

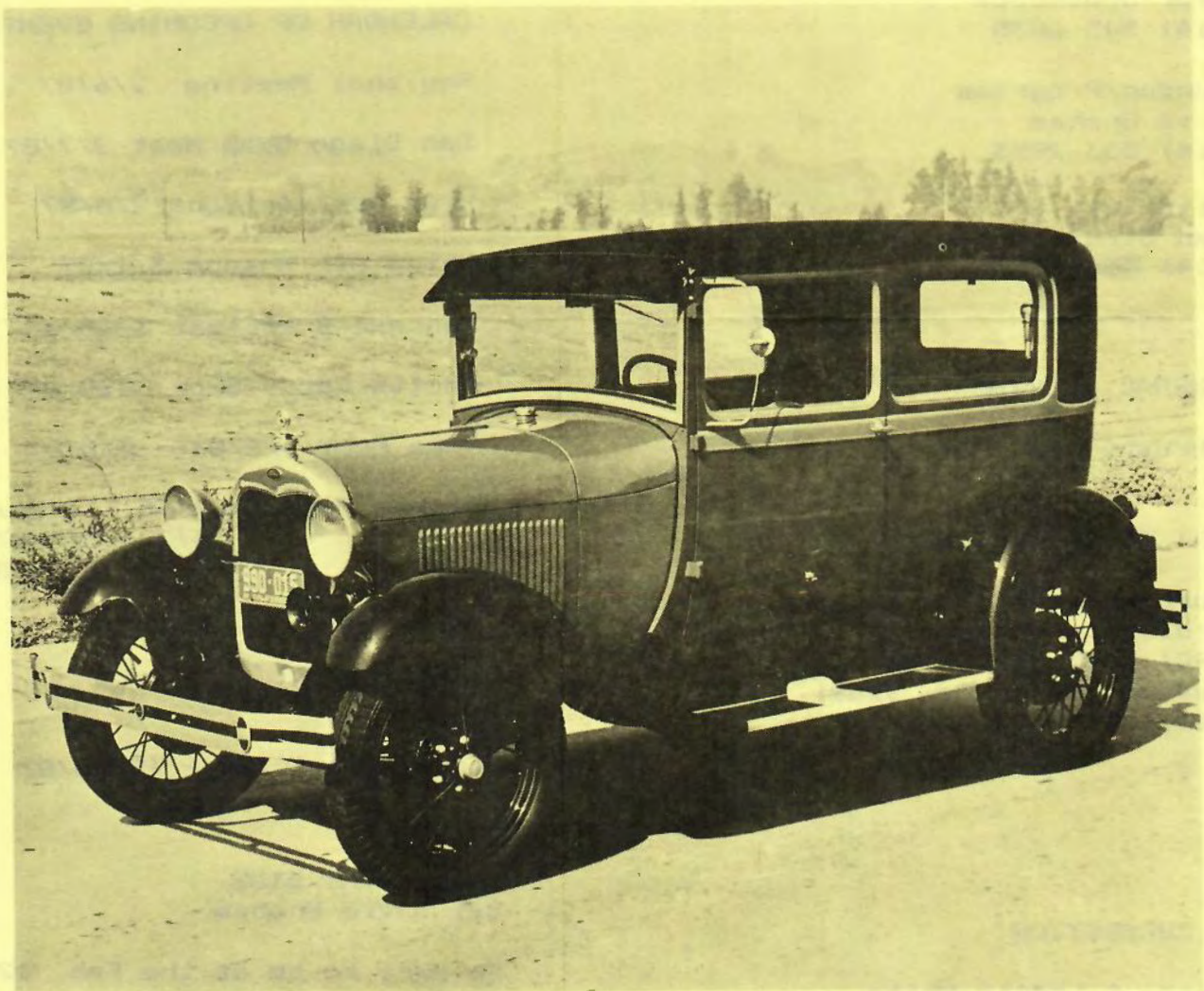
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GLENN JOHNSON'S 1928 TUDOR

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GENERAL MEETING

February 12, 1987

NEXT BOARD MEETING

February 26th 1987 at Alan
Girdlestone's home
23901 Live Oak Drive
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(714) 586-8397

ID CORRECTION

Martha & Leslie White
previously Martha Allen are
now married!! Apparently we
have not previously
congratulated the Happy Couple
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

COVER CREDIT

Back in the 50's my first car
was a Model A Ford. I always
wanted another one so in 1968
I bought this 1928 Tudor. I
disassembled it in the Spring
of '69 and the restoration was
finished in the Fall of '71.
Since then it has been driven
about 15,000 miles and has
participated in many Model A
events.

