

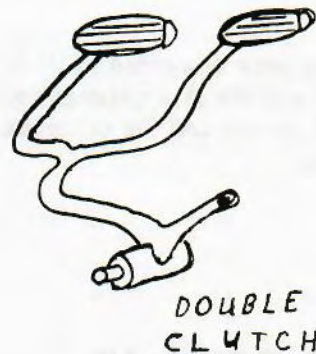
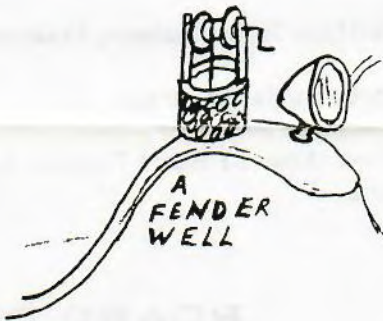
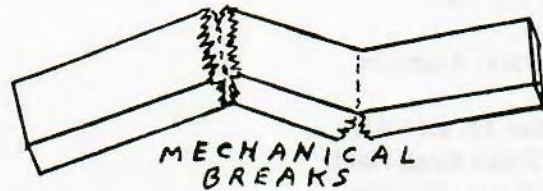
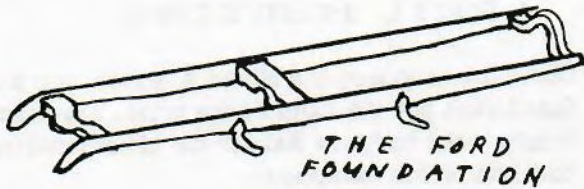
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## FORD TERMINOLOGY

## CALENDAR

Thursday, May 8, 7:30 PM  
General Meeting  
Yorba Jr.H.S., Orange

Friday, May 9, 7:30 PM  
Technical Seminar  
Ferazzi's Home

Saturday, May 10, 7:00 AM  
Fullerton Parade  
Call Martha Allen

Saturday, May 10  
Street Fair  
Heritage Park, Anaheim

Sunday, May 11, 6:00 AM  
Diamond Tread Swap Meet  
Long Beach Vet. Stadium

Sunday, May 25, 7:00 AM  
Antique Nationals  
Depart Orange Mall

Thursday, May 27, 7:30 PM  
Board Meeting  
Spielberger's Home

Sunday, June 1, 8:00 AM  
Carrions Cherry Orchard  
Depart Orange Mall

Saturday, June 21  
Summer Tour begins

## NOTE

Don't forget to bring your unwanted stuff to the white elephant sale and the May general meeting. This is always a lot of fun, and the proceeds go into the club coffers.

## COVER CREDIT

Jim Willett has provided us with a pictorial tour through Model A puns this month. Thanks Jim. I am told that next month some of the kids going on the summer tour will provide a timely send-off.

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# NEXT MEETING #  
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# May 8 at 7:30 PM #  
# Yorba Jr. High School #  
# Orange #  
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# Program: #  
# White Elephant Sale #  
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## APRIL MEETING

Glenn Johnson won the Model A driver award and the Spielbergs got the name badge prize. The hardluck trophy went to Steve Balmer for almost making it to Yuma on his own power.

## MALL SHOWS

May 10, Fullerton Parade. 10 cars.

May 10, Heritage Park, Anaheim. Freebie.

May 17, Yorba Linda, 10 cars.

June 14, Tent show. La Habra Fashion Square  
10 cars.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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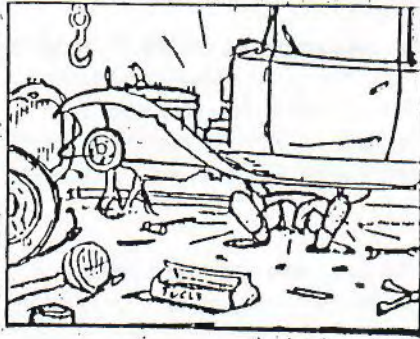
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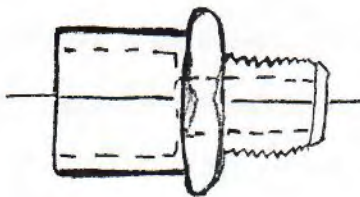
## TECHNICAL TALK

by Dick Riha  
556-4355

In April we had a seminar on rebuilding a Model A rear end that was hosted by Jerry and Georgia Sterling. Attending were 14 men and 2 ladies. Keith Justice did an excellent job in showing and explaining all the things that must be done in rebuilding a rear end. There were many questions answered about parts and how they worked.

