

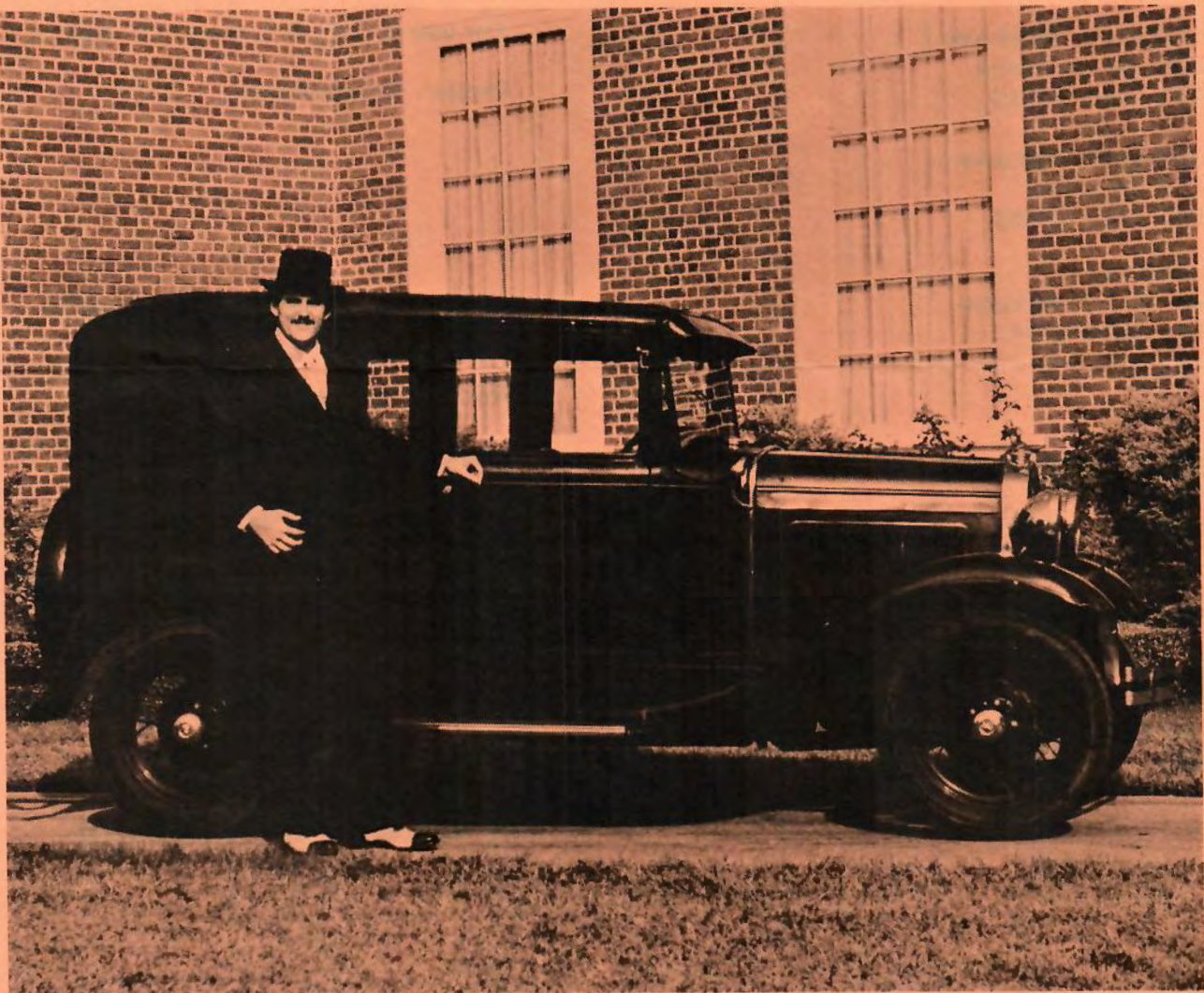
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PETE GRUENBECK'S 1930 BRIGGS
BLINDBACK
(COMPLETE WITH GANGSTER)

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GENERAL MEETING!!

March 12, 1987

BOARD MEETING!!