Glenn Johnson

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Regional Meeting 2/6/87

San Diego Swap Meet 2/7/87

High Per./Antique 2/8/87

Chino Air Museum 3/1/87

Pancake Breakfast 3/15/87

Knotts Berry Show 3/29/87

Yuma Meet 4/2/87 - 4/5/87

Ramona Pageant 4/25 - 4/26/87
5/2 - 5/3/87
5/9 - 5/10/87

Air Show 6/6 - 6/7/87

Sequoia July 1987

Las Vegas 10/22 - 10/25/87

THEN EVENT SIDE

By: David Graham

Be sure to be at the Feb. 12th
general meeting. Two
representatives from Betz
Speed & Color will be present
to contrast the different
model A colors available. What
are the advantages of lacquer
or enamel? Come and find out.

GLENN'S GRAFFITI

By Glenn Johnson

It's February already. January slipped by so fast I hardly noticed. Unfortunately of fortunately, depending on how you look at it, my business has been so busy I haven't had much time for Model A'ing. However I did attend a couple of Model A events that I'd like to tell you about. On January 15th four of our members and their cars joined a few other old car enthusiasts at the official opening ceremony for the new Laguna Hills Department of Motor Vehicles. The festivities included refreshments, political speakers, beauty queens, bands, cub scouts, a barber shop quartet, etc. etc. A good old home town affair. OCMAFCA members showing their cars included Lou & Pearl Spielberger, Piet Dwinger, Lloyd & Barbara Massey and me.

On the 17th Sharon and I were invited to the Whittier Chapter's Installation. The dinner was held at the Cafe Renee Restaurant in old restored Whittier. The banquet room was fabulously restored complete with antique chandeliers and a huge mirror backed bar straight out of the roaring 20's. Era music was playing as we arrived and many of the Whittier members came dressed in era clothing. After dinner Steve Harker was installed as Whittier's 1987 President. The evening continued with an era fashion show put on by the Whittier Chapter and narrated by Sharon Johnson. Thank-you to the Whittier Chapter for inviting us, we enjoyed it very much.

The questionnaire included in the January newsletter was obviously not the good idea I hoped it would be. I only received a few of them back and although they were interesting, that few hardly can speak for the whole club. I guess most of you don't care what we do. See you at the next meeting.

DEATH VALLEY TOUR

by Les and Mary Nesbitt

On Thursday Jan 22 Hahn, Manos, Nesbitt, Osborne, and Wavra, driving Model As, and Girdlestone, Plotkin, and Reed, driving moderns, left for a fascinating weekend in Death Valley. They were joined on Friday by Riha and Justice, driving Model As and Marsh and Dwinger driving moderns.



MODEL A'ING IN DEATH VALLEY

Far from being a desolate hole in the middle of the desert, Death Valley offers much to see and do. On Friday, those who were there drove to the ghost town of Rhyolite, Nevada. As we were crossing the border into Nevada, Joe Wavra remarked, "Where are the slot machines?" Would you believe they have a slot machine in Rhyolite! Nothing left but an old depot and the renowned bottle house, but they do have a slot machine. It was a real one-armed bandit, too. It took every nickle the group had and didn't give a single one back! Our sharp-eyed Model Aers also spotted a tudor body with no rust spots. If anyone feels like building a car from scratch, we know where you can get a good body!



ORIGINAL BOTTLE HOUSE
"RHYOLITE"

On the way back from "Scotty's Castle" we stopped at the sand dunes of Death Valley. Keith Justice held a mini-seminar on desert ecology while we tromped around on the dunes.

We were fascinated with the different kinds of geology represented in the valley. We visited a place called "The Devil's Golf Course" where we walked out onto massive formations made out of rock-solid salt and mud. "The Artist's Pallate" was a rock formation made out of several different vivid colors greens, golds, purples, reds, and browns. "Mustard Canyon" was a short winding drive through high mustard-colored formations. It reminded me of a Knott's Berry Farm or Disneyland ride. At a place called BAD WATER we reached the lowest point in the USA, 282 feet below sea level, but there was no problem because Joe Wavra always made us put on our snorkles. We also made a nice walking tour up Golden Canyon with Joe & Marion Wavra.