May's seminar will be on V-8 transmissions in the Model A. It will be chaired by Lou Spielberger and hosted by Bob and Patty Ferazzi on May 9 at 7:30 PM. (See map.)

Tip of the Month: Do you have problems putting gas in your A with the smog nozzels we have in Southern California? Then at your local Ole's pick up a 1 1/4 inch PVC Schedule 40 pipe-to-thread adapter:



Its cost is about \$.79 and it will save you from getting upset when you have to gas up.

## YAMMERING ABOUT YUMA

by Keith Justice

This year's trip to Yuma was our most memorable one so far, so I volunteered to write it up. Here goes:

11 Model A's and NO moderns left Laguna Hills Mall more or less on time Thursday morning, and Carol was soon introduced to the eerie quiet of a Model A in overdrive. We could actually understand most of what was being said on the CB over the sound of the engine. Our first potty stop was, (you guessed it!) at the first rest stop on Camp Pendleton. I will recount no more potty stops.

The trip to Pine Valley was uneventful except for the Dwingers' car running rough under load, and the Nesbitts' car running out of gas just short of our goal, after several old-timers had assured the novitiates that we would all make it, "no sweat". The Blue Box came to the rescue with an emergency can which has gone unused for several years.

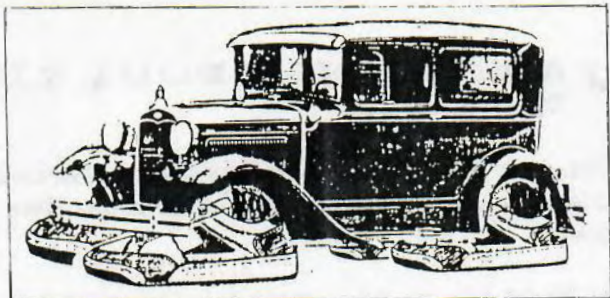
We had a relaxed lunch at Pine Valley while Pete "fixed" his problem and road tested the car. Carol and I forgot to take our frozen turkey sandwiches out of the cooler, so we had to thaw them on the manifold: toasted turkey sandy's!

I was looking forward to rolling down the long hill towards the desert in overdrive, without the vibrations I used to get going downhill, but about a quarter of the way down we suddenly started free-wheeling. This is a sign that the solenoid has burned out or is no longer getting juice, so we had to go back to straight drive to keep from running up someone's tail pipe. At the next rest stop we wired around a defective relay, and gave thanks that we didn't have to go all the way to Yuma in straight drive. It surely doesn't take long to get addicted to an overdrive.

A few miles short of Yuma the Blue Box got to use emergency can again. It turns out that those pretty red, white, and blue cans on the Sitters' running board are just for looks!

Our rooms weren't exactly all together as expected, but small annoyances faded after two complimentary drinks in the bar and a delicious poolside dinner provided by the McKinneys and the Wavras.





## NESBITT'S RUNS

by Leslie Nesbit  
730-9365

May 10 is the Fullerton Parade. This is a "mall show for which the club will get paid. We need 10 cars. Call Martha Allen for details.

Also May 10 is an event in Heritage Park in Anaheim. The sponsors would like to have a display of old cars to go with a showing of the old homes. Just show up. A two-way freebie.

The Antique Nationals is a mileage tour to Pear Blossum. We will leave Orange Mall at 7:00 AM and stop along the way for breakfast at Tiffany's. Bring a picnic lunch. Pre-1948 hot rods are featured.

