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THE ROGER SEMINAR®

"Hardluck is my middle name! Lugnut is my first!"

Roger Aday.

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Secretary's Report!

by Jan Roberts

July Board Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order by President Wade at the Dwinger's home at 7:55 P.M. July 20, 1995.

Touring, Glenn Johnson:

Glenn discussed plans for several upcoming tours and filled some of the board members in on the adventures of the recent Summer Tour.

Treasure's Report, Lee Garman:

Lee was absent from the board meeting due to illness. We hope you are feeling better Lee.

Special Events, Bev Marsh:

Bev has the Angel baseball tickets for August 22nd, \$3.50 each.

Technical, Dick Riha & Larry McKinney:

The August technical seminar is still in the planning stages.

Editor, Tom Endy:

Same story about the *Distributor* deadline. Members submitting articles do not have to wait until the actual deadline date, they are free to submit them earlier.

Club Memorabilia, Jim Nichols:

Jim Nichols was not there!

Old business:

Pieter Dwinger reported on the on-going problem with the State Franchise Tax Board. A solution is possible, but it will require amending the club's by-laws and re-incorporating under new articles of incorporation.

New Business:

A vote of the membership is required to change the by-laws. Membership turn out for the August General Meeting is encouraged in order to submit the changes to a vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M. ✓



Schedule of Club Activities

August

10th, Thursday

General Meeting. 7:00 P.M.
Pot Luck @ 6:00 P.M.
N through Z bring a main course dish
A through M bring a salad or dessert dish
Hart Park, City of Orange

11th, Friday

Technical Seminar. 7:00 P.M. Dick Riha's residence. Distributor rebuilding.

17th, Thursday

Board Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Larry & Gerry McKinney's home.

21st, Monday

Cruise Night. Meet at Fashion Island parking lot in front of the Hard Rock Cafe. Bring your Model A and join OCMAFC for a tire kicking evening. 6:00 P.M.

22nd, Tuesday

Angel's baseball game. 7:00 P.M.
Anaheim Stadium. Meet at assigned seats.
Enter through gates 1 & 2.

24th, Thursday

Distributor publication deadline.

September

10th, Sunday

15th Annual Tustin Marine Corps Air Station Car Show and Open House. 7:30 A.M. \$15. registration fee. Call Pieter Dwinger for registration form. 714-639-4767.

14th, Thursday

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

15th, Friday

Technical Seminar.

17th, Sunday

Belmont Shore Car Show
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Preregistration required.

21st, Thursday

Board Meeting.

30th, Saturday

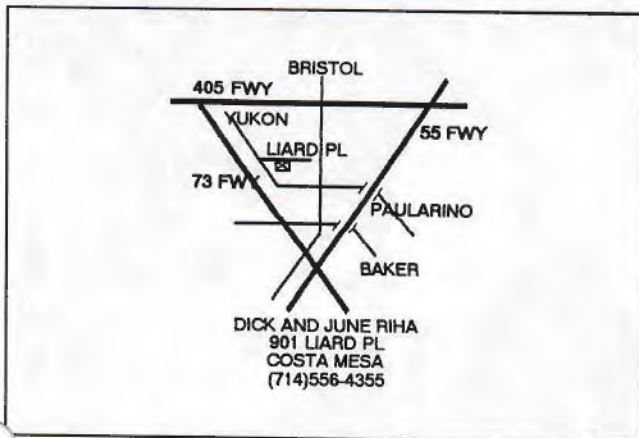
Annual Progressive Dinner.



In Memory of Lydia Lindbergh

Thank you, to the Orange County Model A Ford Club members for your thoughtful cards and the beautiful plant. Paul's mother Lydia Lindbergh passed away July 6th. Mrs. Lindbergh was 82 years old.

Paul & Carolyn Lindbergh



Map to Dick Riha's Home



President's Corner!

Wade Roberts

The July General Meeting at Hart Park was most enjoyable. The food was very tasty and the weather was perfect. Join us for the Club's August General Meeting at Hart Park with a potluck at 6:00 P.M. and the business meeting at 7:00 P.M., one half hour earlier than usual. This will be an important meeting as we need your approval to amend our by-laws and articles of incorporation. Two-thirds of the membership needs to be present for official club-mandated changes.

Don't forget to get your Angel baseball tickets from Bev Marsh for the August 22 game.

