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NEXT GENERAL MEETING |

May 14th 1987
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May 28th 1987
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COVER CREDIT

"OLD BLUE" aka "BLUE BOX"

This 1931 Drop Floor Panel Delivery was purchased from the Model A Ford Club in Lodi Ca. in October of 1983. The Club had purchased it in 1963 for the purpose of making it a Club "Tour Vehicle". During the twenty years, little had been done cosmetically but the running gear had been worked on.

The years had taken some of the enthusiasm out of the project and it was decided to sell it. After negotiation by mail and finally a couple of trips to Lodi the panel delivery was loaded in a 25 Foot Highway Trailer Van towed by a Peterbilt Deisel Truck driven by my son in law Steve Balmer.

Reconstruction started again in Costa Mesa in late October 1983 and was ready for the road for the Yuma tour in April of 1984. Later that summer we drove it to the Portland National Meet and many more since.

Ford production figures indicate only 158 drop floor models were produced and it is believed that less than 20 are still on the road.

Joe Wavra/ May 1987

CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday May 16th Bearing Seminar
Lucas's House

Sunday May 17th Armed Forces Day
Celebration- Marine Corps Air
Station, Tustin.

Saturday May 30th 1987 Mall Show
The "City" Mall in Orange

El Toro Air Show 6/6 - 6/7/87

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GLENN'S GRAFFITI

By: Glenn Johnson

Tonight I went to a meeting for the Fullerton Fair that is taking place this Saturday (May 9th) for their Founders Day. By the time you read this the Fair will be over and I hope I will be telling everyone at the meeting how much fun we all had and how successful our booth was. We have a corner booth selling peanuts, popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones. Our Model A's are grouped right next to our booth on Amerige Street. If this Fair booth works out well, I think we should make it an annual fund raising event.

Those who missed the April meeting missed a better than usual general meeting and the best program we've had in along time. Urb and Helen Stair from the Whittier Chapter gave a very interesting and enjoyable presentation about their experiences on the Great America Race. Urb's part of the presentation covered the technical, timing and Model A performance aspect of the race and Helen told us about the people, the hospitality at the various stops and the overall social experience of the cross country antique car rally. It sure sounds like they've had a great time on these trips. Thanks Again to Urb and Helen.

1987 YUMA TOUR

By: Dick Riha

Six vehicles from Orange County attended the 30th Annual MARC-Arizona Meets in Yuma, April 3-5. Members driving down were: Mariola's, Wavra's, McKinney's, who left early. Hahns, Sitters and the Osbornes left early on Friday AM. No one reported any trouble with their cars. Mileage was 600, round trip.

Site for the Meet was the Stardust Resort Motel, which did an outstanding job on hosting the event.

Going down on Friday, the late group encountered some really bad weather going over the "Great Divide" east of San Diego. We had heavy fog, rain, and on the Desert side, blowing sand. Very little sand damage, but the cars were really a mess!!

Saturday, Orange County put on the Gymkhana event, with the help of members from another Club, since we were short handed, due to extensive "no shows" for the tour. Events were: Backing up and running over a balloon in a bag, the ever favorite plumbers friend, and the bag over the head/co-pilot venture. That one was interesting, due to the new Mercedes Benz that was left in the Lot..... no one even came close!!

Four Orange County cars were in the Peoples Choice events, three coming home with trophies. Sitter's got best 28-29 closed car, Osborne same for 30-31. Vince got best 30-31 open car. Joe Wavra did not trophy, but should have; his was the best in our opinion.

Wavra's came back with a trophy for the Era Fashion Judging. There was stiff competition, but Joe and Marion looked very sharp and took a second place. Lena Hahn and Karyn Sitter also entered.

Two good seminars were held Saturday afternoon. The ladies had era jewelry, the men had an engine seminar by Henry Crews.

The "slow pokes" left early Sunday AM., and returned via Indio which was a better trip. A side-stop in Banning was made, to see the cars at Carrones Orchards. Very interesting side-trip.

