however all members are welcome with their cars. It has been suggested that tour people be checked first.

The usual beer, soft drinks and coffee will be provided by the club and perhaps everyone will bring his own sandwich since it will take several hours to take each car through the check.

All Reno tour people are asked to arrive before 9:30 to meet with Bud Lacey regarding final tour plans.

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ANTIQUE SALE
May 17, 18

Antiques, oak furniture and collectibles. Big Little books, Hoppy watches and other Hoppy items.

Sale is at the home of Ray & Jean Griffin, #1 Argent Cir., Irvine, Ca.

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BEAUTY TIP:

For improving the complexion, mix one cup of cider vinegar and one cup of elderberry wine, and fold in one half cup of honey. Then prick the skin lightly (or heavily, depending on the skin) with Mojave thistles. Rub in the preparation. After three such treatments, your skin will excite comment wherever you go.

Buy "ARF", the dog food dogs ask for by name.

"Formerly Owned"



Cars & Parts

FOR SALE

64 T-Bird, restored, Larry Boef
838-5151

1930 coupe, mostly complete, or
trade for '30 sedan, Dick Kelly
761-0582

Bumpers, rad. shell for '29,
needs plating, 4 used 21" tires
New Tillotsen carb. Merle
McClellan 897-4765

WANTED

2 A front drums, Ray Gunther,
870-6835

Exper. help to weld patch panels
John Marsh 527-4402, 732-2543

'30-'31 cowl band, Dennis Griffin
894-7661

Tandem wheel trailer, made for
Model A, load lev. & hitch incl.
Ray Griffin 551-4229

Antique glass (Fostoria) Fairfax
pattern - green, Valerie Simmons
968-7466

Size 8 knickers, ladies, small
hat, Georgia Sterling 586-8469

'29 Tudor side drip mouldings
Bob Olson, 586-5089

So. Cal Auto Club emblem (metal)
Joe Lane 536-4961

Want set of shocks, 1929, Merle
McClellan 897-4765

Good RF '30-'31 fender, left
rng. board for P.U., outside
door handles, Jerry Sterling
586-8469

Want good 2 blade fan, Jim
Manos, 213-333-5093

Want good '64-'65 mustang
cnvt., Tom Schenk, 637-9599

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LAKE HAVASU TOUR

The tour actually started at
Joe Navras house in Costa Mesa on
Fri., April 11 and joined Steve
Balmer and Bud Lacey and Duane
Robinson at Griswolds in Anaheim
Hills at 6:00 A.M.

The fog lifted as the tour pro-
ceeded to Banning where a gas and
food stop was made. The group
then "tacked" across the desert in
a wind storm for another stop at
Indio

Following the Colorado River
to Parker and ultimately to Havasu,
the group arrived at about 2:00
P.M. and checked in to the hotel
before going to London Bridge for
the gymkhana events.

After Friday's barbeque, raffle
and door prizes were awarded,
among them, a set of Goodyear W/S
tires and a "radiator" style clock.

Saturday the customary tour was
driven around Havasu, this time
ending up at London Bridge where
13 cars were entered for judging.
After judging, there was an era
fashion show and a carburetor
seminar.

The dinner and awards ceremony
was followed by disco dancing at
the hotel.

Those present from our club
were: The Navras, Steve Balmer,
Bud Lacey, Duane Robinson, the
Beaumonts and the Morgans.

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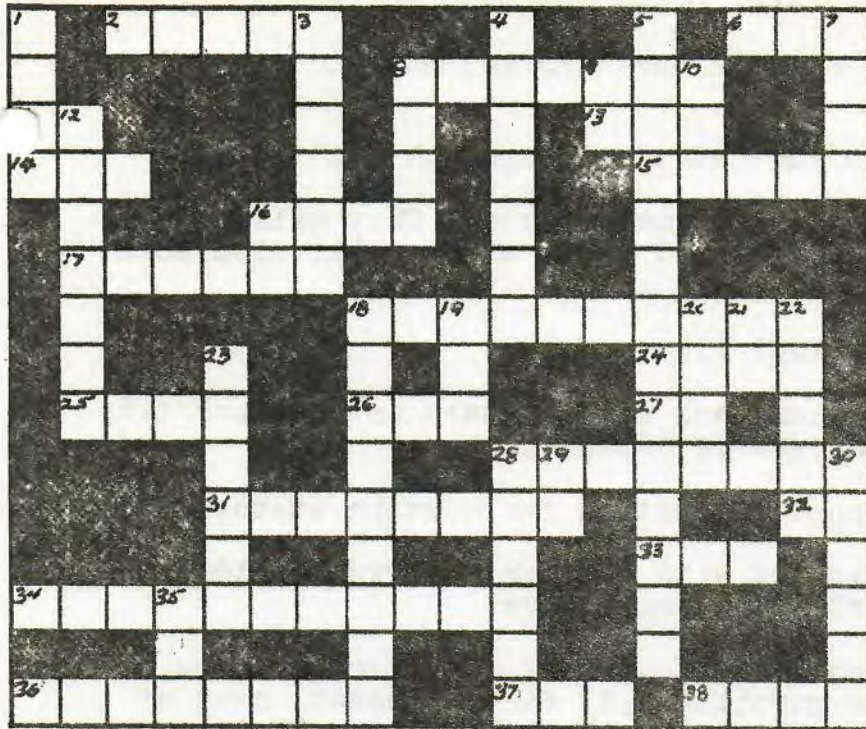
NEW ADDRESS FOR:

