

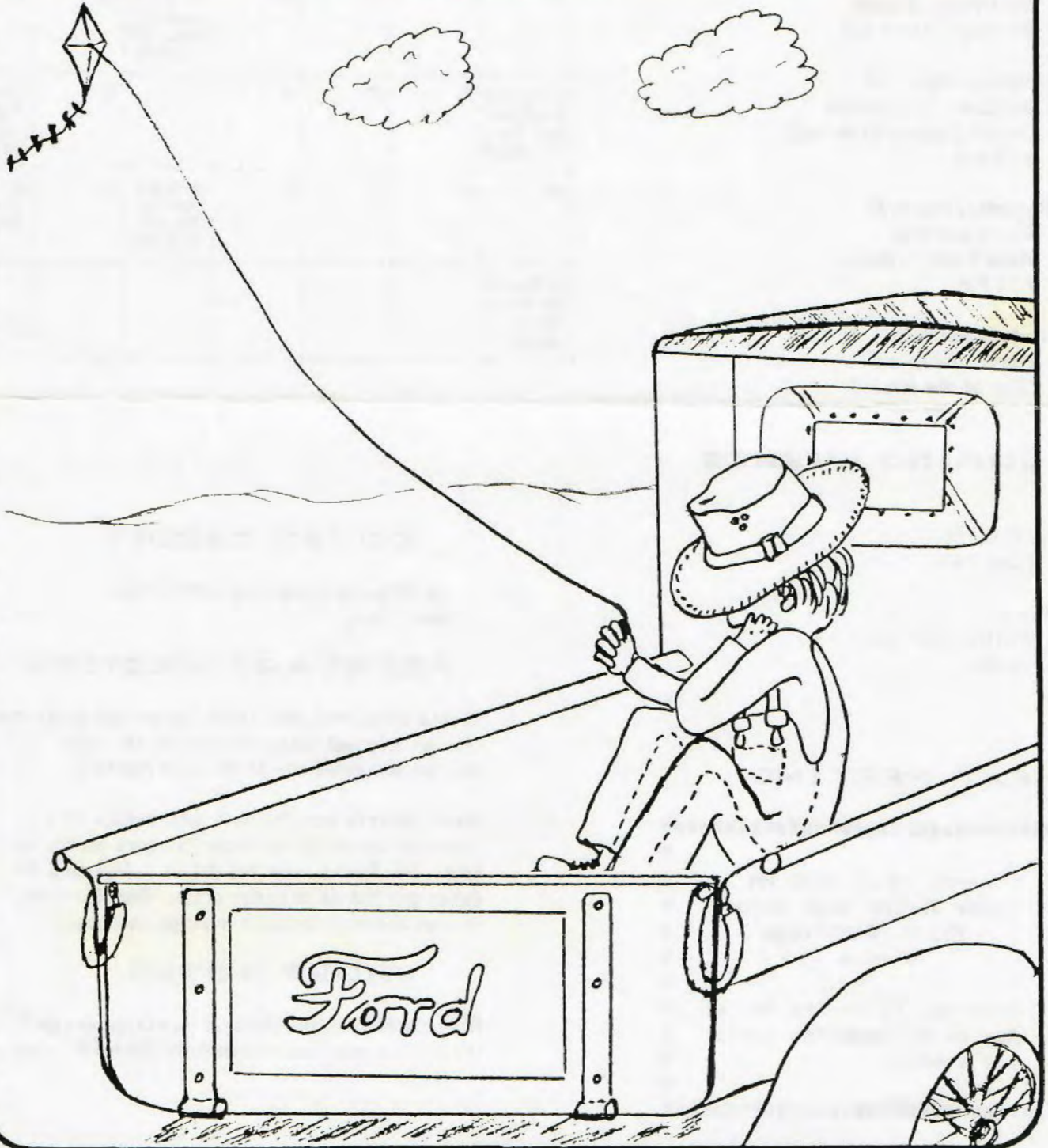
The Distributor

Orange County Model A Ford Club

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CALENDAR

Thursday, March 14
 General Meeting
 Yorba Junior High School
 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 17
 Pancake Breakfast
 Hart Park, Orange
 Serving 7-11:00 AM