The big tour-within-the-tour was a 50 mile drive to "Scotty's Castle" on Saturday. This spanish-style mansion was built from 1924-1931 by a Chicago Millionaire for his winter "vacation home" at a cost of 2.5 million dollars. He had to stop work after losing 37 million in the crash of 29 leaving the enormous swimming pool unfinished. Among the fabulous furnishings is a big pipe organ. The property was willed to a religious organization who sold it to the government in 1970 when they could no longer afford the upkeep. We the people of the United States got the property for the bargain price of \$850,000.

Several forms of mining were carried out in the valley, but the most successful was the mining of borax. On display at the ruins of the old Harmony Borax Works was an old "twenty mule team wagon" which consisted of two wagons that carried 18 tons of borax each and the third wagon was a huge water tank that supplied the men and animals with water for the 10 day trip over 165 miles of desert to the railroad in Mohave in the 1880s. Two men made the trip, the "driver" on the first wagon and the "swamper" on the second wagon. If they completed their journey without one of the men killing the other, it was considered a good trip!!!



SCOTTY'S CASTLE

There were several tribes of Indians who lived in the valley, but the first white people to enter the valley were a group of emigrants looking for a short cut to the Mother Lode country in 1849. They became lost and had to suffer severe hardships

before some of them were able to make their way out of the desert. Their experience provided the valley with its morbid name.

On Saturday night all 28 of us, including the Porters who arrived in their camper that day, piled into the available moderns to drive the 30 miles to the ghost town of Death Valley Junction for an evening at the Amargosa Opera House. This previously abandoned meeting hall was discovered in 1967 by dancer-performer Marta Becket as she was looking for a place to retire. Her dream was to express her imagination through dance, pantomime, music, and art in a place of her own. Her theater opened in February 1968 and many nights she played to no audience at all. She decided to paint an audience from 16th century Spain on the inside walls. After she completed that in 1972, she painted a huge mural on the ceiling. She now plays to sold-out audiences every Friday, Saturday, and Monday nights. We saw her dance classical ballet and perform a routine called "Comeback Vaudeville" in which she played all the characters through dance, tap dance, and mime. Marta Becket's age is open for speculation, but I should have legs like that! When she started in 1968, she rented the theater for \$45.00/month. She now owns the whole ghost town and is in the process of restoring the old hotel.

On Sunday, some of us returned through Mohave. After we climbed out of Death Valley Les Nesbitt learned the hard way that you are supposed to take your car out of overdrive before starting down a 9% grade. On our way to Mojave we stopped in Inyokern for Sunday Brunch at the famous TWO SISTERS Restuarant, all you can eat for 3.95. The 2 sisters both have unbelievable backgrounds. In Mojave we met the Hamptons, McKinneys, Balmers, and McDonalds for a visit to the Voyager aircraft. Would you believe that the two groups arrived in Mohave from opposite directions at exactly the same time! We all arrived home safely, tired but looking forward to our next tour together.



MODEL A'S AT SCOTTY'S CASTLE

FOR RENT

Garage Storage Space \$45.00 per month. Across from Fullerton College.
Roger Sowersby (714) 871-5849

OCCMAFCA BOARD MEETING
MINUTES 1-29-87

Glen Johnson opened the meeting at 7:43pm. Mike Humphries gave the treasurer's report and noted that we had a loss of 10 members from last year's roster. Mike presented a financial statement which included a detailed accounting of club expenses and income.

Alan Girdlestone recommended that the club's 3 month C D be transferred into a Super-Flex money market type account which pays essentially the same interest, but allows withdrawals without penalty.

New secretary Les Nesbitt read the minutes of the December board meeting as written by outgoing secretary Jerry Sterling. Minutes were approved as read.

Activities Chairman, Gary Haubold reported that his fragmentary reports from the January Death Valley Tour indicated a very enjoyable tour. The Feb. Tour to San Diego is still accepting sign ups. He is planning a Chino Air Museum Tour on 3-1-87. The pancake breakfast was discussed and it was decided that the club would hold TWO breakfast events each year, one in March and one in September. Gary has set up 3-15-87 as the FIRST PANCAKE BREAKFAST. The Yuma Tour has been scheduled to leave Thursday 4-2-87 and return on Sunday 4-5-87. OCCMAFCA is scheduled to give the GYMKANA in Yuma this year. Gary has several ideas for May Tours and will be reporting same.

