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David and Barbara Graham's
1929 Tudor Sedan

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COVER CREDIT

David and Barbara Graham's 1929 Model A Tudor Sedan.

After spending 6 months looking for a Model A, we finally purchased this one. I drove it 1 mile from Diamond Bar, then had it towed the rest of the way home. The body was in great shape but that's where it all stopped!! It took two years to do the remaining mechanical restoration, including two engines, brakes, steering, clutch and more. The body was leaning to one side, only to find I had a cracked front member. A Saturday seminar fixed this problem with a new crossmember. I restored the complete interior as the original seats had rats nests in them. It is now a joy to drive.

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- * CALENDAR OF EVENTS *
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 - *Orange Mall Show 6/5 -6/7 *
 - *at the Orange Mall, Orange *
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 - *Technical Seminar 6/13/87 *
 - *Bob Ferrazi's House "Topic"*
 - *Safety your Model A *
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 - *Vista Gas & Steam Show *
 - * Vista Ca. 6/20/87 Tour *
 - * details to follow *
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- * NEXT GENERAL MEETING *
- * *
- * JUNE 11th 1987 *
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- * JACK FISHER PARK *
- * *
- * SANTA ANA, CA. *
- * *
- * Memory Lane and Flower S.A.*

Members are invited to submit articles of interest to the editor of the Distributor for publication.

These can be articles on any subject interesting to the membership.

We look forward to your participation.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

June 25th. 1987 at
Glenn Johnson's House
(714) 528-0891

OCMAFCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
5/28/87

Glenn Johnson opened the meeting at 7:45 PM. In the absence of Les Esbitt, Alan Girdlestone maintained the minutes. Glenn called upon Mike Humphries to read the financial report. Mike indicated that the Club did well with the booth at the Fullerton Parade. Mike and the Board discussed that there were three honorary members that need to be reclassified in order to qualify for the National Club and insurance coverage. Financial minutes were approved as read.

David Graham discussed the Mall Show at the City Shopping Center in Orange to take place June 5, thru 7 1987. The cars will actually arrive the evening of June 4th. Approximately 10 cars will participate on Friday and Saturday and 12 on Sunday.

Gary Haubold discussed a possible upcoming event to be held 6/20/87. This would be a tour to Vista to see the "Antique Gas and Steam Engine Machinery and Draft Horse Exhibition". The "Rim of the World" Tour was discussed. This will be held at the Arrowhead Hilton September 18, 19, 20, 1987. Final Plans were also made for the Picnic to be held at Doheny State Beach in San Clemente on 8/23/87. There will also be another Pancake Breakfast held on September 13, 1987 at Hart Park in Orange. A banner to advertise this event and to be displayed at the Orange Circle is being looked into by Glenn Johnson.

Pete Gruenbeck indicated that the next technical seminar will be held at Bob Ferrazi's house on 6/13/87. This will be a "Safety Seminar" and a Garage tour will be held on July 12, 1987 starting at Sherman Gardens in Newport Beach and finishing with a picnic lunch at the Wavra's in Costa Mesa.

Glenn indicated that there would be a Fourth of July party at their house on Saturday July 4th starting at 3:00 PM. This will include swimming and fireworks and every one will bring a dish, additional info will be forthcoming prior to the event.

The next meeting of the general membership will be held at Jack Fisher Park in Santa Ana on June 11, 1987 instead of the School in Orange.

The next Board Meeting scheduled for June 25th 1987 will be held at Glenn Johnson's house.

There being no further business old or new the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Alan Girdlestone, Sect/Pro-Tem

LAWRY'S CALIFORNIA CENTER DINNER
By: Glenn Johnson

At the last meeting we discussed a possible dinner tour to Lawry's California Center in Los Angeles.

My cousin works there and has been telling me for years what a great place it is and how we ought to come up for dinner sometime.