The next Board Meeting will be held at Pete Gruenbecks house 46 Willowood, Laguna Hills, Ca. 92653

COVER CREDIT

I bought this 1930 Model "A" Briggs Blindback Fordor in 1980 from a fellow who had 15 Model T Speedsters painted the colors of his Company Logo's. The "A" was an extra he picked up in a deal. The photograph is from the 1983 Orange County Round-Up in front of the Independence Building. The car is currently disassembled for painting but I plan to have it together for the summer tour 1990. It will have the Kiwanee and Elkpoint green combination with a tan cord interior. I'm looking forward to driving it soon.

Peter Gruenbeck

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

The meeting was opened at 8:00 pm by president Glen Johnson. The minutes of the January board meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Mike Humphries gave the treasurer's report and it was approved as read.

Activities chairman Gary Haubold reported on the upcoming club activities:

3-1-87 Chino Air Museum tour. Meet at the Orange Mall at 9:30 and bring a picnic lunch.

3-15-87 Pancake Breakfast. 7:00-11:00 a.m. Hart Park in Orange. It was suggested that the sausage be precooked and then just heated up at the breakfast to eliminate the long wait at the sausage grill. John Heiland and David Graham will be handling the raffle. Glen Johnson will place an ad in the antique section of the Orange County Register the Sunday before and the Saturday before the breakfast.

3-29-87 Fabulous Fords Forever. Knotts Berry Farm. Meet at Keno's at the corner of La Palma and Magnolia at 6:00 am for breakfast or at 6:30 without breakfast.

4/2-5 Yuma Tour. Our Orange County Club will be doing the gymkana this year. Details next month.

4-26-87 Poker Run. John Heiland and Geri McKinney are putting together a spectacular run! (No divorce counseling will be available.)

A Fun Day. Sponsored by Paradise Valley Club at Whittier Narrows Recreation Center.

Plans for the Angels game were discussed. It was suggested that we look into getting a party room this year.

Gary has inventoried the mileage patches and bars and reports that we need to order more bars. Peter Gruenbeck moved that we order 500 or an even lot of both driver's bars and passenger bars. The motion was seconded by Alan Girdlestone and carried. Glen Johnson and Peit Dwinger will take care of the order.

Distributor editor Alan Girdlestone reported that he has a good selection of black and white pictures for this month's issue. The roster is ready to paste up. He hopes to deliver it to the Sitters next week for printing.

Technical advisor Peter Gruenbeck has the next few technical seminars lined up:

3-13-87 7:30 pm at Farazzi's. Dismantle and inspect transmissions.

April Reassemble transmissions. Farazzi's house.

May Windshield Wipers. Riha's house.

June Safety Inspection. Get ready for summer tour. Farazzi's house.

July

Upholstery and tops. This will be a Saturday seminar because of the time involved.

Peter reported that he has the club library of books and magazines and also the club tools. He must have an insurance release before the club trailer can be used.

Special Events

Chairman David Graham reported that the club earned \$120.00 from the Orange Antique Fair last weekend. He has several good meeting programs lined up:

4-9-87 Urb

Stair will give a presentation on the great race.

5-14-87

Sharon Johnson will be doing a show on era fashions.

No program has been scheduled for March. He will look into renting a movie.

There is a mall show tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in May at The City Shopping Center in Orange.

NEW BUSINESS:

Glen reported that we have been invited to participate in the Fullerton Fair and Parade 5-9-87. The city wants to use our cars in exchange for a booth. There was a discussion of ways to make more money for the club. It was suggested that we look into selling food or cotton candy and popcorn at the fair. Peter Gruenbeck and John Heiland will check to see what is involved--whether we need a license or permit, etc. Glen said he would report back to us next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 3-26-87 at Peter Gruenbeck's house, 46 Willowood, Laguna Hills. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully
Submitted, Mary Nesbitt,
secretary pro-tem.

Parts is Parts?
by Pete Gruenbeck
831-7642

Last month's seminar on Model "A" tools brought out 15 people in the pouring rain to Glenn Johnson's beautiful home. A special thanks to Roger Sowersby for bringing his fantastic tool collection and sharing tidbits from his years for research with us.

Roger talked about Model "A" toolkit tools, factory tools, and repair shop tools. We were enlightened to the differences in markings and makers, differences and similarities in "A" and "T" tools, as well as seeing the special tools that the make a "impossible" jobs easy.

The March seminar is PART I of transmissions hosted by Bob and Patty Ferazzi (map elsewhere). We will dismantle and identify problems with several transmissions so wear grubbies. Also if you have a spare Model "A" transmission (swap meet special) which may need some attention - bring it along. Bring a box for the parts so we can reassemble it in April. Cleaning up the outside and draining the oil beforehand will make things easier.

