

# *The Distributor*

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### **THE TOWING SEMINAR®**

....."I don't think we're in Kansas anymore Toto!"

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## Secretary's Report!

by Dan Simmons

### March Board Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order by President Wade at 7:37 P.M. March 16th, at Pieter Dwinger's home.

### President, Wade Roberts:

Wade suggested the Board consider building a second Hard Luck Trophy. With two trophies, one would always be on hand at the General Meeting to be awarded, the other could stay permanently at Roger Aday's house. No specific action was taken.

### Touring, Dwinger\Johnson\Krug:

Discussion of upcoming tours. The Summer Tour! The Christmas Banquet requires a \$500. deposit. Motion by Tom Endy to pay the deposit, seconded by Larry McKinney, passed by majority vote of the Board.

### Treasure's Report, Lee Garman:

Finances are marginal. The Pancake Breakfast is the great hope for solvency.

### Special Events, Bev Marsh:

Update of The World Class Swapmeet planning. Whittier Narrows Fun Day obligations discussed.

### Technical, Dick Riha:

Discussion of future seminars. Some of the crafts made at the last ladies' seminar will be raffled at the Pancake Breakfast.

### Editor, Tom Endy:


Same tired story about getting publication articles submitted on time.

### Old business:

Update by Pieter Dwinger on status of State Tax problem. The battle is not over yet.

### Pancake Breakfast:

Quote by Roger Aday, "There is a God, and he likes Model A's". The parking lot of Hart Park was a raging river as late as March 14th. The water has subsided and the weather looks promising for the 15

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M. 



# Schedule of Club Activities

## April

### 6th - 9th, Thursday - Sunday

Annual Laughlin, Nevada Tour. Leave the Mall of Orange 8:00 A.M. Thursday the 6th. Return Sunday the 9th.

### 13th, Thursday

General Meeting 7:30 P.M.  
Santiago Elementary School.

### 14th, Friday

Technical Seminar 7:00 P.M. Joint Men and Women. Paul Lindbergh's Prosthesis Shop. See map on page 5. 769 Newton Way  
Costa Mesa, 714-642-2409

### 20th, Thursday

Board Meeting 7:30 P.M.  
Dick & June Riha's home.

### 22nd, Sunday

Floral Park, Santa Ana Home & Garden Tour. 9:00 A.M. Meet at El Torito's @ 17th & 55 Fwy for Brunch. Leave El Torito's at 10:30 for Floral Park. The \$10. home tour fee is waived for all Model A drivers and passengers.

### 27th, Thursday

Publication deadline for the May *Distributor*.

## May

### 6th, Saturday

World Class Swap Meet 7:00 A.M.  
Vintage Ford Parking Lot.

### 7th, Sunday

Regional Fun Day & Gymkanaha!  
Johnnie's Broiler (New Location)  
7447 Firestone Blvd. Downey  
Meet for breakfast 7:30 A.M. @  
Coco's, Valley View Blvd. @ 405 & 22 Fwy,  
in Garden Grove, Leave Coco's @ 8:30 A.M.  
**Bring a picnic lunch.**

## May . . . . . continued

### 11th, Thursday

General Meeting. 7:30 P.M.  
Santiago Elementary School.

### 12th, Friday

Technical Seminar. 7:00 P.M.  
Dick & June Riha's Home.

### 18th, Thursday

Board Meeting 7:30 P.M. @ Santa Barbara

### 18th - 21st, Thursday - Sunday

Annual Santa Barbara Tour. San Simeon.

### 25th, Thursday

Publication deadline for June *Distributor*

## *Santa Barbara in May!*

by Wayne Krug

For those of you who want to add a little change to the Annual Santa Barbara Tour, an alternative is planned. The club tour will be leaving as usual on Thursday, May 18th for Santa Barbara. We will stay the first night at the traditional Motel 6 @ 443 Corona Del Mar, Santa Barbara, 805-564-1392. On Friday morning for those who wish a longer tour, we will be continuing up the coast to San Simeon. We have reservations to tour Hearst Castle Friday evening and plans for touring and antique on Saturday and Sunday.