Saturday, March 23
 Swallows Day Parade
 Depart Laguna Hills Mall
 8:30 AM

Thursday, March 28
 Board Meeting
 Wade Roberts Home
 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 31
 Pomona Chapter
 "Day at the Races"
 Santa Anita

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14 Gen. Meeting Yorba JRS! 7:30 PM	15	16
17Pancake Breakfast Hart Park! 7-11:00AM!	18	19	20	21	22	23Swallow! Parade L.H.Mall 8:30 AM
24	25	26	27	28 Board Meeting Roberts! 7:30 PM	29	30 Distrib. Deadline!
31 Day at the races! Santa Anita						

COMING EVENTS

April 11-14
 Yuma Tour

May 5
 Whittier Narrows
 Fun Day

NEXT MEETING

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#   March 14 at 7:30 PM               #
#   Yorba Junior High School          #
#   935 N. Cambridge                 #
#   Orange                           #
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#   Program: Film--The Golden        #
#   Age of Automobiles (color        #
#   and sound).                      #
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COVER CREDIT

Jim Willet provided our delightfully breezy cover.

FEBRUARY MEETING

It was announced that Hank Sorney has given the club an original restored moto-meter light. It will be auctioned off at the next meeting.

Wade Roberts won the hard luck trophy as a consequence of his car's performance on the last tour. Joe Recker won the driver raffle, and the Rihas got the name badge prize. Joe Wavra and Sharon Johnson received mileage patches.

SHORT NOTES

When parking at the General Meeting, please leave the spaces near the entrance for Model A drivers.

**FROM
THE
DRIVER'S
SEAT**



PIETER N. DWINGER

639-4767

633-1921

I do hope everyone will attend the March 14 meeting because we will be auctioning off the last of the 1984 Knotts Berry Farm Roundup Trophy plates. These are genuine collector items since 1984 was the last year at Knotts. Also, we will be auctioning off an original (restored) motorcycle light generously donated by Hank Sorney. Thanks Hank.

We had a great time at the Indio Date Festival. Please see the McKinneys' article about the tour.

March 17 (Happy St. Patrick's Day) is the date for our annual Pancake Breakfast at Hart Park in Orange. Lets bring ALL our friends, family and neighbors.

Listed below is the summer tour schedule with lodging information. Remember, modern cars as well as Model A's are welcome to join us.

Fri., July 19	Fresno, Best Western Water Tree Inn (209) 222-4445
Sat., July 20	Yosemite, Wawona Lodge
Sun., July 21	Call Dennis Griffin
Mon., July 22	894-7661
Tues., July 23	Lake Tahoe, Harveys Inn
Wed., July 24	Call Dwingers 639-4767
Thurs., July 25	Sacramento, Travelodge
Fri., July 26	Call Simmons 960-7456
Sat., July 27	San Luis Obispo, Motel 6 Call 805-544-8400 or Shorcliff Inn 773-4671

Also, for the Yuma Tour (April 11-14), the reservations number at the Chilton Inn is 602-344-1050. Ask for Pat and say you are with the Orange County Model A Club.

BOARD MEETING NOTES

By Jim Marsh, Secretary

531-7237

Meeting was called to order by President Dwinger at 7:49 PM Feb. 28 at the Marsh's home. All board members were present, as were club members Judi Dwinger, Dennis Griffin, Pete Hiatt, Glenn Johnson, Bev Marsh and June Riha. The secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer Wade Roberts reported that the books were audited this month by Bev Marsh, Chuck Stinnett and Mike Kelley and are all in order.

Jon Heiland reported that the Date Festival Tour was a great success, with 11 Model A's and 2 moderns. The regional meeting will be attended by Jon, March 1. Pancake breakfast will be March 17. For additional details see Jon's article.

The Distributor Editors reported that reminder letters were sent on Feb. 26 to members who had not paid their 1985 dues. The roster will be mailed about March 7.

Dick Riha reported a good turn out for the frame straightening. See his article.

The location and format of the Roundup was discussed at length. Wade Roberts moved that the Roundup be held at Lion Country, seconded by Dick Riha, and passed unanimously. Other antique and classic car clubs in the area will be invited to attend and participate.

Carol Justice is contacting malls to promote shows.

Old business: After discussion, Wade Roberts moved to spend up to \$200 to bring the trailer up to safe operating condition. Motion passed. Dennis Griffin, Pete Hiatt and Dick Riha will do the work.