Other upcoming seminars are Vacuum Windshield wipers and the Safety seminar. I'm looking for a few people to host stops for a garage tour in July.

THANK-YOU!!!!

Vince Mariola extends his heartfelt Thanks to the Orange County Model "A" Club for their thoughtfulness during his recent illness.

GLENN'S GRAFFITI
By: Glenn Johnson

Although response to our questionnaire was small, I think those who did respond might like to know the results.

1. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT OCMAFCA?

Most everyone who answered liked the people and the friendships they've made through the club and it's tours.

2. WHAT DO YOU DISLIKE MOST ABOUT OCMAFCA?

Most of the answers concerned the disagreements about tour speed, tour departure times, and the so called "clicks".

3. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MODEL A EVENT OR TOUR?

Twenty six percent of the answers said they liked the summer tours best. Other answers included the pancake breakfast, the Imperial Palace tour, the progressive dinner, Yuma, the Round Up and the Poker Run.

4. WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO ON A TOUR THAT WE HAVE NEVER BEEN?

There were lots of good suggestions that I'm sure Gary will be able to use.

5. DOES YOUR MODEL A HAVE AN OVERDRIVE.

Almost half of those who answered said YES.

6. DO YOU THINK OUR TOUR SPEED IS TOO FAST OR TOO SLOW?

About 40% said that our speed was too fast. The rest either thought our speed was OK or did not answer this question.

7. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN

COMPETING IN A MODEL A CAR SHOW?

About 60% said yes.

8. DO YOU THINK OCMAFCA SHOULD SPONSOR ANOTHER MAJOR EVENT?

About 70% said yes.

9. IF WE DID SPONSOR ANOTHER EVENT SHOULD IT BE:

- A. THE ROUND UP B. A REGIONAL CAR SHOW C. A SWAP MEET D. A REGIONAL TOUR E. A BIGGER PANCAKE BREAKFAST F. OTHER ?

Surprisingly the vote was close with a bigger pancake breakfast in first place with the round up a close second. A few thought a regional tour would be a good event and one liked the swap meet idea. No one voted for a car show.

10. IS YOUR MODEL A STOCK OR MODIFIED?

About 75% said their car was stock.

11. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON THE OCMAFCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

Two thirds said NO.

FOR SALE!!

MODEL 'A' TRANSMISSION PARTS, ETC.

- 1 Set of new Model A gears with a good case.
- 4 2nd gear sliders very good condition.
- 2 1st gears.
- 1 main shaft
- 1 "A" case
- 1 reverse idler
- 1 V-8 Case
- 1 pilot shaft - 2 tail shafts
- 5 steel helical cut timing gear sets
- 3 sets straight cut timing gear sets (racing style)
- 1 overhead setup (new) Gemsa
- 1 Alexander Overhead will fit A-B-C block, original era equipment, with original sales booklet.

WHAT'S DOWN THAT ROAD?

By: Gary Haubold

Sunday, March 1, your's truly led 16 intrepid Model "A" drivers and their passengers/guests and one modern iron, on a round about 57 mile tour to the Chino Airport and the Planes of Fame Museum. (This former Coast Guard Helicopter pilot always relives lots of memories there). The group was congenial and eager. The input I have received so far was enthusiastic for this type of tour, economical and new and interesting routes.

By the way, Bob Sitter, thanks for allowing me to ride with you. Your car is a beauty.

The tours for April will be the Yuma Arizona trip leaving Thursday, April 2, contact Pete Dwinger for details, and on Sunday April 26 we will have our poker run. Bev Marsh and Jon Heiland are planning this event. It should be great fun.

Sunday March 15 is the Pancake Breakfast and Antiquing at Hart Park in Orange. We begin serving at 8 AM and will go until 11 AM. We need to start to set up and heat up as early as we can stand it before then. Everybody's participation and help is needed.

This promises to be a great event. Two years ago over 125 Model "A"s parked on the street in the park. WOW!!!

See you down the road.

FOR SALE!!

'26 Model "T" touring wire wheels/Ruckstol Rear end.

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30-31 Water proof car cover, Heavy duty, used one time. \$75.00

Large Auto Trunk. Original condition. Needs minor repair, and cleaning. 18 x 36 x24 high. made by Fey & Baucht, L.A. \$100.00

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(714)-537-7766 Eves.