Several of our members have been there in the past and agreed that it is a great place and they would like to go again. We have ten couples so far who said they would like to go. The tentative date is Sunday August 16th. It will be an afternoon tour, dinner and a night tour home (check your headlights). Please contact Glenn or Sharon Johnson if you would like to join us. We will have brochures, prices, etc. at the June meeting and we need to finalize our reservations as soon as possible. Friends and families are invited to join us.

WHAT'S DOWN THAT ROAD?

By: Gary Haubold

Well, the month of May is gone and on balance, we had fair participation. I was delighted by the turnout we had for the Fullerton Parade and Fair and the enthusiasm shown by everyone. Will someone PLEASE tell Martha White how much money we made? The turnout for the Tour to Tustin MCAS was low. Those of us that went enjoyed it. I did especially, as the Coast Guard Helicopter on static display was one of the very ones that I piloted at Air Station Houston many years ago. Still dependable as ever and a joy to fly, it now shows much wear and tear, and sadly it is to be retired soon.

Sunday, June 21 (yes, Father's Day and the first day of summer) we will tour Vista to visit the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum. They are having a Threshing Bee & Antique Engine Show. They've been doing this now for 18 years and I understand it's quite a show. They would like to have those of us Model A'ers who are so inclined, join them in their Parade at 1 PM. I understand it's fairly short in length. See the enclosed Flyer. Bring a picnic lunch. We will depart from the Laguna Hills Mall, I-5 and El Toro Rd., Coco's Parking Lot at 8:30 AM. Meet for breakfast there at 7:30 AM. for the early birds.

July 4th Glenn & Sharon Johnson are hosting a party at their home. It is potluck, bring a main dish AND a salad or dessert. Drive your "A" and bring swimwear. Watch for further details.

In the not too distant future we will be planning a dinner at Lawry's (seasonings) California Center. It is a very nice place to visit. Again, watch for details.

Planned for July & August is a garage tour for Sunday, July 12 and the Picnic to Doheny State Park for Sunday, August 23. Details will be out later.

The Rim of the World Tour which is scheduled for September 18-19-20 has changed it's location to the Lake Arrowhead Hilton at Lake Arrowhead.

See you down that road.....

GLENN'S GRAFFITI

By: Glenn Johnson

In the last few months several members have told me that they would like to drive their model A's more, but they were concerned about the condition and tightness of their engines rods and mains. With the help of our Technical Advisor, Pete Gruenbeck and Terry Lucas, who let us use his wonderful garage, several members spent most of Saturday, May 23rd laying under three Model A's adjusting bearings. Of the three cars, (Terry Lucas's woodie and Ed Powell's coupe), two were successfully reassembled and running by the end of the day. The third car had one connecting rod with most of the babbit missing but everything else checked out okay. Hopefully one new rod will have Phil Ricketts back on the road soon. I personally enjoyed the day very much. I worked mostly with Ed Powell and his son Dick on a 1930 Coupe that Ed bought brand new in 1930. Imagine that, a one owner Model A. Ed and Dick restored the coupe a few years ago and have had many interesting stories about their experience with the coupe over the years and about life in Orange County before Disneyland, highrise office buildings and traffic.

Don't forget the June meeting place will be Jack Fisher Park on Memory Lane and Flower Street in Santa Ana. The potluck dinner will begin at 6:30 PM with the meeting at 7:30 PM. See you there.

Parts is Parts?
by Pete Gruenbeck
831-7642

Technical Seminar
Saturday June 13, 1987. 10:00 AM
Bob + Patty Ferazzi
13402 Laurinda Way
Santa Ana 838-1036

Last month's seminar on Model "A" main bearing and rod adjustment brought out about a dozen do-ers to the home of Terry and Joan Lucas. Ed Powell's car adusted up nicely and he drove it home. Phil Ricketts drove his in but towed it home due to a discovery that 80% of the babbit was missing from one of his rods. Terry also adjusted one of his cars. Thanks to Ed Cote for the use of his out of the car motor to demonstrate the technique.

The June seminar is our yearly Safety Seminar to be conducted at the home of Bob and Patty Ferazzi on Saturday June 13. For each car we will go over a checklist of safety points.