Next Board Meeting will be March 28, 1985 at Wade Roberts home at 7:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

A SPECIAL INVITATION

Dan and Valerie Simmons have invited everyone to an open house at their newly remodeled hair salon on Sunday March 24 from 2-5 PM. There will be preferred parking for the A's if you arrive about 1:30 PM. Refreshments will be served. The Beachcomber Salon is located at 20902 Brookhurst in Huntington Beach. Call Dan or Valerie at 968-7466 if you would like more information.



ROUNDUP REPORT

by Jerry Sterling
586-8469

The 1985 Roundup will be held at Lion Country Safari. With the change to a new location, most members feel that we need a change in the program, so we are planning a new program which should provide an exciting day for all participants. Among the modifications being considered are a new judging format and the inclusion of some other special interest/antique clubs in the area. The cost of admission will include free soft drinks all day and a picnic lunch from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Lion Country Safari is no longer operating as a "Drive-In Zoo", but is instead catering to clubs such as ours and events such as the Roundup. It still operates a variety of "rides" and has a petting zoo. I think Lion Country will provide us with a flexible facility which will allow the Roundup to evolve into an even greater annual event than it has been in recent years.

Lion Country offers us the following features:

- grassy, fenced 2 acre meeting area with shade trees and picnic tables
- gazebo for announcer
- room for gymkhana
- soft ball field and equipment
- horse-shoe pits
- ping pong tables
- live entertainment
- Zambezi River boat ride
- gift shop
- modern tiled restrooms

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

by Jon Heiland
836-4244

I want to thank Larry and Gerry McKinney for leading the February tour to the Indio Date Festival. There were 11 A's and 2 modern cars for the 250 mile tour. See Gerry's article for details.

Keep in mind the following coming events:

March 17 - Our annual Pancake Breakfast at Hart Park in Orange. Set up time is 6:00 AM and breakfast will be served from 7 to 11 AM. We need lots of willing workers this day for both setting up and cleaning up, so DON'T BE SHY!!!

March 23 - The Capistrano Valley Swallow Parade. We leave the Laguna Hills Mall at 8:30 AM for this one. RSVP to Ken Dey at 714-493-7126. See the February Distributor for details.

March 31 - The Pomona Valley Chapter has organized 'a day at the races' at Santa Anita track. Tickets are \$4.00 and must be purchased in advance. Call Muriel Polley at 714-624-9234 for tickets, and call me for information on departure time and place.

April 11-14 - The annual Yuma Tour. Lots of fun. Don't miss it. The Wavra's are leading a group leaving Thursday AM, and the Dwinger's are leading a group departing Friday morning. Call them for more information.

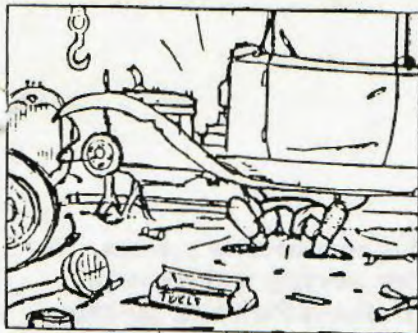
May 5 - The Model A Fun Day at Whittier Narrows Park. Our club is the Host Club this year which means that we are in charge of registration. We will be happy to accept any and all volunteers for this event, so again.... DON'T BE SHY.

In the mean time.... do it in an A!

I wish to thank Pete Hiatt for his work in behalf of the club in researching the Queen Mary as a possible Roundup site.

If you have any special ideas or concerns on the Roundup, please drop me a note or see me at the March general meeting.

I will need help with the Roundup, including chairpersons for registration, quilt, large raffle, small raffle, and trophies.



TECHNICAL TALK

by Dick Riha

556-4355

The February Seminar was attended by 23 men and two ladies. Activity got under way at 8:30 AM when we helped Bob Ferazzi remove the body of his Sedan so he could check his frame. We had seven frames to check, one front cross member to rivet into place, and seven running board brackets to rivet on. The prize job of the day was the replacement of the front cross member in David Graham's '29 Town Sedan, which was driven in at 9:00 AM and out at 4:00 PM. My heartfelt thanks to Bob Ferazzi, Dennis Griffin, and Joe Recker who worked their buns off, and to Patty Ferazzi who had donuts and coffee for all who missed breakfast. Everyone had a chance to help bow a frame or rivet on a brace.