See you down the road. ☺



Special Events!

by Bev Marsh

Batter Up! Time is running out! Get your baseball tickets to the Angeles vs Boston game for Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:00 P.M. There's a limited number of tickets available and they are only \$3.50 each. We will be sitting up in the "Upper View Level" right behind home plate. Get your tickets at the August General Meeting or call Bev at 714-531-7237. ☺

MAFCA National Youth Committee Chairperson Jennifer Dwinger

The National MAFCA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Jennifer Dwinger has been selected as the 1995-96 National Youth Committee Chairperson. Jennifer's duties will be to organize and direct all of the youth activities at the Toronto, Canada National Convention in 1996. She will also organize a national drive to bring more youth into the Model A hobby on an on-going basis. Jennifer's goal is to encourage each chapter to involve the youth in as many of the club's activities as possible. ☺



"Wrap it up! I'll take it!"



"Yeah-Boy! Thats real shade!"



Jennifer, Jason, Big Dog Johnson!



Hard Luck! and a sad story!

The need for an overdrive!

C. Vaughn, our newest member of OCMAFC, was the recipient of the Hard Luck trophy at the July General Meeting. With a large number of the membership away on the Summer Tour having some big time hard luck, President Wade had to look long and hard for a Hard Luck candidate. Several members fingered Ottis for the difficulty he had on the Poker Run trying to keep from being run over by the numerous fast moving Model A's that are equipped with overdrives. Ottis has learned firsthand of the distorted camaraderie of OCMAFC. Welcome to the club Ottis. ☺

Creative Hard Luck!

During the July Poker Run Tour, at the lunch stop, Roger Aday and several unnamed co-conspirators thought they would have a little sport with Tom Endy, the club editor. Foolishly forgetting about the power of the press, Roger and his motley crew poured a large quantity of hot water directly under the engine of Tom's Model A, "Miss Vickie", while it sat in the parking lot. Alerting Tom to the seemingly unfortunate event, they offered such possibilities as a cracked engine block, a blown radiator and/or a leakfull water pump.

Though smelling a rat, Tom went through the drill of checking things out, only to confirm what was already suspected. The membership may recall that Roger Aday was the 1994 Lugnut Whipping Boy of the year. His photograph is prominently featured on the front cover of this month's *Distributor*. ☺



Summer Tour Hard Luck!

The Summer Tour started out the first day with a series of hard luck breakdowns. Mel & Terry Colling's 1931 Tudor experienced continued overheating and a seized up front wheel bearing. Just north of Bakersfield they decided to give it up and have the Tudor towed back home. They rejoined the tour the next day in their modern and continued with the tour. Tom Endy had a flat tire on his 1931 Victoria, "Miss Vickie", just as the wheel bearing repair was completed on the Colling's Tudor. Vince Mariola's 1931 Town Sedan was the next to have a flat tire. The Godfather held a tire patching seminar at the hotel that night where both flats were repaired. The following morning at 3 A.M. the Godfather conducted a tire rotating seminar in the parking lot. He was the only person that showed up! The next day Glenn Johnson had some weird unexplained problem with a timing gear on his 1930 Deluxe Delivery. The story is that he replaced a perfectly good timing gear, but had to add a bunch of spacers under the spring at the end of the cam to rid the persistent engine knock. After that the remaining 8 Model A's continued the tour in the face of some extreme heat, some high winds and a little rain without further mishap.

It was noticed that John Riggs, who never had a breakdown, was constantly covered with grease and seemed to be always performing some kind of maintenance chore on his 1928 AR Coupe.

Dennis Griffin got his round body stuck in a hole during a visit to California Caverns when he tried to descend from one level of the cavern to a lower one through a hole in the floor that was half the diameter of Dennis.

Midway through the tour, while in Grass Valley, the majority of Model A's took advantage of Don Tune's Model A Garage to do some needed maintenance. A lot of oil was changed. Larry McSpeed managed to dump a quart of oil on the driveway when he installed an oil filter crooked on his Speedster. This trip he didn't get to replace a clutch, though he kept muttering something about the need for shade. Roger Aday showed up that day, having flown in without his Model A. He conducted an inspection of the torque status of all Model A lug nuts on club member's cars. Thank you Don for the use of the garage. ☺



Car of the Month!

