

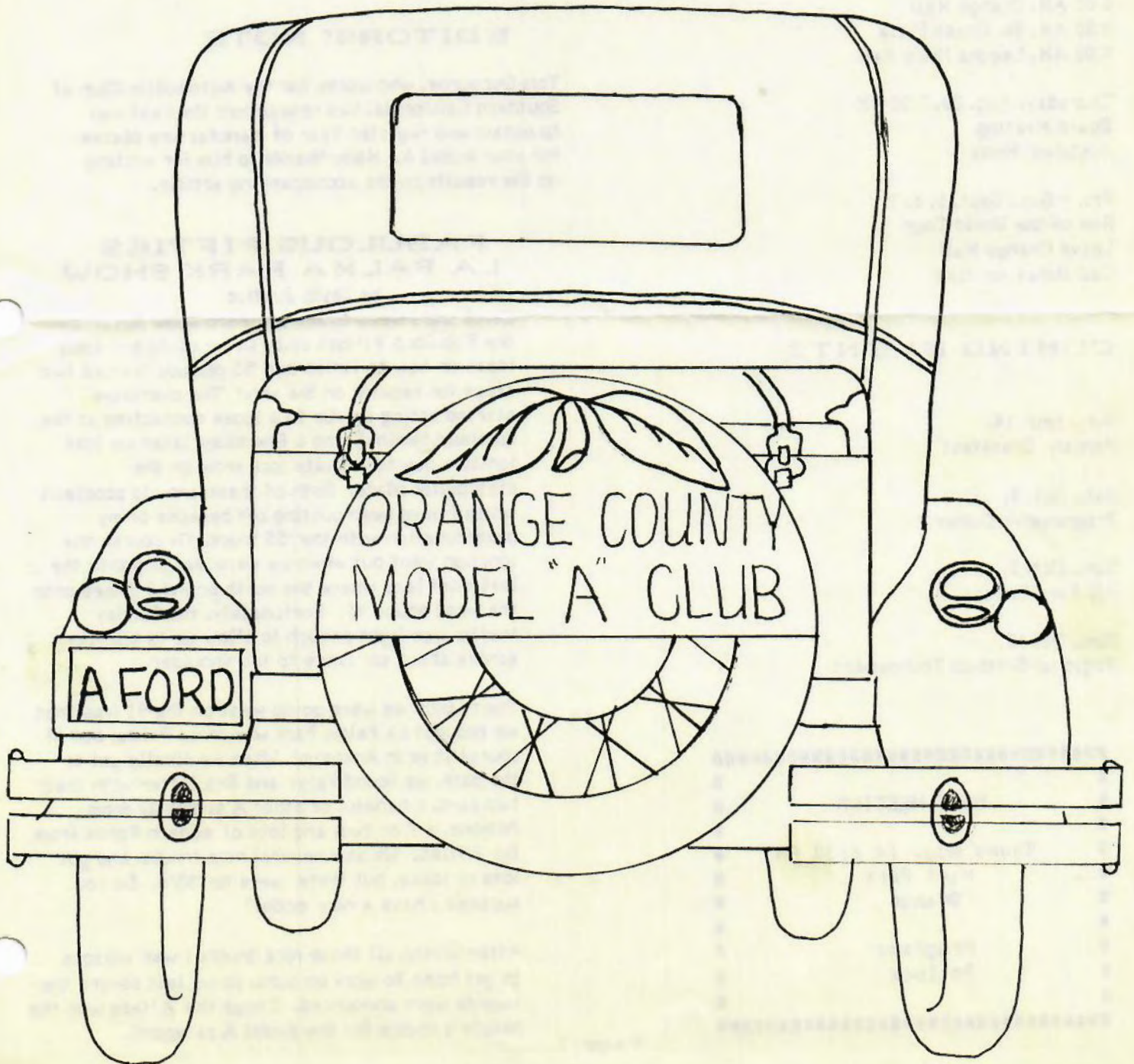
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CALENDAR