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MAKE OFFER!!!!

Two duplicates of Restorer:
Vol. 15 Issue 1 May/June 1970
Vol. 15 Issue 5 Jan/Feb 1971

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A. Jan/Feb 1968 thru Nov/Dec
1972

B. Jan/Feb 1975 thru Nov/Dec
1979 (Complete)

C. Vol 17 Issue 5 Jan/Feb 1973
(Only one 1973)

D. 1974 Complete except Vol 19
Issue 3 Sept/Oct.

2. 1966-1976 Index to Restorer-
"The Second Ten Years"

3. 1975 & 1976 Membership
rosters.

4. National Meet Souvenir
Programs

A. 1972- 7th Seattle

B. 1974 8th Queen Mary Long
Beach.

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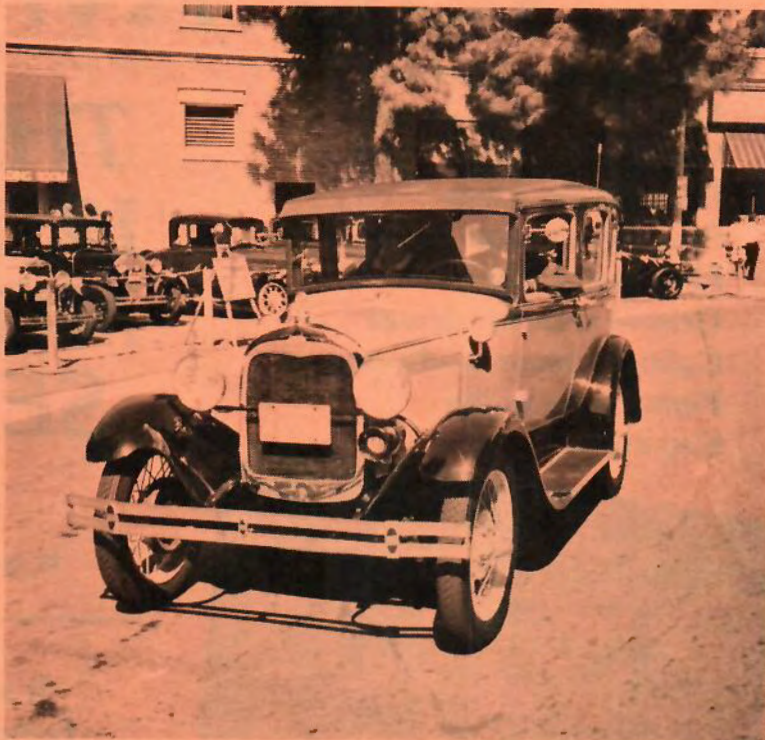
1. Model A News Magazine (one
binder) complete Jan/Feb 1970
thru Nov/Dec 1978

2. 1976 Membership Roster.

3. Souvenir Program- 17th
National Meet, Anaheim.

Also my depression glass
collection for sale, several
patterns full sets.

Ray Griffin
(714)-551-4229



MODEL "A"s AND ANTIQUES AT THE
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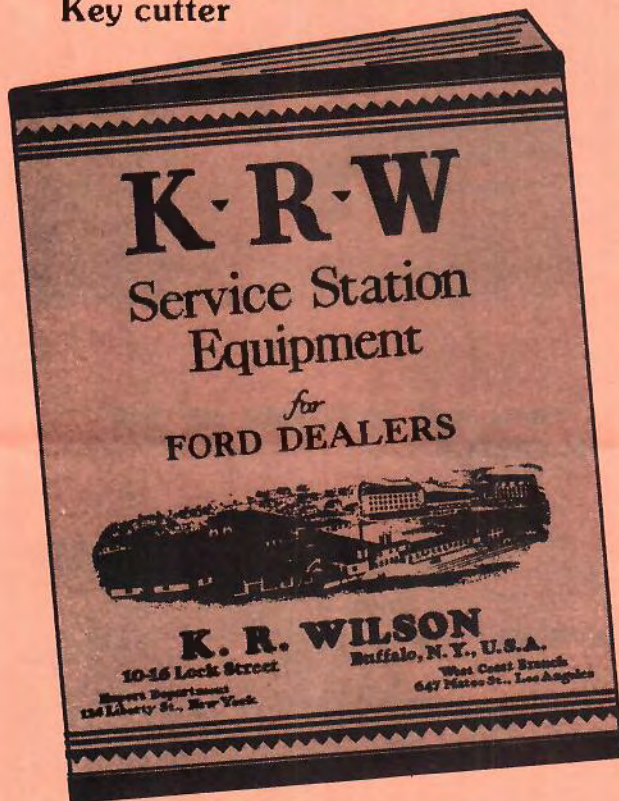


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THE K.R. WILSON 1931 CATALOG OF MODEL "A" FORD SERVICE TOOLS

This rare 100 page catalog
is now available in a quality reprint.