Mike and Mary Livingston
415 Bayside Dr.
Newport Beach, Ca. 92660
675-4071

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As a child, Dave Nelson only had
broken toy cars to play with!

MOSTLY MODEL 'A' CROSSWORD



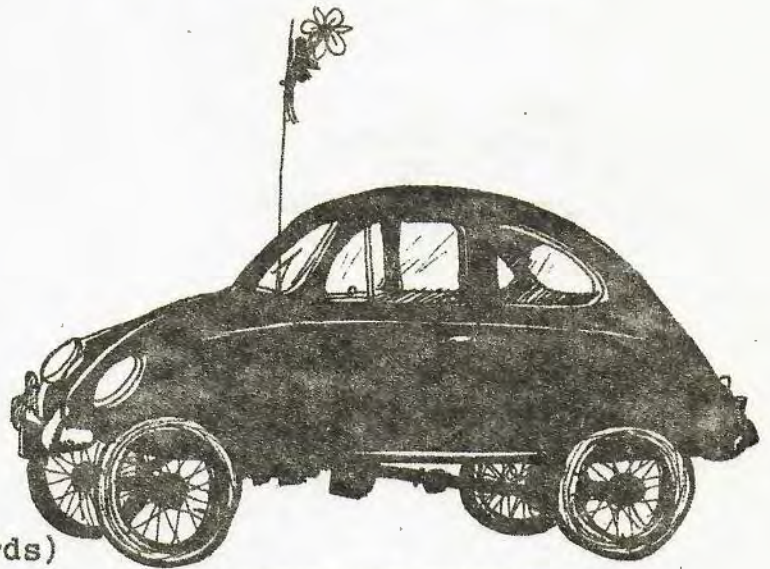
DOWN -

- 1-Very fancy
- 3-Steering gear
- 4-Rare 'A' body style
- 5-Open truck
- 7-Supports top
- 8-Famed soccer player
- 9-Need when brakes go out (abbrev.)
- 10-National Recovery Act
- 12-Mfgr. of tail lights
- 16-Personal pronoun
- 18-Convertible coupe
- 19-Connects piston and crank
- 20-Short necked duck
- 21-Turn ignition to go
- 22-Citizen of Rome
- 23-Bad wood condition (2 word)
- 28-Has lots of cars
- 29-Early 1928
- 30-A planned path
- 35-Head covering

ACROSS -

- 2-Spark plug leads are made of
- 6-Women's freedom
- 8-McNabb's 'A'
- 11-Where Fun Meet is (abbrev.)
- 13-Average score
- 14-Center of wheel
- 15-National President
- 16-Style
- 17-Pushes valves up
- 18-Mixes gas
- 24-Where National Meet is
- 25-What you'll be after going to National Meet
- 26-Make offer at auction
- 27-Slang for father
- 28-What the rich guys restore
- 31-Keeps engine cool
- 32-Negatori (C.B.)
- 33-Where tools are kept
- 34-Pops out
- 36-Where you find used parts (2 words)
- 37-You only have it while seated
- 38-Drums attached to

KNOW YOUR CLASSIFIED TERMS



"BODY NOT ORIGINAL"

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The car to watch is the car behind the car in front of you.

HINTS FOR HAPPY MOTORING, 1920

Your engine is overheated if steam rises when you spit on it. Better check your radiator.

To remove dirt and water from gas, strain it through a chamois.

Dump a few oatmeal flakes into a leaking radiator. They will swell and fill the hole. In emergencies, dried horse manure will also work and is usually available.

Chewing gum will mend a leaky fuel line.

Pump a mixture of chopped feathers and hot molasses into a worn tire to extend its life. Messy in case of a blowout.

Guns are no longer needed except in certain far western states.

Celluloid windows are best cleaned with vinegar. A windshield rubbed with sliced onion will stay clear on rainy days.

A travelers emergency equipment whould include a rubber lap robe, goggles, tow rope, pump, tire patching kit, canvas bucket, cans of gas and oil, block and tackle, compass , tire chains, small tent and sleeping bags.

Some states have speed limits. Drive with care.

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