For those who didn't go....you missed a nice Tour!

WHAT'S DOWN THAT ROAD ?

By: Gary Haubold

Sunday, May 3rd. there were two activities. A group of folks went to the Ramona Pageant. At the same time some of us went up to the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area for the Family Fun Day. The turn-out for both activities was on the slim side but those who participated had a good time.

Those of us who went on the Poker Run on April 26th found out just how tough it is to play poker with only four cards to a hand. Jon, where did you put that first card stop? Thanks for an interesting tour, Jon.

We are participating in the Fullerton Founders Day Parade and Fair on May 9th. We are being provided with a Booth to operate for fund raising refreshment sales in return for us driving some of our Model A's in the Parade. Lineup of vehicles for the parade is 8 AM. Those folks will meet at the White's home, 121 W. Knepp, Fullerton at 7 AM for Coffee. We will also need volunteers to help with our booth. Give me a phone call.

May 17th is the Armed Forces Day Celebration at the Marine Corps Air Station In Tustin. Probably the thing of most interest to us is the car show which will be judged only by the Participants themselves. Pre-registration is \$10.00 by check made out to the Navy Relief Society (tax deductible). Participating autos will be housed inside one of the blimp hangars. See the enclosed flyer. We will plan to leave the Mall of Orange on Tustin Ave. in Orange at 8:30 AM.

We'll see you down that road!!

Parts is Parts?

by Pete Gruenbeck

831-7642

Thank you again Bob and Patty for hosting the technical seminar. This was the follow up seminar to March where some 30 people disassembled some 10 transmissions. In April the DO-IT group reassembled a restored transmission including the plated the shift tower.

For this month we have lined up another DO-IT seminar where we will learn how to tighten up and adjust the main crank bearings. We have 3 cars lined up to work on at the Lucas residence (map elsewhere). The seminar is on Saturday the 16th beginning at about 9 am. June's seminar is still the Safety Seminar and July is the garage tour.

I'm told a more appropriate seminar for April would have been muffler bearing adjustment. As I understand it the FORD muffler bearings never went bad though Chevy may be a different story.

I'm still accepting volunteer locations for the garage tour technical seminar. We will see several cars in progress and experience a multitude of mini technical sessions. This is planned to be a milage tour. Watch this space for new developments.

After the board meeting on April 30 we held an impromptu technical seminar on spark plug replacement by Pieter Dwinger and Les Nesbitt. It seems that Les's car would not start so we pushed it onto the driveway and checked under the hood. "Hey, here's your problem - no motor under the front hood!" The center of our attention was not a Model "A" Ford, but rather Les's red vintage Porsche (a rear-engined car). After pulling a plug, disassembling the distributor, finding no spark, "Hmm, what did you say about a

loose wire under the dash?", reinstalling the spark plug, (Apply Murphy's law about dropped parts rolling to the least accessible point), an observation about the ease of Model "A" spark plug replacement, disassembling part of the fan shroud, fishing for the plug (Les demonstrated his steady surgical hand), reinstalling the plug - part 2, reassembling the fan shroud (a stunning team effort) and several attempts to reconnect the loose wire to the ignition lock (it was multiple choice), Les's car fired right up. He has my vote for the Hard Luck Trophy.

INVITATION

Lori and Rudi Perez, owners of Meets Early Auto Parts, invites the Orange County Model A Club to the Second Annual Open House on Saturday, May 30th. Hours are from Noon to 3 PM. There will be a mileage tour. Meets is located in Lake Elsinore, at 29885 2nd. Street. There is a good Swap Meet on the way incidentally.