The other (note singular) planned seminar and milage tour is the Sunday Garage Tour on July 12. We'll be starting at Sherman Gardens in Newport Beach at 10 AM, touring a few garages and projects in the south county, and finishing with a picnic lunch at the Wavra's in Costa Mesa around 3 PM. Any program suggestions for the ladies are welcome.

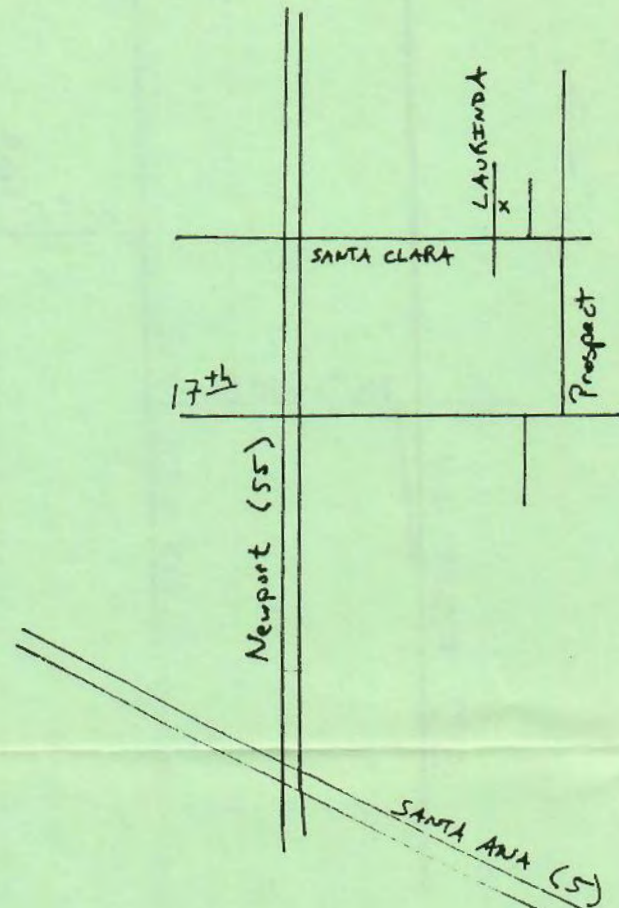
I don't have any seminars planned past July other than a possible Friday night seminar on removing a body from the frame. Are you working on your brakes, rear end, electrical? How about a seminar on fuse protecting your car or how to replace spark plugs in a Porche? Make your wants known. As usual, the seminar host does not need the technical expertise to discuss it.

FOURTH OF JULY PARTY!!!!!!

WHEN: JULY 4, 1987 - 3 P.M.

WHERE: GLENN & SHARON JOHNSON'S HOUSE (SEE MAP)