The March Seminar returns to my garage where we will be making some teflon steering inserts. At this time I don't know how many units we will be able to complete in one evening. We will also be converting generator cut-outs to diodes. If you plan to convert a cut-out, bring a conversion kit. Remember, ladies are welcome at all seminars.

Plans for the April Seminar have not been completed due to the Yuma tour.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

from the
Distributor, March, 1965

The Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for March 21 at Orange City Park. The night (!) Poker Run has been postponed until the weather warms up. Sally Lindman wants to sell a man's evening coat with tails for \$6.00 and a lady's evening coat, black velvet, hooded, with fur trim, floor length for \$7.00. Ragnar Lindman is selling a '28 pickup cab for \$12.00 and an 'A' engine, good condition, for \$45.00. The 1965 Roster has 34 entries; 4 of these names appear on the 1985 roster: Boef, Eatherton, Lindman, Vaughn.

DATE FESTIVAL TOUR

by Larry and Gerry McKinney

It was a pleasure to lead the tour to Indio. We logged 250 miles on a perfect day to the desert. It was foggy when we left Fountain Valley so we dressed accordingly, and kidded Bob Kelley for wearing shorts; but he was the smart one, since it was sunny and beautiful at the festival. We all started the day at one of the food booths, and with 35 people not one was passed by. We watched belly dancers, cowboys, families dancing and singing, and camel and ostrich racing. Some of us even came home with 'water beds' for our feet!

It's a real pleasure to take a Sunday tour of 250 miles in 11 Model A's, and have every car make every mile completely trouble free. Congrats to all of those shade tree mechanics for doing their homework.

Our thanks to all who attended.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

THOUGHTS ON THE ROUNDUP

by Glenn Johnson

1971 was the first time my family and I participated in the Model A Roundup at Knotts Berry Farm. Over 200 Model A's showed up that Roundup morning and, as the line of cars at the registration tables grew longer, the sky grew darker. About 10 AM it started raining and poured for about an hour. We all waited out the storm and then continued one of the best Roundups ever. In those years the Roundup was held on the West side of Beach Blvd. in the tree shaded lot North of the gift shop and the Cable Car Kitchen. Knotts hospitality was great. They gave us free ride tickets and even let us use the covered wagon circle for the trophy and door prize presentations. However, times were already changing. 1971 was the first year we were not allowed to have the Model A parade through Ghost Town. A Stanley Steamer exploded during a previous parade that year and Knotts decided no more cars in Ghost Town.

As Knotts became more of a big business, the Roundup continued to change. They moved us to various locations on the East side of Beach Blvd. and in 1976 told us we would have to buy \$1000. worth of admission tickets to the park before they would let us use their parking lot. We moved the Roundup that year to the Movie Land Wax Museum and, the following year, to the Orange Town and Country shopping center. WHAT A MISTAKE! Attendance fell to less than 60 cars and we all discussed, argued and voted about how to get the Roundup back on its feet again. In 1978, we decided to bite the bullet, buy the \$1000 worth of tickets, and move the Roundup back to Knotts. Attendance doubled the two previous years. Everyone had a terrific time and the Club made a profit.

Well, times are changing again. As of this year Knotts is no longer allowing any car related events in their parking lot. At the February meeting we heard two very well researched proposals for the 1985 Roundup (The Queen Mary and Lion Country). The cost of either place is around \$2000.00 and the break even point at \$20 per car is 100 cars. Roundup attendance has been slipping for some time to less than 100 cars at Knotts last year. Attracting 100 cars to a Roundup at a new location is going to be very

difficult and possibly an expensive mistake. We also heard at the Feb. meeting that our main source of income, the Buena Park Mall car show, has been canceled this year. CAN WE AFFORD TO TAKE A \$2000. ROUNDUP GAMBLE? Maybe it is time we asked ourselves if the Roundup as we all know and love it has become old hat (PUN) and is due for some major changes. Our Club is great fun but I believe it must be run with some business sense. Any businessman knows that when a part of his business becomes a financial drain, it must be changed or eliminated before it drags the whole company down. The Roundup needs some sparkle to increase attendance, and a less expensive location to lessen the financial gamble. I've thought of a few possibilities that I plan to submit to the board at the Feb. meeting. If you have an idea, tell Jerry Sterling or someone else on the board. We can't afford to gamble on the same old event if we don't have another source of income. I love the Roundup but it seems to be going down the same drain as the Griswold's Car Show.