### *Call to Make your reservations....NOW!*

Best Western - Green Tree Inn - Fri. & Sat. night  
Pacific Coast Highway One, San Simeon  
800-231-6461 ask for Ellie, or tell them you're with Orange County MAFCA. May 19 & 20, 1995  
Total price for two is \$204.21 Includes all taxes and the following:

- 1.) two night stay (two people)
- 2.) Bottle of wine upon arrival
- 3.) Continental Breakfast daily
- 4.) Two tickets to the Friday night Hearst Castle Tour @ 7:30 P.M. (a \$50.00 value). The tour lasts 2½ hours. All the guides and the park service people wear period costumes so bring your era fashions and join in the fun.

We have a block of 12 rooms reserved. Make your reservations ASAP, the deadline is **April 15th!** ☺



## President's Corner!

Wade Roberts

A big thank you to the many club members who helped insure a successful Pancake Breakfast, car show and raffle by contributing money, special resources, a great many raffle prizes and a lot of hard work. We can all be very proud of our Model A Ford Club. What a day!

Some of the nicest people I have met are in the Orange County Model A Ford Club. During the first club meetings I attended in 1980 there were always several people who would introduce themselves and make me feel welcome. At the next meeting and seminar if you see someone you do not recognize take the time to give them your name and shake their hand. You will make a friend for yourself and for the Club. See you down the road! ☺



## Special Events!

by Bev Marsh

Now that the 1995 Pancake Breakfast is just a memory, it's on to our club's "Second Annual World Class Swap Meet" on Saturday, May 6th.

This is also a significant fund raising event for our club and we need your support!

If you plan to attend and sell, reserve your space ASAP. You will save \$5.00 by pre-registering and the sooner you do, the better space you'll get.

Also, if you happen to know some special person who is willing to pass out some fliers, have them call me and I'll be glad to send them a stack. ☺

## The Ging Says Thanks!

Thank you for the flowers and well wishes. My leg is healing well though I am still on crutches. I'm looking forward to the next Model A tour. Ginger Endy ☺



## Mr. Pancake Speaks!

by Roger Aday

### You all did yourselves proud this year!

With everyone's help and cooperation we had another record Pancake Breakfast this year. My special thanks to those of you who arrived before the chickens were awake to clean up the park and set things up. I myself woke up at twelve, one-thirty and three before I finally gave up and drank a pot of coffee and watched Mork & Mindy reruns until four A.M.



Never Boring!

We had 270 Model A's registered for the car show this year, again a new record. There were also 60 other vintage cars present such as Model T's, Packards, an Auburn, several other big irons and a number of Model A's of questionable parentage. More than fifteen MAFCA and MARC Chapters were represented.

We served 2400 eggs, 160 lbs of sausage, 180 lbs of pancake batter, 50 gallons of orange juice, 10 gallons of milk, 15 gallons of Mrs. Butterworth's best and hundreds of cups of coffee.

The raffle this year was great, with lots of expensive prizes donated by club members and our local merchants. We also had some very nice hand-crafted items made by the club's ladies group. One of our club members graciously donated a vacation trip for two with travel on a private jet.

The spirit of cooperation was especially prevalent this year. A number of wonderful unnamed club members personally helped bankroll the event due to the shortage of club funds. A record number of people showed up early to clean the park, set things up and stayed and helped clean up after it was over. During the event people volunteered to give breaks to people so that everyone could look at the record number of vintage cars on display. Thanks to those who helped by loaning ice chests and picking up supplies and equipment. It would never have come off so well without the effort of so many of our club members. Thank you all. ☺

# **Technical!**

by Dick Riha & Larry McKinney

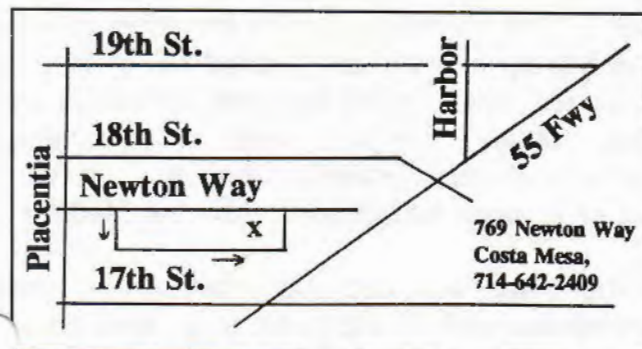
The March Technical Seminar on carburetors, hosted by Tom Endy (in the rain), was a huge success. There were 24 men in attendance with some participants bringing as many as four carburetors. There were people soldering and drilling jets, torching out venturers as well as chiseling them out. Besides getting wet by the rain, some were getting wet checking water flow through the jets with water provided by a garden hose. Some men were sand blasting, and some were even snacking on brownies. A good time was had by all.