Thursday, Aug. 14, 6:30 PM
Potluck followed by
General Meeting
Hart Park, Orange

Friday, Aug. 15, 7:35 PM
Baseball Night
Anaheim Stadium

Friday, Aug. 22, 7:30 PM
Technical Seminar
Johnsons' Home

Sunday, Aug. 24,
Beach Party. Meet at:
8:00 AM, Orange Mall
8:30 AM, So. Coast Plaza
9:00 AM, Laguna Hills Mall

Thursday, Aug. 28, 7:30 PM
Board Meeting
Justices' Home

Fri. - Sun., Sept. 5, 6, 7
Rim of the World Tour
Leave Orange Mall
Call Rihas for time

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Sept 14,
Pancake Breakfast

Sat., Oct. 4,
Progressive Dinner

Sun., Oct. 5,
All Ford Picnic

Sun., Oct 12.
Regional Softball Tournament

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#     Thurs Aug. 14 6:30 PM
#       Hart Park
#       Orange
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#     Program:
#     Potluck
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A MODEL A's WEDDING

by June Riha

Congratulations to Martha Allen and Leslie White who exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony July 19th. The bride was stunning in a Victorian style gown and hat which she designed and fashioned. Little Daylyn Kelley was flower girl and wore a light blue dress with a hat matching that of the bride. A lawn reception followed and a buffet lunch was served, along with a champagne toast and three tier wedding cake. Entertainment was provided by a honky-tonk piano player, a friend of the groom. Catching the brides garter was Jason Dwinger who turned a bright shade of pink. A grand time was had by all!

EDITORS' NOTE

Tom Osbourne, who works for the Automobile Club of Southern California, has researched the best way to obtain and register Year of Manufacture plates for your model A. Many thanks to him for writing up the results in the accompanying article.

FABULOUS FIFTIES LA PALMA PARK SHOW

by Keith Justice

Carol and I went to the all-Ford show put on by the Fabulous Fifties club, so we could get some ideas on how to finish our '55 pickup. We had two stops for repairs on the way! The overdrive started acting up due to a loose connection at the solenoid terminal, and a few miles later we lost ignition due to a faulty lock screw on the distributor plate. Both of these are old problems which I have been putting off because of my preoccupation with the '55 truck. Of course the ignition went out when we were merging into the left most lane where the north bound 5 comes onto the west bound 91. Fortunately, the Sunday traffic was light enough to allow us to scamper across about six lanes to the shoulder.

The reason we were going west on the 91 was that we thought La Palma Park was in La Palma, but of course it is in Anaheim! When we finally got to the park, we found Karyn and Bob Sitter with their two cars, a handful of other A's, mostly from Pomona, a T or two, and lots of modern Fords from the fifties. We saw several nice trucks, and got lots of ideas, but there were no '55's. Do you suppose I have a rare model?

After seeing all those nice trucks I was anxious to get home to work on ours, so we left before the awards were announced. I hope the Sitters won the people's choice for the Model A category.

BOARD MEETING NOTES

by Jerry Sterling
586-8469

The July 31, 1986 meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM at June and Dick Rihas' home. Present were Mary and Les Nesbitt, Carol and Keith Justice, Lou Spielberger, Jon Heiland, and Jerry Sterling.

Activities: The Poker Run was attended by 13 families. A special thanks is directed to the Nesbitts for their efforts. No divorces were reported. An exceptionally fun time was had by all those attending. The park was great also.

The beach party will be held at Doheny Beach on August 24th. Leave Orange Mall at 8:00 AM, 8:30 at South Coast Plaza and 9:00 at Laguna Hills Mall.

The September 5th Rim of the World Tour will leave Orange Mall at a time to be determined at August 14 meeting. Dick Riha will be tour leader so call him for details if you can't make the meeting.

September 14-Second Pancake Breakfast at Hart Park.

Technical Report: The seminar for July was on problems brought by those attending. See Dick's article.

The August seminar will be on valves and guides.

Editors' Report: A full Distributor will be published this month. The Pancake Breakfast will be publicized in other newsletters.