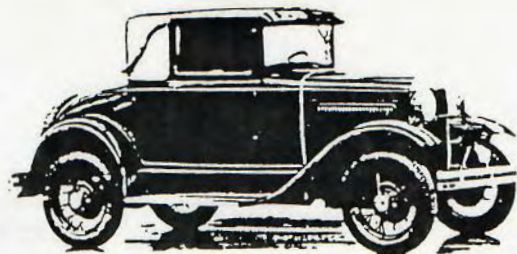


March 17th
Is St. Patrick's Day
Ribbit up!
Come to our
Annual
Pancake Breakfast!

"Formerly Owned"



Cars & Parts



For Sale: 1931 Fordor Town Sedan with trunk and side mount tires, Model 160-B. 1929 Fordor Standard Sedan, Briggs body, steel back, 4 windows, Model 60-C. Mostly original, 35,000 miles. Both of these are show class cars. For more information or to see pictures, contact Dale Sinner who is representing out-of-state owners. (714) 847-5058, evenings after 4:00 PM.

(The following ad appeared in the February Distributor, but without a name or phone number. Our apologies, The Editors.)

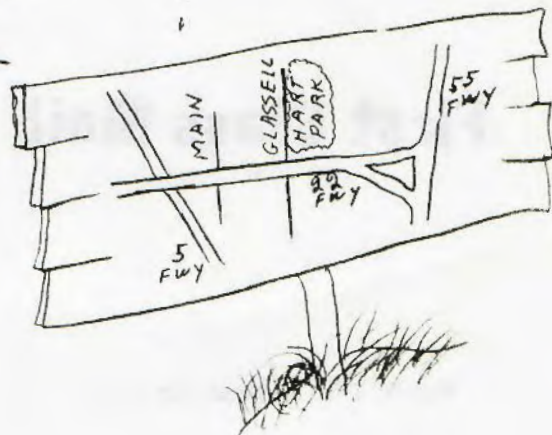
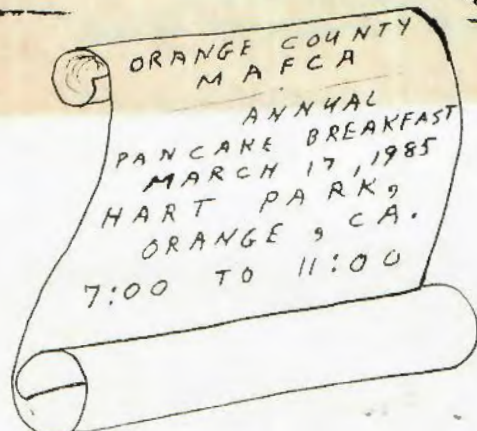
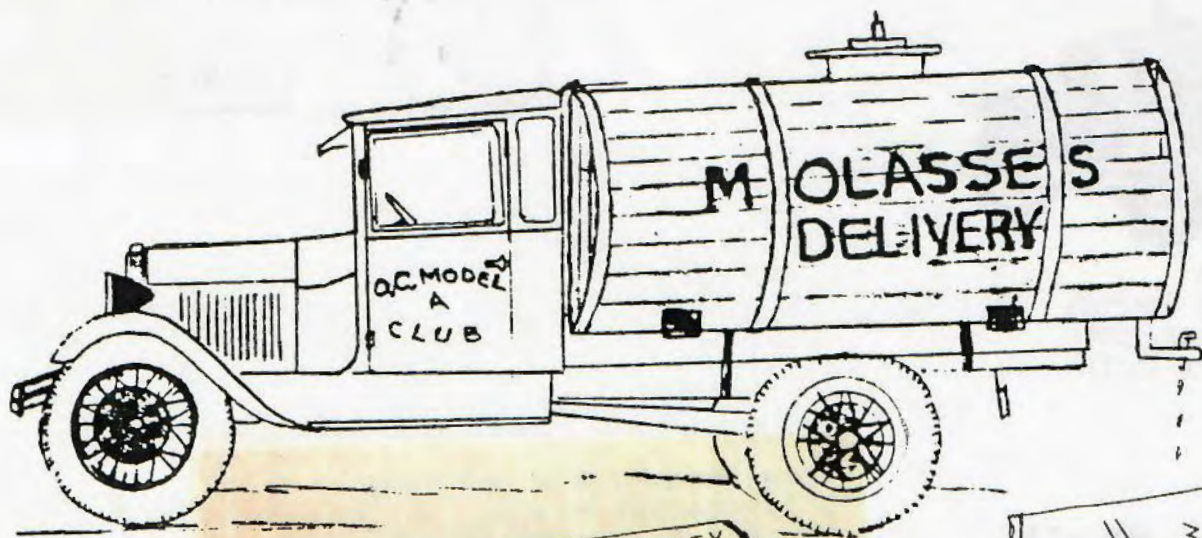
For Sale or Trade: Have misc. window frames, floor pan (sedan), 21" wheel, 4 doors for Murray, front bumper bars. Need for Briggs 4 door std.: right front window riser, 2 front door window frames, 2 quarter window frames, rear window frame, rear body splash pan, front bumper, Ford logo for radiator, dip stick, 4 dovetails (door guides). Will Geertson. (714) 774-0625