The April seminar will be hosted by Paul Lindbergh. This will be a combination Men's and Ladies' seminar starting at 7:00 P.M. Friday, April 14th. The subject will be a tour of Paul's prosthesis manufacturing facility. See map for location. ☺

## **Ladies Seminar!**

by June Riha & Gerry McKinney

We had nine ladies who braved the rain for our wreath making seminar. Gerry and I want to thank all of you who came so well prepared with all your fabric and wire pre-cut. As it was, we barely had time to finish. We had such a good time, with those who weren't making a wreath helping to fold and wire fabric for those who were. The wreaths turned out great, with so many different looks. Ladies please bring them to the next General Meeting to show them off. Our next craft project will be Tee shirt decorating at the May Seminar. More information will be in the May *Distributor*. The winner of our raffle prize (home made cookies) was Glenn Johnson. ☺



**Map to Paul Lindbergh's Shop.**



## **Hard Luck!** and a sad story!

### **The Black Eye!**

Doug Marsh was awarded the Hard Luck Trophy at the March General Meeting. You may recall that in last month's *Distributor* it was reported that Doug was accidentally hit in the head by the differential cradle during the February Technical Seminar. We are happy to report that Doug has healed completely and his black eye is gone. What we mean to say is that his eye is still there, but it's not black anymore. However, we did notice at the General Meeting that Doug is now a little more nuttier than usual. ☺



### **Car of the Month!**

The April car of the month will be Lee Garman's 1931 Deluxe Coupe. The car will be on display at the April General Meeting. Lee will provide a brief history of the car and describe some of the restoration projects that he has accomplished. ☺

### **Roger Sowersby lost his shirt!!!**

And his jacket too! He left them both at the Pancake Breakfast. The jacket is an olive drab Army field jacket and the shirt is dark brown with long sleeves. Roger has had them both for ten years and claims they are his lucky swap meet fashions. Without them he can no longer wheel & deal at swap meets. If you happen to have found them, or know what homeless person is walking around wearing them please call Roger @ 714-871-5849 and give him the good news. ☺



**McSpeed's New Hat! (or Haircut!)**



# Touring! in '95 with

Pieter Dwinger-Glenn Johnson-Wayne Krug



# Rain & Brunch & More Rain!

by Glenn Johnson

## Follow Me!

by Wayne Krug

### 1995 Summer Tour!

### Highway 49 Through the Gold Country:

For all of you who don't want to miss out on a fun time touring this summer; the following hotels are where we plan to be staying. We have reserved a block of rooms at all the locations, but it is important that you make your reservations A.S.A.P. as the hotels will not hold the rooms for very long.

We will be departing Saturday Morning July 8th, and will return home Sunday Afternoon July 16th.

**July 8, Saturday** Oakhurst Lodge 209-683-4417  
40302 Hway 41, Oakhurst,

**July 9, Sunday** Best Western 800-532-1944  
Sonora Oaks, 19551 Hess Ave.  
Sonora,

**July 10, Monday** Best Western 209-233-0211  
Amador Inn, 200 S. Hway 49  
Jackson,

**July 11 - 13** Northern Queen 916-265-5824  
**Tuesday - Thursday** 400 Railroad Ave.  
Nevada City,

**July 14, Friday** Econo Lodge 510-838-8080  
of Danville, 803 Camino Ramon  
Danville,

**July 15, Saturday** Holiday Inn 209-826-4444  
Santa Nella, 10370 Hway 33S  
Santa Nella,

We plan to make this a very leisurely tour, making stops to visit a number of historical sites, museums, antique stores, etc., etc. More information about the tour will be in upcoming *Distributor* publications. ☺

We had been planning a March 5 brunch tour to the Riverside Mission Inn for months. Saturday the weather man was predicting a big storm for Saturday night and on through Sunday and Monday, but did we let a little rain ruin our tour? Heck no! Sunday morning six Model A's two moderns and 15 hearty Model A'ers left the Mall of Orange in a heavy rain storm and headed east on the 91 Freeway. Almost as soon as we got on the freeway, someone in front of our group spun out and hit the freeway wall causing us all to slow down and Bob Ferazzi's modern to get slightly rear-ended. No damage though.