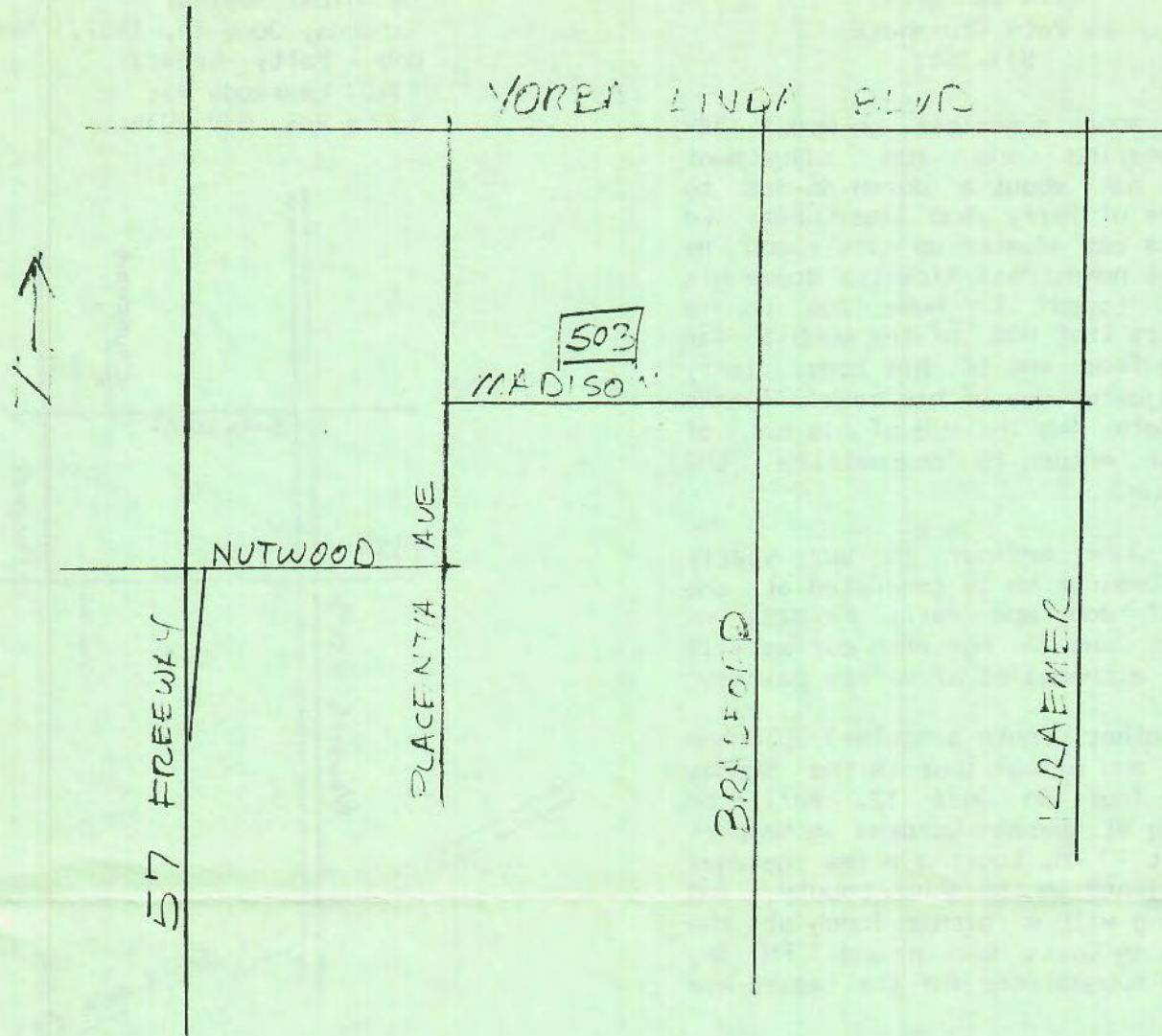
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I have not had the engine or generator running since I received them, but I was told that they were running at the time they were removed from the car which was converted to a modified.

All offers will be considered, I will be placing this ad in the July or August MARC/MAFCA magazines. If you are calling during the weekday, please call my office 818-442-9220.

Dick Wroda 818-919-7435

Boy these technical seminars are great pretty soon we'll be able to put all this back together too !!



Towing the Model A

Many owners have occasion to tow a Model "A" at one time or another--either at acquisition, while moving, enroute to a shop, etc. They are sometimes reluctant to do so for fear of causing damage to the transmission. This, because the shaft, (A-7060), rotates even while the unit is in neutral, but doesn't get oiled properly when the cluster gear on the countershaft is not turning.

Some have heard that the driveshaft should be removed when towing a long distance. Now, I'd have to be towing a really long way before tackling the job of removing the driveshaft -- and then later have to reinstall it! Frankly, as much as I enjoy working on the "A" I can think of things I'd rather do. So I add enough oil to bring the level up to within 1-3/4 inch of the transmission case's top. This insures that oil gets to the bearings on the upper shaft.