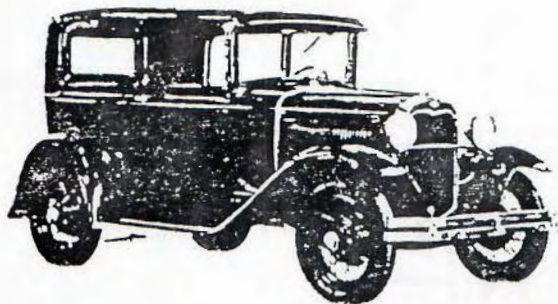
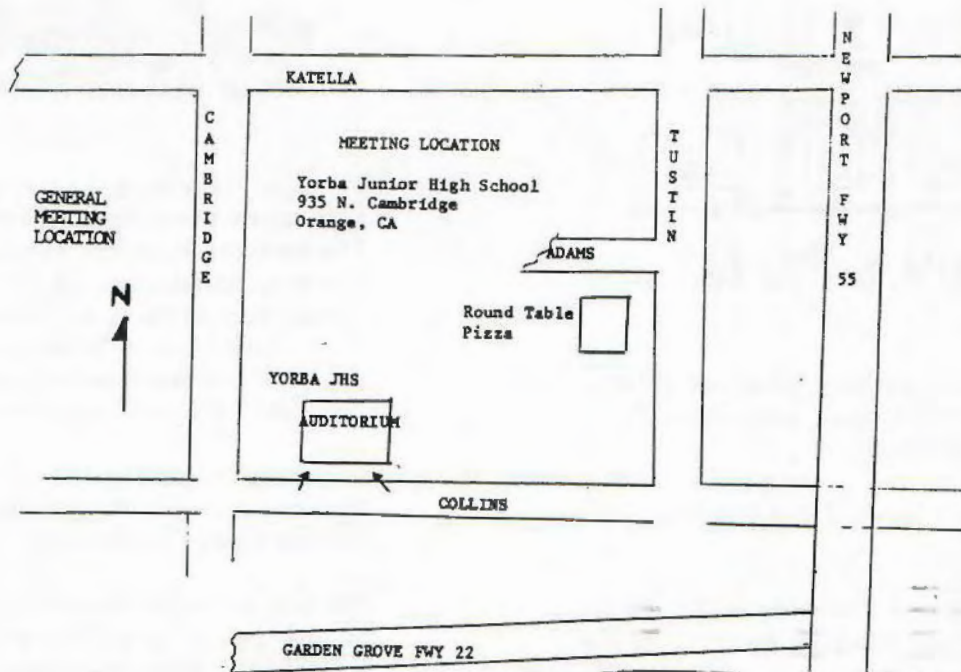
Wanted: Left cowl light arm, generator pulley, headlight bar for '30 Coupe. John Dillbeck, Anaheim. (714) 632-6829

Wanted: 30-31 tail tight. Jerry Sterling. (714) 586-8469

For Sale: Five 16 inch wire wheels. \$25.00 for all. Lou Spielberger, Newport Beach. (714) 650-0974

For Sale: Two 60 Horsepower Ford flathead V-8 engines, complete with aluminum heads, dual intake manifolds, many misc. parts. Make offer. Larry McKinney. (714) 963-2724





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