Our first stop was at a friends garage sale in Norco. We all picked through lots of great junk and most everyone found some treasures including a few Model A parts. Back on the road again, the rain was coming down even harder than before as our hungry group headed for the Mission Inn and food. The driving rain and the spray from all the other cars and trucks made visibility very poor so we kept our speed down to 45 MPH.

Brunch at the Mission Inn is a very elegant affair with so many different delicious looking things it's hard to decide where to begin. Needless to say we all tried our best to sample everything. After brunch most of our group went on a fascinating 1½ hour guided tour of the Inn.

As we left the Mission Inn the rain was still coming down steady. We followed the directions to our third stop; the home of Mr. Roger Clark. Mr. Clark lives in a very upscale area of Riverside and is an avid model train enthusiast. Roger was very pleased to see us and our cars and insisted that we all park our leaky Model A's on his driveway. He invited us inside to see his 800 sq. ft. intricately detailed HO scale model railroad and then into his backyard ½ acre G scale garden railroad, complete with scale buildings, miniature real trees, bridges, lakes, etc. Obviously Roger loves model trains like we love our Model A's.

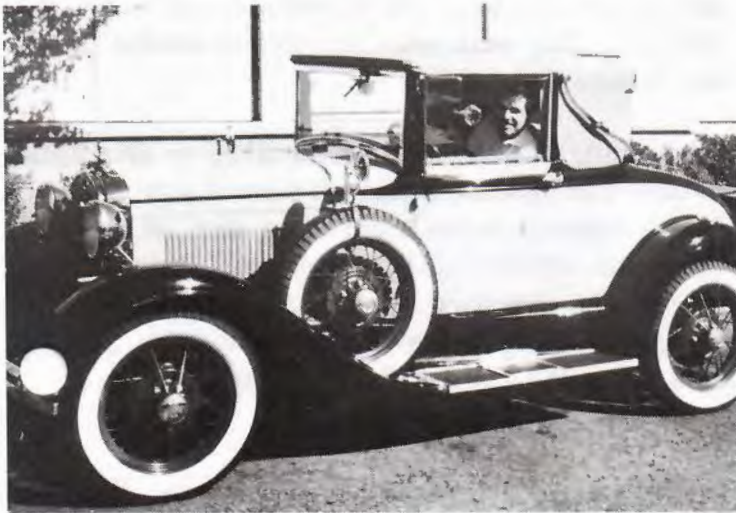
The trip home was with more rain and a strong headwind that made it impossible to go more than 45 MPH. Fortunately we did not have any car problems and all arrived home safe and sound. ☺



**Whadda Ya mean it's gonna rain?**



**The award winning Roadster!**



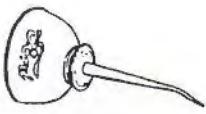
**Dick & Sylvia Berbiar's 30 Cabriolet!**



**John & Gwen Riggs' 1928 Coupe!**



**Orange County Model A Ford Club Pancake Breakfast!  
Model A's kept rolling in! Pretty soon 270 of em!!!**



## Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

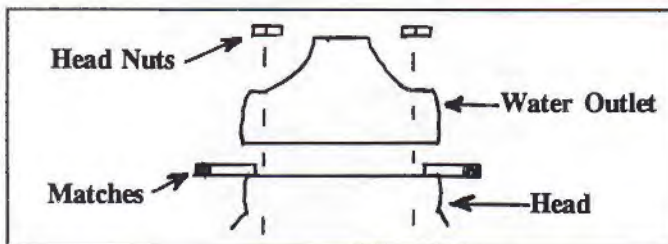
### Broken Water Outlets!