He has lined up Jon Heiland and Bev Marsh to plan and give us a good POKER RUN this year. On June 6th and 7th Gary plans to take us to the El Toro Air Show to see the Blue Angels etc. etc. The annual Las Vegas Antique Auto Run is scheduled for OCTOBER 22-23-24-25 1987.

The new distributor editor, Alan Girdlestone needs black and white photos for his monthly cover stories.

Peter Gruenbeck's technical report was given by Piet Dwinger The next Technical Seminar will be Feb. 13th at Glen Johnson's house and will cover TOOLS, VINTAGE TOOLS, and RESTORATION TOOLS. On March 13th TRANSMISSION DISASSEMBLY at Bob Ferazzi's house. On April 10th TRANSMISSION RE-ASSEMBLY also at Ferazzi's. On May 15th VACUUM WINDSHIELD WIPER MOTOR Seminar at Dick Riha's house. On June 12th SAFETY INSPECTION prior to Summer Tour. On July 11th UPHOLSTERY & TOPS at Ferazzi's house.

SPECIAL EVENTS
CHAIRMAN, David Graham reported that the Feb 12th general meeting program will be on Model A paint colors. David reported that he is lining up Mall Shows.

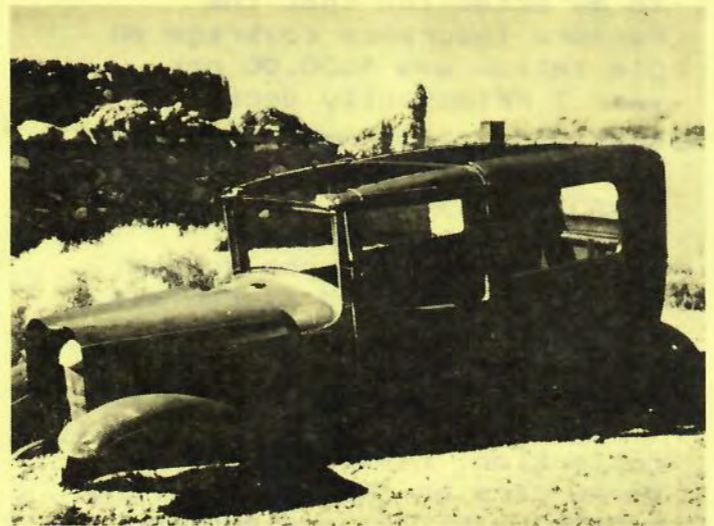
NEW BUSINESS: The By-Laws committee consisting of the board members plus Jon Heiland and Piet Dwinger agreed to change the name of the ROUND-UP CHAIRMAN to SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIRMAN. The duties of the Special Events Chairman include mall shows, general meeting programs and

assist the Activities Chairman when asked.

It was reported that the Association of Calif. Car Clubs also meets on the 4th Thur. of each month and our club ACCC rep. is Dan Simmons. Incidentally Dan is also the clubs official Black & White Photographer this year. We needed him in Death Valley.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm. Next board meeting will be Feb 26th at Alan Girdlestone's home, 23901 Live Oak in Mission Viejo.

Respectfully submitted. Les Nesbitt, secretary.



TUDOR NEEDS A LITTLE RESTORATION

WANTED

1928-29 Roadster P/U Body
Klaxon Horn
Explosion Whistle and Adapter
Richard Young (714) 637-1541

CHEAP INSURANCE

By: Glenn Johnson

In 1969 I bought a brand new Yellow Ford Fairlane Station Wagon. It was a great practical car and I used it to haul my family, supplies for my business, and Model A parts for eight years. In 1977 I bought a new Van and the Wagon (Old Yellow) was retired to be used occasionally as an extra car or loaned to friends and employees. Old Yellow has suffered more than it's fair share of dents, dings and general abuse over the years but it still runs well and although it's only worth a few dollars it has some sentimental value to me. However, when it was brought to my attention that the Farmers Insurance coverage on Old Yellow was \$600.00 per year I reluctantly decided that Old Yellow would have to go. Fortunately before someone bought Old Yellow, I had an idea. If my inexpensive antique car insurance covers my car trailer and my Pantera, why not Old Yellow too? We called our agent and sure enough they accepted Old Yellow as part of my collection. Having more than three cars on this policy, the public Liability and public damage coverage is free and the comprehensive coverage is \$.90 per hundred dollars of the car's value. We valued Old Yellow at \$500.00 which adds up to \$4.50 per year instead of \$600.00. Old Yellow will probably never be a classic, but I think I'll keep her forever-----just like a few people I've met who still have the Model A they bought new.