Our trip to Carrions Cherry Orchard in Banning happens Sunday June 1. Leave Orange Mall at 8:00 AM. Pick cherries and see antique cars.

June 21 is the start of the long-awaited Summer Tour. Bring your running shoes.

## COMING EVENTS

July 4, 5th Annual Party

July 13, Poker Run

August 15, Angels Game

August 24, Beach Party

Sept. 6-7, Rim of the World

Sept. 14, Pancake Breakfast

Oct. 4, Progressive Dinner

## BOARD MEETING NOTES

by Jerry Sterling  
586-8469

The April 24, 1986 meeting was called to order by Jon Heiland at 7:35 PM, at the Mary and Leslie Nesbitt home. Present were Jon Heiland, Les Nesbitt, Lou Spielberger, Mike Humphries, Jerry Sterling, Keith and Carol Justice, and Dick and June Riha.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was presented and approved. Dick Riha moved, Lou Spielberger seconded, that the CD be extended for 90 days. Carried. The treasurer submitted a memo detailing current standing expenses of the club such as Distributor costs and meeting hall expenses, compared to the base income of the club from dues. It was noted that the current dues do not defray these fundamental costs and that the dues have remained unchanged for many years. After discussion, Les Nesbitt moved that the matter be brought before the membership for discussion at the next meeting, so that the Board could make a decision on any possible dues increases with the opinions of the membership in mind. Carried.

Activities: The Yuma tour was very enjoyable, but most member were disappointed at the handling of the peoples Choice judging. The meet organizers are aware of the problem and will correct it next year. Dick Riha won second place in a field of 88 Model A's at the Fabulous Ford Forever show. Reps at the Regional meeting said their members liked the Pancake Breakfast in the rain. We will have a second breakfast on Sept. 14, 1986. Regional is planning a major tour to Lone Pine for three or four days next year. Also a ball game is planned for October of this year. More on this later. See Les' article for other events.

Editors' Report: Everything is A-OK.

Technical Report: See Dick's article.

Mall Shows: See the list.

Old Business: None.

New Business: A band for the Christmas Party was discussed. Lou will check on several possibilities and let us know where we can listen to them.

Next meeting May 29 at Lou Spielbergers home. Meet at 7:15 PM at the Hoag Hospital parking structure, and van down to Lou's. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.





## GOLDEN OLDIES

For Sale: All parts left after restoring 3 Model A's. Best offer takes all. Call to see. Maynard Grunklee. (714)-532-1418

For Sale: Model A restorers dream home with two double garages. One-wheel trailer, \$50. Antique sideboard. Need a speedometer gear. Maynard Grunklee. (714)-532-1418.

For Sale: Complete Model C engine, V-8 clutch, late transmission, in San Gabriel Valley. \$2500, firm. Richard, (714)-598-8881.

For Sale: 1930 Coupe. Frank Gebhardt. (714)-542-7995.

For Sale: 1931 Murray Town Sedan. Estate sale. Partially restored basket case with lots of new parts, including La Baron Bonney kit. Marie Mazzarelle. (714)-339-3286.

For Sale: AKC Cocker Spaniel puppies, buff colored, all males. Guaranteed not to shed on Model A upholstery or piddle on wheels. Martha Allen. (714)-870-6417.

For Sale: Model A engine, ported large valves bored crankshaft. Complete short block, basket case. \$75.00. Lou Spielberger. 650-0974.

For Sale: '29 Closed Cab Pickup and '30 Coupe, complete but disassembled. Make offer. Wade Roberts. 714-675-5457.

(Eds. Note: "Complete but disassembled" is a longer but more pleasant-sounding way of saying "Basket case".)



Carol and I saw the sun come up on a clear cool day, and after an early breakfast we went for a leisurely drive through the back roads of greater Yuma, and wound up in Mexico. The A was greatly appreciated by the locals. I was thrilled to be able to obtain a replica of Heloderma horribilus from a street vendor. Otherwise, we were too early to be able to do much shopping. Next time lets plan a group tour gang. I am sure no one in our club would hesitate to drive across. . . well the ones who are chicken can always park and walk across.