Have you heard the old wives tale about putting match sticks between the cylinder head and the upper water outlet casting to prevent cracking it when torquing the #11 and #13 head nuts? This subject has come under discussion recently by a number of club members who have managed to crack several of these outlet castings while torquing the head.

Like any procedure that isn't properly documented, the information tends to get distorted. What is the size of these match sticks, what are they made of, and exactly where do you put them, and why? One of our chapter members who lives in Placentia insisted that it's not a match stick at all, it's a Zippo lighter, and you're supposed to put it between your lower lip and your gums.

Hoping to locate some authentic documentation, I searched through my library of "how to" books, but found nothing. A search through the back issues of the *Restorer* finally yielded some results. The 1987 July/August publication, page 32, has an article by Robert Donovan of Framingham, Massachusetts. Donovan says you use matches from an ordinary book of matches. You place the non-burning end just outboard of each stud and cut off the excess. The idea is it adds an extra amount of supporting thickness to the outboard edge of the casting to keep it from drooping and cracking. Don't light the matches!

Just in case you don't have faith in wives tales, find yourself another water outlet at a swap meet and carry it with you as a spare. If you want to try the Zippo lighter method, go ahead, just don't light it. 😊



**Don't light the matches!**



## Era Fashions!

by Ida Wornit

### Men's Era Shirts!

Back when Model A's were new men's shirts all had long sleeves, except for what they called Polo shirts. The Polo shirt was like the modern day Golf, or knit shirt. This was about the only type of shirt considered casual enough to warrant short sleeves. There must have been a thing about bare arms, though it was often common for shirt sleeves to be rolled up to the elbow.

Flannel shirts were also worn during the Model A era. They of course had long sleeves. Some folks say they were just like the ones worn in 1987. They were of both cotton and wool and appeared in all mail order catalogs. They were worn for work or outdoor sports like hunting and fishing.

Dress shirts came with either attached or detachable collars. The attached collars all seemed to be pointed, though rounded fronts were often seen on the stiff detachable collars. Detachable stiff collars were available in numerous styles during all four years of the Model A era. They varied in stiffness and the celluloid collars had a dull linen like finish that could be cleaned with a damp cloth.

Think about a detachable collar for a minute. Why did they go away? The first thing that wears out on a man's dress shirt is the collar. Wouldn't it be great if you could still get extra collars for each shirt you buy. Could it be that the manufacturers recognized an excellent opportunity to pursue modern day obsolescence? President Herbert Hoover is seen in many era photographs wearing a detachable stiff rounded collar, and he certainly knew the value of a dollar.

**Source Reference:** Men's MARC-MAFCA Model A Era Fashion Guidelines, July 1987. 😊



**Detachables Stiff Collars Were Available During All Four Years of the Model A Era**



# SWAP



# MEET

The Orange County Chapter of MAFCA announces a swap meet to be held on Saturday, May 6th in the parking lot of Vintage Ford Parts beginning at 7:00 AM till 3:00 PM.

Vintage Ford Parts  
11318 Beach Blvd.  
Stanton, Ca.

2 miles north of the 22 fwy  
4 miles south of the 91 fwy

\$10 per space for pre-registered sellers, \$15 per space on the day of the meet. For additional information call:

Bev Marsh  
(714)531-7237

-----PRE-REGISTRATION FORM-----

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

No. of spaces \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 ea. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to O.C.M.A.F.C.A.


Mail To:  
O.C.M.A.F.C.A.  
c/o: Bev Marsh  
14661 Bromley St.  
Westminster, Calif. 92683




Rain-or-Shine!!

# Orange County - Then & Now



 **Santa Ana:** The view is looking east along Fourth Street from Sycamore Street. The orientation of the street sign for Fourth Street is misleading, it appears to be turned 90 degrees. The year is sometime in the 1920's as suggested by the shape of the automobile license plates. Photograph from the Historical Collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California. #2581.



 **Santa Ana:** The same view looking east along Fourth Street from Sycamore Street. On August 20, 1892. Francisco Torres was hanged by a lynch mob on one of the corners for the murder of William McKelvey, Foreman of the Modjeska Ranch. Torres, an employee, became disgruntled and killed McKelvey when a \$2.50 poll tax was withheld from his pay. Photograph by Tom Endy 1993. #2581.