FOR SALE

1929 Fordor Leatherback, Rose Beige/Seal Brown, gorgeous professional restoration 1985. Everything rebuilt, see to appreciate. \$12,500.00

Mark Veenhuyzen After 5 PM
(714) 528-8489



FOR SALE

1929 Model A Sport Coupe, Rumble Seat, Fully restored with updated brakes!! Used in the movies. Xent Mechanically \$8,500.00
Ed Cote (714) 542-6161

FOR SALE

1928 Model A Ford Motor, Trans, Rear end rebuilt. Body is a Delivery Van. New Tires and Wheels. Record of all parts. No pink slip. \$2,300.00
Richard Young (714) 637-1541 After 5 PM

FOR SALE

Club Jacket-Men's Large size (44-46), Like new- worn once \$15.00
Jeff Turnbaugh (714) 997-0964

FOR SALE

1930 Chassis, Good engine and trans. \$1,500.00 OBO

1957 Fairlane 4-Dr Hardtop 2yr. old paint, new large white wall tires, very clean. \$2,500 Firm

Kevin Vidal (714) 536-3510

FOR SALE

Men's Vintage suits probably 1930's
1. 3 piece grey- 40-42 Coat, waist 33". Cuffs and Pleats, zipper fly, buttons for suspenders, good cond. \$35.00

2. 2 piece Blue/Grey Coat 40/42 Pants Waist 33", cuffs, pleats, and zippered fly, buttons for suspenders. Good cond. \$25.00

Like new ladies 1920's shoes hi heel small size, black leather. \$25.00

2 Georgette dresses 1920-1930's small size \$20.00 Each.

Del Hahn (714) 534-7227

FOR SALE

1928 Intake manifold (No vacuum fitting hole) Nice paint \$15.00

Auto Trunk. All Metal, in good condition. No keys. Needs to be cleaned up. 13 1/4 x 38 x 18 high. This will NOT fit on a repro trunk rack. Nice Decal inside. No rust or problems..... \$50.00

30-31 Repro Quail. New in box \$20.00

30-31 Repro THERMO Quail. Used to Escondido and Back..... \$30.00

19" Tire cover. Black, with Emblem. Near new..... \$10.00

Bud Vase. Clear Glass, semi-hex shape, with flutes. 2 1/4 x 6 No mounting bracket..... \$12.00

Auto Club Thru the radiator Emblem. Brass and Nickle. 1925-31 issue complete with fender washers, and wing nut. Price firm \$65.00

APCO Retard Spark Lever Starting Device. Fits 28-31. New in box with easy to follow instructions. \$75.00

30-31 Radiator. No Problems, was cleaned out a year ago.... \$75.00

30 Radiator Shells. Good Cond. Need polishing only. 1 with Emblem @ \$75.00 1 without Emblem, minor repair job @ \$50.00

Pair 30 head lamps. Fair Script. Need polishing, no dents, etc., with new reflectors, and original lenses.....\$100.00

Early 1930 head lamp bar, for the "eye brow" fenders. This is a stamping-not the usual round bar type. Has threaded holes to mount the license plate. Very rare. This is NOT after market.....\$50.00

FREE!! FREE!! " Member over 50 years" Auto Club Windshield Emblem. These are not available at Club Offices in over 15 years. They are 3 color, looks sharp, and self adhesion. This is the last of the old Emblems; saved from the trash can. Send a SASE and I'll send you ONE, for each car. Very limited supply, first come first served.

1-CASCO original Accessory regulator for Model A Complete \$25.00

2-Same as above, sans the rheostat should be available.....\$ 10.00

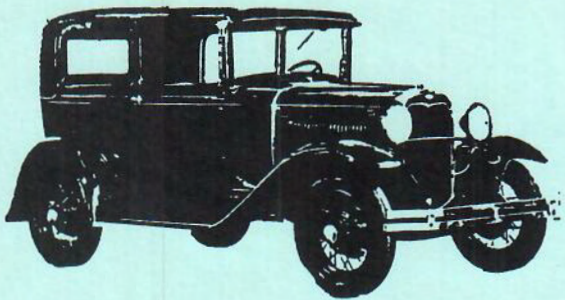
1-Accessory ash tray, fro Model A 20.00

A lot of original accessories are available: Up -starters New in box, and etc. Call your wants.

Tom Osborne (714) 537-7766



I just "love" Rumble Seats



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