Mail Shows: We have received a call for a 10/11/86 parade in Walnut. Further details and requests for sign-ups will be presented at the August general meeting.

Programs: The August meeting will include a pot-luck at 6:30 PM at Hart Park. Bring what you like. September meeting will be Doc Ingersen telling us about their trip to Alaska.

New Business: The club has received a certificate testifying to our 25 years as a chapter of MAFCA. We are one of only about 15 clubs in the country that has been chartered for this long.

Old Business: A nominations chairman is needed for the upcoming elections.

A motion was made by Jerry Sterling to move the Christmas Party to the Jolly Roger on Katella if the 13th or 20th of Dec. is available and if the cost of the meal does not exceed \$30. per couple. Othwewise, the Claim Jumper should be booked again for Dec. 20. The motion was seconded by Lou Spielberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Board Meeting August 28 at the Justice home at 7:30PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.



TECHNICAL TALK

by Dick Riha
556-4355

The July seminar showed that there are cars with problems in our club. Attending were 18 men and no women. We solved problems like reversed rear brake levers, headlight sockets that would not hold tension, and how to install a channel ring on the rear drum. We also learned how to enlarge the vee groove in a pulley, cut a slot in the vibration damper, recut and regroove an armature and discussed steering boxes. The above were only part of the items dealt with. I feel this was very informative for all that attended.

What are you going to do when leaded gas is no longer available and your engine gets sick. Come to the August seminar that will be put on by Jim Manos and held at Glenn Johnson's house on Friday, Aug.22 at 7:30 PM. Some of the problems that await us will be discussed.

TIP OF THE MONTH: Wiper hose, slipped over the tongue of the hood hold down and cut will help to prevent undue scratching of hood latches. Spring brushes that are too strong will make the horn sound bad.

REGISTERING YOM PLATES

by Tom Osborne

The "Sure-Fire" Method to use Year of Manufacture (YOM) Plates

Since the YOM Law went into effect last year, there is a flurry of information, and mis-information about how to go about getting a '29-31 set of License plates reinstated.

If you follow the directions, you will have about a half hour, to 45 minutes waiting time at the DMV. Bring the \$35.00!

1. Do not attempt to get YOM plates issued, when your Pink Slip is not current, or you have an out of state Title. Things are confusing enough with out that problem. You need to appear, with a current Pink Slip, Registration, and the plates.
2. The plates must be clear. Some 6 digets numbers are currently on Motorcycles. Plate numbers are held for four years after expiration, befor you can reuse the number. Five diget numbers are in clear status; you'll have no trouble with them, if you can find them! Plates must be in good, usable condition: color bright, no rust, etc. They may be restored, but the color must be correct.

Befor you invest in a set of plates, unless they are accompanied by a DMV clearence slip, have the numbers investigated! The best, and only place is at the DMV-Investigations, 13700 Hoover, Westminster. Ask for Chris; she is the only one in Orange County that seems to know what's going on!

Chris will check the number for you, over the phone. She will tell you if they are clear, or who has the numbers. Other offices DON'T DO THIS SERVICE over the phone. If the plates are clear, tell her to RESERVE that number for you. DMV will Reserve a number for 30 days.

If the number is not clear you can try to contact the owners, and have him relinquish the number, and get new plates. The best way is to offer to pay the expenses, otherwise, you get no cooperation at all, which is understandable.

WHERE DO I GET "CLEAR" PLATES? There are several Swap Meet Vendors who handle old plates; Hemmings is full of them. The problem is that they cannot check out a set, when they have 50 sets. There is no way they can guarentee the Clearance, since the 6 diget number may be issued tomorrow morning, from a dealer, or another DMV.

The best source of clear plates is: H. "Red" Lonie, of the Diamond Tread Chapter. Red is an old timer, has been working with metal for 60 years. He can take a part of a plate, and duplicate a pair! He also gets \$65.00 a set, that are perfectly restored, and meet the DMV requirements. His phone number is (213) 923-8373, in Downey. He is restoring a '31 Town Sedan, and needs parts; he'd rather trade the plates as have the money! He can supply you with at least 5 sets of numbers, over the phone. You have them checked by Chris, and call him back, giving him the number you have pre-cleared with the DMV, and you have RESERVED; takes Red a month or less to restore a plate set.