There will be no car of the month during July and August due to the club meetings being held at Hartwood. The car of the month event will continue when the General Meetings move back to Santiago Elementary School in September. ☺

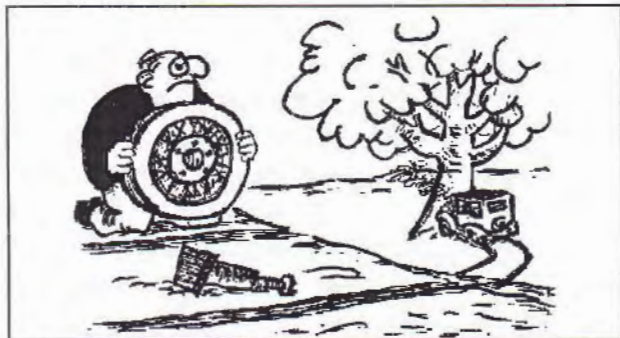


Touring! in '95 with
Pieter Dwinger-Glenn Johnson-Wayne Krug

The 1995 Poker Run!

by Glenn Johnson

On the 4th of July 25 Model A's, one 1929 Hudson and a few moderns departed the Mall of Orange at two minute intervals. Each car was provided with written instructions to the first destinations on the Around the World in Two Hours Poker Run. Most world tours begin at an airport so our first destination was John Wayne Airport. The basket of cards and instructions to destination #2 were at the information counter on the airport lower level. Destination #2 was Old Mexico AKA downtown Santa Ana. The basket of cards and instructions to destination #3 was at El Comal, a small restaurant at 314 W. Fourth Street. Destination #3 was the Amazon Jungle and tropical rain forests of South America AKA the Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park. Cards and instructions were in the barn at the petting zoo (you had to be careful where you stepped). Destination #4 was the mysterious Far East AKA Little Saigon in Westminster. Cards and instructions were at Theng Thu, a small art store inside the Asian Gardens Mall. Most world tours include at least one train station so destination #5 was the old Fullerton Depot where we picked up cards and instructions to Italy AKA Angelos & Vineis Ristorante in Fullerton. We all enjoyed a great Italian lunch and then distributed the poker pot to the 10 best hands. Jennifer Dwinger with four aces won big bucks. Even the 10th place winners quadrupled their original \$5. investment. I hope everyone enjoyed the 1995 Poker Run as I did planning it. ☺



Yo Roger! Did you block the wheels?



Follow Me!

by Wayne Krug

**Summer Tour 1995:
The Gold Country!**

Another great summer tour under our belts! And as far as the weather goes, we experienced it all. We left in the fog and drove into heat, wind and finally rain as we returned home. Through it all our old Fords just kept rolling along. The first night was spent in Oakhurst along Highway 49, where one of our members was observed rotating his tires in the motel parking lot at 3:00 A.M. We continued north on Highway 49 with overnight stops in Sonora, Jackson and finally Nevada City. We met up with the Gra-Neva A's for breakfast, a street fair and on our last night a great BBQ at the Tune Spread, hosted by Don & Linda and their faithful sidekick Roger Aday. After a 3 day stay in Nevada City it was time to start heading south. We stopped for an overnight at Danville where we visited the Behring Auto Museum and a few private garages before heading for our last night's stop in Arroyo Grande.

A special thanks to Don & Linda Tune, Roger Aday and the Gra-Neva A's for what was another fun tour. ☺



**Choosing up sides for the seminar!
The loser has to pick Roger Aday!**

Touring! Continued!

Marconi Automotive Museum Tour!

by Glenn Johnson

On July 23rd, 18 Model A's, a 1929 Hudson and several moderns met at the Tustin El Torito Restaurant for brunch and a short tour to the new Marconi Automotive Museum in Tustin. At the museum we all enjoyed a partially guided and partially self guided tour of the automobile collection, automotive art collection and race car garage display. One of the cars that was of particular interest to our group was 1930 dirt track racer, with a mostly Model A chassis, a souped up Model A engine and a wonderfully proportioned race car body. Other interesting items in the collection included several vintage Ferraries, a framed racing jacket worn by the late Steve McQueen and a huge 1937 Segraves fire engine in pristine condition. We left the museum about 2 P.M. and got home in time to continue our home projects and enjoy the rest of the weekend. ☺

Club Members on TV!

by Glenn Johnson

On Thursday evening July 6th, John Riggs and Glenn Johnson (and their vintage cars) were featured on a Seal Beach cable TV show about collector automobiles. The TV show began with a 1905 Oldsmobile and continued with one car from each decade up to an early 80's hot Chevy. John Riggs' 1928 AR Model A Coupe was the featured 1920's car and Glenn Johnson's 1934 Packard was the 1930's car. Each car owner was interviewed by the show's hosts as the camera focused in on the details of each car. I hope some of you saw the show, if not, John and Glenn both have copies of the tape. ☺

Future Tours!