WHAT'S DOWN THAT ROAD

By: Gary Haubold

I understand from some of those who went on the tour to Death Valley that a great time was had by all. They covered 900 miles, found plenty of interesting things to do, including seeing Scotty's Castle and had some good grub and some not so good..... Well, what can we say? I understand there was no television there, no superbowl. (Well, as one born and raised in Denver, I don't think they missed much.

Our February tour is to the San Diego Swap Meet, Saturday the 7th. Sharon Johnson has the details.

We are working on a number of what I hope will be fun and exciting activities for the year. For March we will be participating in two activities. On Sunday March 1, we will be taking a Picnic Lunch to the Chino Air Museum. Admission is reduced to half for those of us on the tour. We will possibly have parking set aside for the A's. Plan to meet at the parking lot of the Mall of Orange on Tustin Street at in Orange in front of La Fiesta Restaurant at 9:30

Sunday March 15, we will be having our Spring Pancake Breakfast. This is always a fun event with lots of Model A'ers from area clubs visiting. After the breakfast at Hart Park we will plan on some antiquing in the many antique shops in the area. Watch for further details.

We'll see you down the road.

Parts is Parts?
By: Pete Gruenbeck
831-7642

About 8 members attended the January technical seminar for planning 1987. As a group we decided to try having more of the DD IT sessions. We set up a tentative schedule through July as follows:

Fri. Feb. 13, 7:30 PM
Vintage tools & Restoration
Glenn Johnson

Fri. Mar. 13, 7:30 PM
Transmissions - Dismantle &
Inspect
Bob Ferazzi

Fri. May, 15, 7:30 PM
Vacuum Windshield Wipers
Dick Riha

Fri, June, 12, 7:30 PM
Safety Seminar
Bob Ferazzi

Sat. July, 11,
Upholstery - Top Installation
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Ideas for other topics include:
NOS/repro parts ID
Pitman arm welding and
magnaflux

Horns
Beginning body work
Carburetors
A garage tour
Frame straightening
Springs
Wheel straightening

I need volunteers to host or help with seminars for the rest of the year. If you can host a seminar for one of the above topics or have a request for another topic, please contact me.

ACTIVITY INFORMATION

RAMONA PAGEANT

This Year's Ramona Pageant will be on the following dates:

April 25-26

May 2-3

May 9-10

The tickets go from \$7.00 to \$15.00 per seat. The Ramona Pageant is an open air, live theatre presentation in an amphitheatre setting in the Escondido area.

Next month we will have more information, or give Gerry McKinney a call at 963-2724. This is a really fun tour for the whole family, and is an easy 1 1/2 hour drive, so plan on joining us.

KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

Sunday March 29, at Knott's Berry Farm Fabulous Ford Forever all Ford show. Meet at 6:30 AM at Kenos, on LaPalma. 6:00 AM if you want breakfast first.

REGIONAL MEETING

Friday February 6, at 7:30 a Regional meeting will be held at the Whittier Narrows "Snail Building".

Discussions will be held on:

1. Lone Pine Regional (all clubs) weekend tour.
 2. Calender of Club Events
 3. Whittier Narrows Fun Day
- Club Members are invited to join in.

ARIZONA/LAS VEGAS

Anyone who wants information or reservation forms, for the April 2 - 5 Yuma Arizona Tour. Give Pieter Dwinger a call, or come to the February 12th. business meeting.

Also I have additional Las Vegas 6th. annual Antique Auto Run registration forms.