There are two ways that I've used to accomplish this efficiently. Actually, they are quite similar and involve about the same amount of work. Remove the cover (making sure it is in neutral when the cover is lifted), add the required amount of oil and replace the cover. Then when it's time (prior to driving the car) to remove the extra oil you can place a large pan underneath and simply remove the fill plug. This is a bit messy -- and can dirty the oil if the outside of the case is not real clean.

A rubber suction bulb might work but I suspect it would be slow with the heavy oils used. The better way, particularly if you tow often, is to make a special fitting that will enable you to drain the case with ease. This fitting is made from an extra filler plug which is drilled, fitted with a right angle nipple that is positioned to point down when the plug is installed. To this nipple is attached (with a hose clamp) a foot long piece of tubing. The open end of the tubing is plugged and placed above the level of the oil while towing and lowered and unplugged to drain the case.

Lubricate all fittings before you tow it -- especially the one on the universal joint housing--it's surprising

how much this holds. Use a good quality grease, and plenty of it -- remember, your're also lubricating the speedometer gear and front driveshaft bearing.

If I have my choice, I prefer to tow a newly acquired "A" on a trailer. If I can't do this, I want to know that there is good oil in the transmission and differential. The only way to KNOW this is to drain what's in there out and replace it with fresh oil. The cost involved is minimal compared to the damage that is sometimes done by leaving the old in.

Also, I resist the temptation to see if she'll turn over without first removing the plugs and squirting plenty of oil (about three tablespoons) into each cylinder. I'm sure it would be better to wait until I can pull the head and see the exact condition of the internals. Let's face it, assuming the engine isn't in top shape you'll probably rebuild it anyway -- and you might not have to bore it at all or as much if you don't abuse it on first acquaintance.

Oh yes, and ALWAYS remove the drag link when towing -- no matter what kind of towbar you are using. The one time the wheels don't follow (this usually occurs when coming out of a sharp turn) is all it might take to mess up a nice "A" (and maybe an "A" enthusiast!). While the drag link is off, clean and lubricate the ball plugs. Also, check the balls on the steering arm & spindle. If these aren't perfectly round (and they usually aren't if the car has many miles on it) the steering won't have that S-M-O-O-T-H feeling!

If possible, observe the car while it is being towed. You'll learn a lot about the condition of its wheel (and maybe frame) alignment.

(from some club's newsletter that presently has lost its nametag.)

THANKS & SORRY

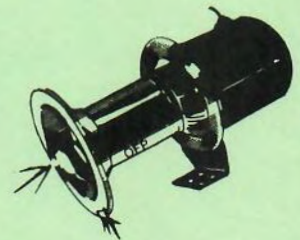
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RIM OF THE WORLD TOUR

Special Whittier Chapter Notice

Whittier Annual September 11 - 12 - 13

Rim of the World Event has been changed to
September 18 - 19 - 20



Because of Apple Valley Inn closing June 1, 1987, we have moved our Rim of the World Event to the all-new and fabulous Lake Arrowhead Hilton Lodge at Lake Arrowhead.

Come all - See you at Lake Arrowhead September 18 - 19 - 20

Directions From Los Angeles

I-10 East to 215 North. Approximately 5 miles to 30 (Mt. Resorts), then to Waterman Avenue (Hwy. 18) Lake Arrowhead. North on Hwy. 18 to Lake Arrowhead Turnoff. Proceed to traffic light at Village entrance. Take the far left lane to the top of the hill, 1/8 of a mile to Hotel entrance on lakeside.

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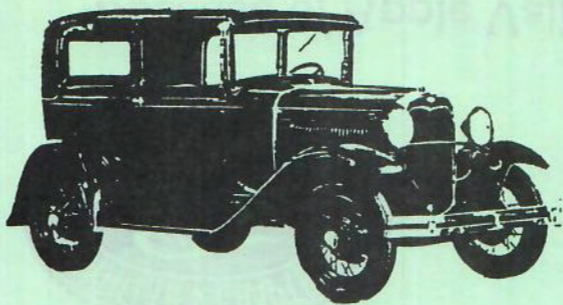
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