It shows pictures of and describes
hundreds of Model "A" tools that are
still available at swap meets and
flea markets.

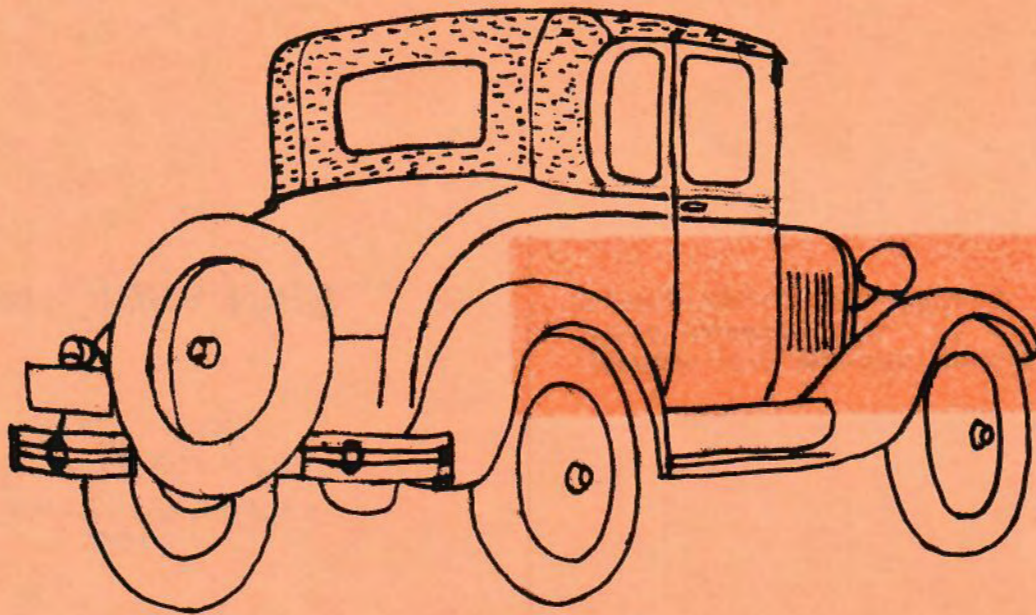
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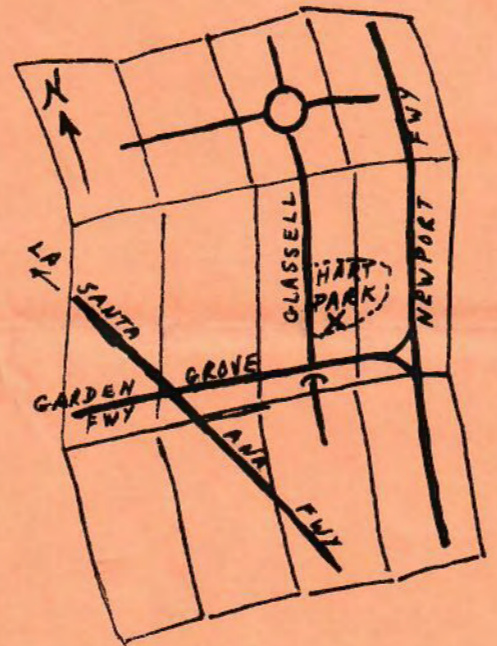
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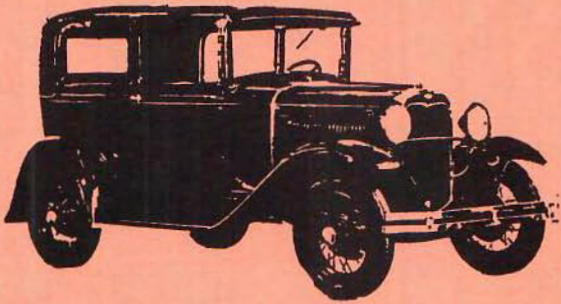
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