# SwapMeets!

**April, 1995**

**9th, Sunday:**

**LONG BEACH.** Hi Performance Collector Car Swap Meet. Long Beach Veterans Stadium, Lakewood Blvd & Wardlow St. Long Beach, CA. 24 hour info. 800-762-9785 Admission \$4. Free Parking. Seller's Sp. \$25. **Future dates:** Sundays, 5-14, 6-11, 7-9, 8-13, 9-10, 10-8, 11-12, 12-10.

**No Swap Meet in April:**

**POMONA.** Antique Auto, Corvette, Porsche, VW & Street Rod Swap Meet and Car Show. Admission \$6. (Children free) parking \$3. spaces \$30. Special \$15. admission and parking for pre-1975 vehicles for sale, includes driver and one passenger. Fairplex (Pomona Fairgrounds). For recorded information call 714-544-7004. **Future dates:** Sunday, 6-4, 7-16, 8-27, 10-15, 11-19.

## Saturday, May 6, 1995

The Orange County Model A Ford Club announces the **2nd Annual World Class Swap Meet!** The location is the parking lot of Vintage Ford Parts.

**Vintage Ford Parts  
11318 Beach Blvd.  
Stanton, CA**

Vintage Ford is located on Beach Blvd in Stanton, two miles north of the 22 Freeway, four miles south of the 91 Freeway. \$10 per space for pre-registered sellers, \$15 per space on the day of the meet. 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. For additional information call Bev Marsh @ 714-531-7237.



# Classified Ad's!

**FOR SALE:**

**1928 Model A Roadster.** Older Restoration, Runs. Michael Pflug 930 Verona Dr. Fullerton 92635 \$5,000. 714-526-1003

**FOR SALE:**

**1930 Model A Standard Roadster.** Project car, solid original body, incomplete engine, rumble seat, no interior or top, garaged for 20 years awaiting restoration, no time. Car is in Anaheim Hills. \$3,750. Bill Boezinger, 714-637-2917.

**WANTED:**

**One 600-16 White Wall Tire, (Used)**  
Dick Riha 714-556-4355

**FOR SALE:**

**California YOM License Plates.** Matched pair of 1928. Matched pair of 1929. Both sets in good restorable condition. \$75. per set. Tom Endy 714-897-5861



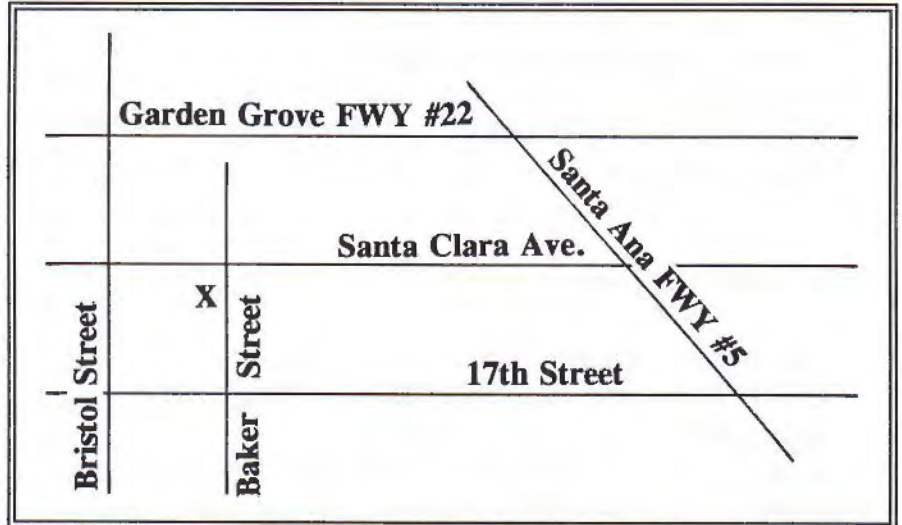
**You Guys Get Enough Pancakes?**

# GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

**April 13, 1995 @ 7:30 P.M.**

**Santiago Elementary School  
2212 N. Baker Street  
Santa Ana, CA**



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