Then what? Take your current Pink, Registration, and old plates to Chris, at the Westminster DMV, Investigations Division. She will re-run the numbers, and give you a Clearence Slip for re-registration. (She also checks the plates for color, dimensions, and metallic content with a magnet, befor signing the Slip.)

At this point, you have two options, to follow through the re-registration of the car.

1. Go to Window 11, with the Pink, Registration, and Plates, and of course, the \$35.00. Someone will try to pull up the information on a Tube, but may not be able to do so. You'll get a receipt, and the tab, and two stickers will come from Sacramento DMV (Div. 42) in a month or so; in the meantime, you can replate the Model A with the plates, since you have the receipt that says you have reregistered a car with a Special plate. This satisfies the local P.D. and the Highway Patrol, Sherriffs, and etc., in case you're stopped. They do not keep the pink slip, just the registration (white) copy. This part of the operation can take 15 minutes, to an hour, depending upon how backed up the computer is at the DMV.

2. If you're a memembr of the Automobile Club of Southern California, or an AAA affiliate, take the Pink, Registration, and Plates to your local office. I'd suggest the Costa Mesa office, at 615 W. 19th, across from the DMV. Dave Contreas does the entire transaction in less than 10 minutes, including a trip to the Cashier, to pay the \$35. (You MUST HAVE THE CLEARANCE SLIP, signed and verified by Chris.) The tab, etc., comes in the mail, from Dept. 42, sacramento, in two weeks or less.

Remember:

1. Clear, current title, and registration!
2. A set of cleared plates, that have been RESERVED for you!
3. Deal only with Chris at the Westminster DMV!
4. Get the Clearance Slip, and proceed with the re-registration of you Model A.
5. Use the DMV, or Auto Club to finish up the registration.
6. If you sell the car, and intend to use the plates on the same year model, KEEP THEM; THEY ARE NOT PART OF THE SALE! You can use them on another car, of the same year. The plates are registered to YOU with the car being incidental.



GOLDEN OLDIES

For Sale: 'C' crank, \$150, 'A' transmission, \$50.
Dan Simmons. 968-7466.

For Sale and Wanted: Need a rear apron for '30
Briggs Town Sedan. Have some excellent 19" tires
and tubes at \$5.00 each. Tom Osborne. 537-7766,
eves.

Wanted: '30-'31 Pickup Cab. Dennis Griffin.
894-7661.

Wanted: Transmission bell housing for '29-'31
with right hand drive. Brian Huffman.
546-1200, days, or 847-2285, eves.



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Minutes of the June 6th meeting.

Representatives were on hand from; Diamond Tread, Orange County, Paradise Valley, Pomona Valley, Santa Anita and Whittier. Not represented were; San Fernando, Jewel City and Queen Mary.

1986 dues are \$25. The following Chapters still need to send in their dues; Diamond Tread, Jewel City, Pomona Valley, Queen Mary, San Fernando and Santa Anita.