FOR SALE

The one and only 1931 AA passenger bus. It was specially built for the Burbank movie studios. Runs fine, needs some restoration. A genuine collectors prize. Call for more details. Pieter Dwinger (714) 633-1921

Really Nice "Fey" Auto trunk 18x36x24" high, Nice Cond. Needs Cleaning Up. Tom Osborne (714) 537-7766

FOR SALE

6 Ford 16" Wire Wheels W/tires and tubes \$200.00
1928 AR transmission, pedals, flywheel, double disk housing and home built all around body delivery van for Model A. New Top needs doors. \$550.00
Richard Young (714) 637-1541

1931 Coupe - Rumble Seat, etched wind wings - 16" and 19" wheels and tires - trunk side mounts - great shape needs a little paint. \$8,500.00 or best offer.
Don Estrin Home (714) 846-2995
Office (714) 641-6683

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Make all checks payable to the Ramona Pageant Association and mail to Box 755, Hemet, Calif. 92343
ONLY ONE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER WITH EACH ORDER FORM. To avoid error, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Enclosed please find check for \$ _____ in payment for _____ (Number of Tickets) at \$ _____ per ticket.

CHECK DATE

- Saturday, April 25
- Sunday, April 26
- Saturday, May 2
- Sunday, May 3
- Saturday, May 9
- Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

ALL PERFORMANCES AT 3:00 P.M.
ALL TICKETS ARE TAX EXEMPT

CHECK PRICE RANGE

- \$15.00
- \$12.00
- \$11.00
- \$9.00
- \$7.00

Child's Ticket under 12 years
 \$3.50 in Section K only.
 Must be accompanied by an adult.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Yes No I will accept best available tickets on order date if my order cannot be filled as requested.

Yes No I will accept a collect call concerning my ticket order.

You may reach me during the day at (Area Code) _____

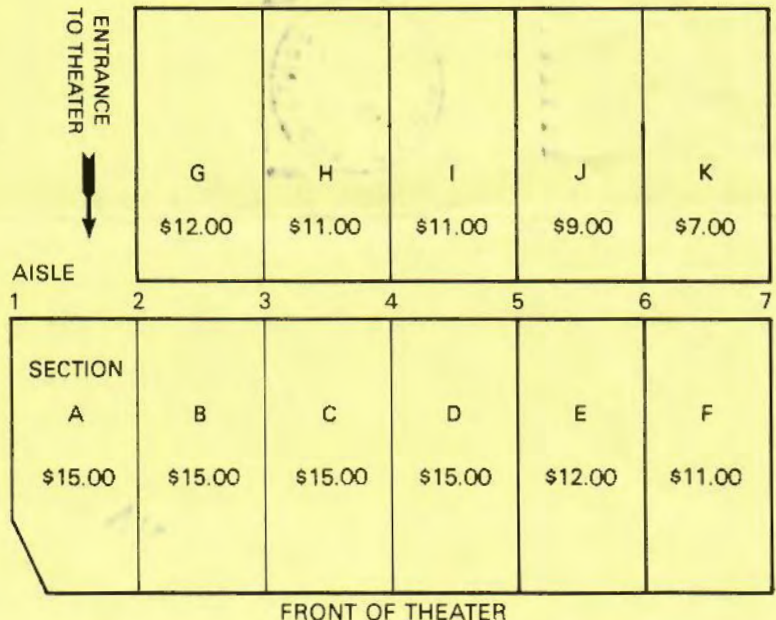
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TICKETS — may be purchased by mail. Use the convenient order form in this brochure and include a self-addressed stamped envelope to avoid errors. All orders will be filled in the order received.

The Ramona Bowl seats 6,662. All action is easily visible from every seat. All seats are reserved. Children under 12 one-half price in the \$7.00 section **ONLY** when accompanied by an adult. **ALL** children attending must have tickets. There is a **FREE** nursery for small children.

CANCELLED PERFORMANCES — In the event of rain, additional performances of any cancelled date will be given on the corresponding Saturday or Sunday, May 16 and 17 and tickets will be good for the additional performance.

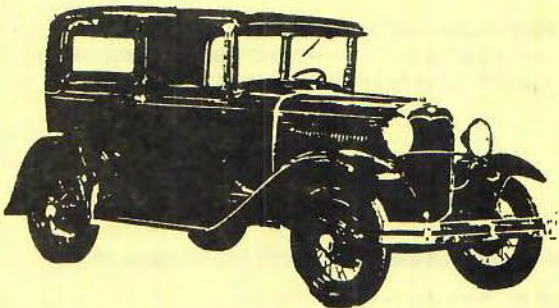
NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED IN THE BOWL.
NO SMOKING IN BOWL.



ROAD SUGGESTIONS — Two fine highways lead from Riverside to Ramona Bowl, Highway 60 and 79 through San Jacinto, and Highway 215 and 74 through Hemet. Both highways are of equal distance.



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