The rest of Friday was really laid back. Everyone caught some rays at poolside, although the weather was so deliciously cool that hardly anyone wanted to get wet. Young Les Nesbitt spent the whole day cleaning and polishing his (father's?) car. Gerry McKinney took some friends shopping, but when she tried to show them how the Black Beauty could peel rubber in second gear, she broke an axel key clean in two. For shame. The highlight of the day was the fashion show, with June and Dick (suck-it-in) Riha, and Larry and Gerry McKinney participating; and Sharon Johnson judging. I predict we will see Les and Mary Nesbitt on the runway next year. The day finished off with a Mexican style barbeque which was attacked as only Orange County MAFCA's can.

Saturday was the big day: judging and gymkahna. The big change this year was that there was no required pre-judging parade, which meant that a number of concourse-type cars got trailered in, and overdrives did not disqualify a car, which means that a number of good driving cars got entered. A good compromise, I would say. Orange County was well represented in the judging line. The gymkahna had the ole' wheelbarrow push, and I found out I took one two many shims out of the bottom of my steering column when I rebuilt it the week before.

Real early (like about 4:00 AM) Saturday morning, about 5 cars worth of Orange County's most fun loving segment went comet watching. Everyone was thrilled by the spectacle of Halley's streaking across the sky just before dawn (or was that a shooting star?)

Just before the awards banquet started Saturday night, several OC's left to retrieve Steve and Jeremy Balmer and the Toad from the rest stop just short of Yuma. The next morning the Toad revealed

a disgusting rip in its flywheel cover. Steve and rescuers arrived at the banquet just in time for dinner and the hardluck trophy. Other Orange County winners were:

Blue Ribbon Judging--Glenn Johnson, 3rd place;  
Joe Lane, 4th place.

Peoples Choice--Glenn Johnson, 3rd place. Also ran:  
Pieter Dwinger, 7th; Les Nesbitt, 10th.

Era Fashions--June Riha looked positively stunning and took first place in women's evening wear.

Door Prizes--Jerry McKinney, racing oil filter;  
Pieter Dwinger, air filter;  
Bob Kelley, belt buckle;  
Glenn Johnson, clock mirror;  
Dick Riha, table decoration (model Model A)

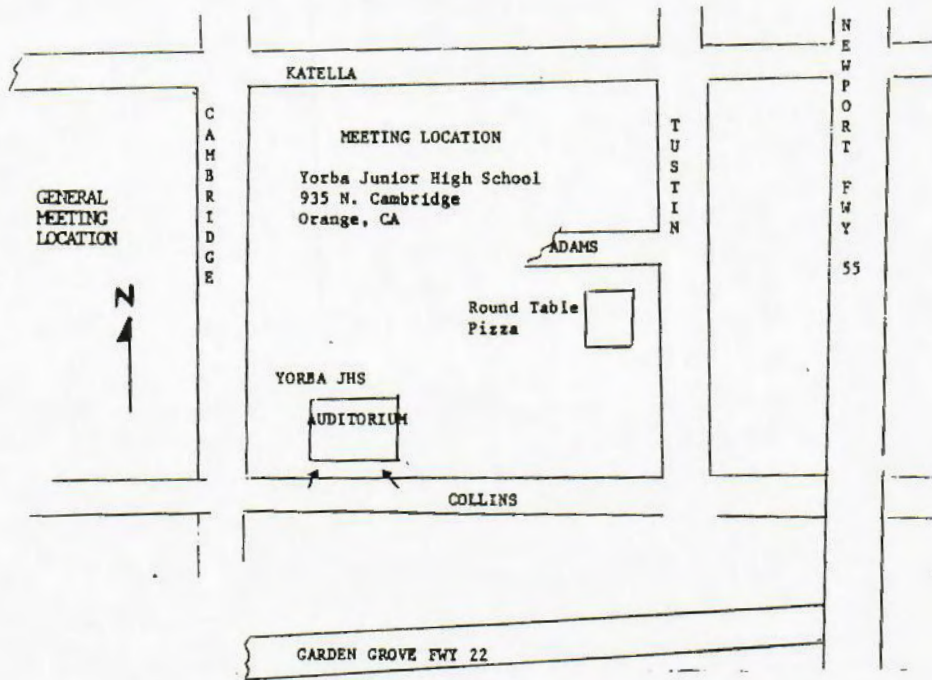
Hard Luck Trophy--Steve Balmer.