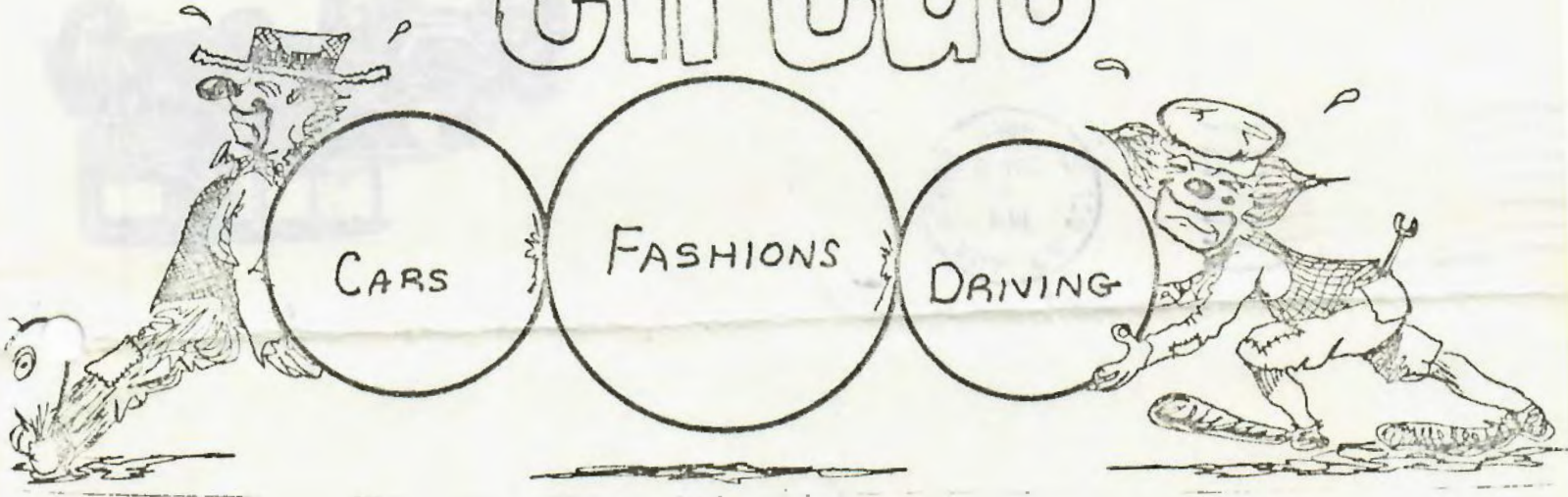
The 1986 Fun Day was attended by 117 Model A's and nearly 300 people. The 50/50 raffle so aptly conducted by San Fernando brought in \$165. The Diamond Tread members were thanked for their sincere dedication. They exhibited an enthusiasm that has come to be the hallmark of the Fun Day Hosting Chapter. We thank them one and all.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT Each team will have a minimum of 7 players and a maximum of 10. The games shall begin at 9:00AM. Umpires and equipment will be provided. (Bring your own gloves.) Lunch will be from 12:00 to 1:30 and will be the responsibility of those attending. Just like at the Fun Day. A Ten Year Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner. The date will be Oct. 12th, a Sunday.

REGIONAL TOUR 1987 Just prior to the Memorial Day Week End a scouting expedition went to Lone Pine for the purpose of meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and taking a look around. A favorable report was delivered along with a slide presentation. With over 200 rooms available and Banquet facilities for 235 people two of the basic requirements for a fun tour were met. As of now a Bar-Be-Que is planned for the first night, Friday June 5th. Museum, Hatchery and Mountain Tours are planned for Saturday. At 220 miles from Whittier the trip up will be leisurely and shall take about 5 to 6 hours. The main aim of the tour is to drive our cars someplace and have fun when we get there. Specific Chapter responsibilities will be determined at the next Regional Meeting on August 1.

Don Schade was elected to a third term as Regional Co-Ordinator.

Three A ring Circus



NOVEMBER 7 - 8 - 9

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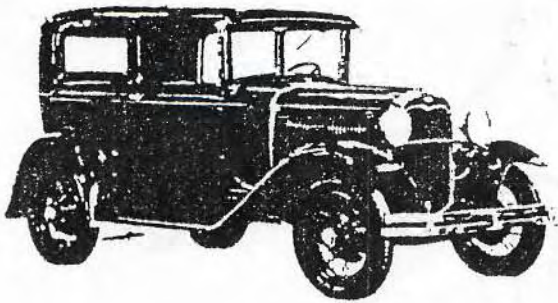
Again, SAN DIEGO MARC/MAFCA is holding a FUN MEET, instead of a stiff judging meet, aptly named "A" THREE RING CIRCUS!

RING ONE
RING TWO
RING THREE

MODIFIED CAR JUDGING
ERA FASHION JUDGING
DRIVING SKILL JUDGING

If you like to have fun with your Model A, plan on joining us at the Escondido Inn again this year. SAVE THIS DATE

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