I sure hope we got all of this correct.

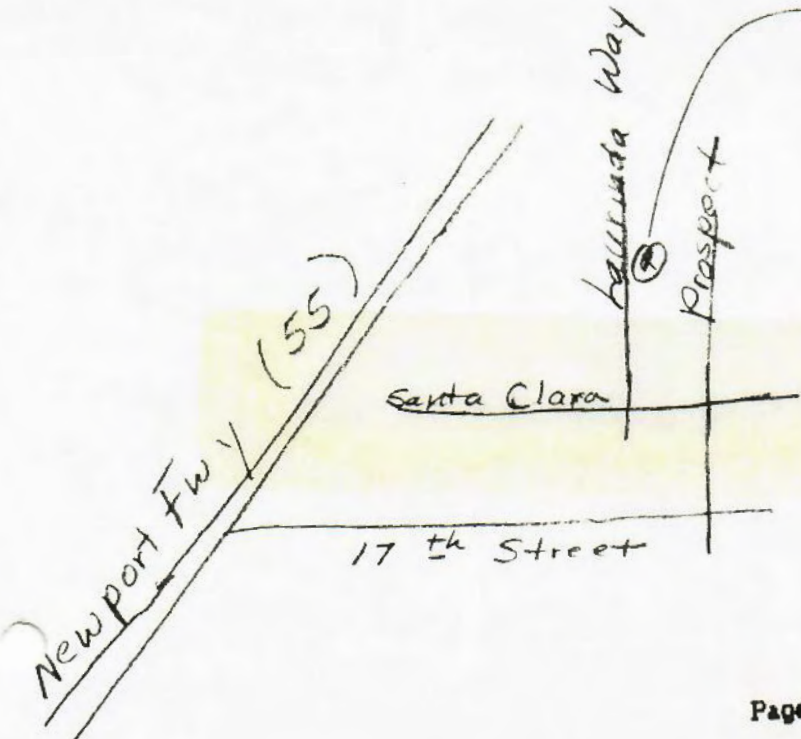
On the return trip Sunday Les Nesbitt pulled the toad with his modern van. (No Les, you do not get mileage credits for pulling an A.) I enjoyed climbing up the grade into Julian in "second over". We got rained on a bit before Julian, but that was nothing compared to the deluge that hit while we were there, with small hail piled up like snow on tops and running boards. Dan Simmons managed to get a new push-rod installed before the worst hit. (Model A's have push-rods??)

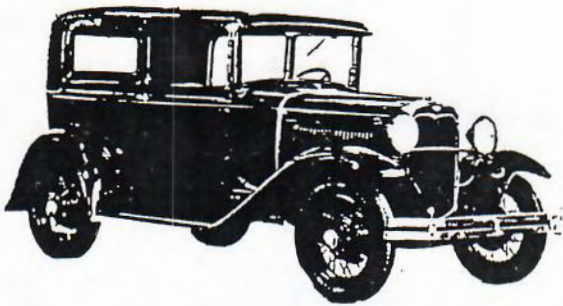
Before and after Julian we "fixed" the Chuck Wagon several more times, but finally decided to admit defeat and take the slow boat to China when the Nesbitts' car blew a head gasket between #3 and #4. The last potty stop of the trip was (you guessed it!) at the rest stop just north of Oceanside, and the Green Hornet gratefully peeled off at Alicia Parkway, tired but happy.





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