August 21st.

Fashion Island Hard Rock Cafe!

Cruise Night. Meet there at 6 P.M. We will have dinner somewhere in Fashion Island and enjoy seeing the several hundred cars at cruise night.

September 17th.

Belmont Shore Car Show (1000 + cars)!

Show cars must be pre registered (see Glenn Johnson for flyer) All Model A's will park in a group. Tour details will be announced in the September *Distributor*. Pre-register ASAP. Questions? Call Glen Johnson 714-528-0891. ☺



Technical!

by Dick Riha & Larry McKinney

We did not have a Technical Seminar in July due to the Summer Tour. It was my understanding that there were only a few minor problems after the first day of the tour. One car had to be towed home that first day.

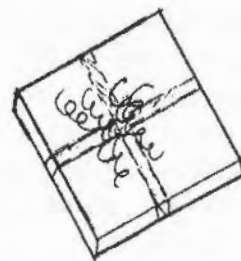
The subject of the August Seminar will be "Rebuilding & Adapting Modern Points & Condensor to Model A Distributors". The seminar will be held at the Riha's home on Friday, August 11, at 7:00 P.M. See map on page 3 of the *Distributor*. ☺

Ladies Seminar!

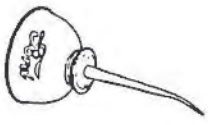
by June Riha & Gerry McKinney

Thanks to Jill McDonald and Jerry McKinney for putting on a great Pin Making Seminar in June.

This month we will be making Gift Bags with fan pleated tops and Small Gift Boxes using wallpaper samples. Illustrated below. Wallpaper will be provided. All you need to bring is a glue stick, and your nimble fingers. **Please be on time.** ☺



TV Star & Personality John Riggs!



Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

Towing The Model A Ford!

Every once in a while the need arises to have a Model A towed someplace. One of the things you need to think about when you do tow a Model A is the transmission lubrication.

When a Model A is rolling down the road under it's own power the cluster gear in the transmission is rotating and it churns up a lot of oil from the bottom of the case. This action splashes oil all over the other moving parts. Under tow the transmission gear shift lever would be placed in the neutral position. Now the only thing that is turning inside the transmission is the main shaft, the disengaged slider gears, the large output bearing at the rear of the case and the pilot bearing inside the pilot shaft. Neither bearing is receiving a fresh supply of oil because the moving parts are all above the static oil level. The only lubrication they have is from the oil that coated them the last time the car was driven.

Several articles have been written concerning this subject. One person suggests that you should disconnect the drive shaft when you tow a Model A. Think about that one for a minute. You have your choice of pulling the engine or the rear end out of the car to get to the U-joint so you can remove it to disconnect the drive shaft, then repeat the process to reinstall it. Forget that one! Another suggestion is to remove the shifting tower and add an extra quart of oil. This would raise the oil level up to where the two bearings would be immersed in oil. I like that idea better. You might even be able to force the extra oil in from the fill plug in the side of the case without removing the tower. The third option you have is to go ahead and tow the car and don't worry about it. If the bearings wear out you get to put new ones in.

While you're thinking about the transmission, take a look at the shifting tower in your Model A. There is a small vent hole located in the rear of the tower, several inches down from the top. The vent hole is supposed to keep pressure from building up inside the transmission and forcing oil out through the front and rear bearings. There is a good chance that it's plugged up with crud. Take a small piece of wire and clean it out. ☺



Era Fashions!

by Ida Wornit

Getting Started in Era Fashions!**

The Model A years were 1928-1931, and when it comes to collecting era fashions there are three categories to choose from.

Original: For competitions and Model A activities, and as collector's items.

Reproduction: For competitions and Model Activities.

Fun Era Fashions: A mixture of original, reproduction and novelty items, for fun only.

Many era fashion enthusiasts have all three and enjoy wearing every item. Searching for era fashions is like an exciting treasure hunt. A word of caution, it can become addictive!

Start by doing research. You will find everything you need to know to get started in the *Fashion Guidelines*, available through the MAFCA National Office (\$35. plus postage). Attend every era fashion seminar and era fashion show you can, this is a wonderful way to learn. Old photographs can be helpful, check your family albums. Check your larger local public libraries for magazines from the 1928-1931 era. View the two videos produced by the Model A Ford Foundation; one on *Reproductions* featuring Pat Wilson, and the newest video, *Original Era Fashions* featuring Edie Jones. Watch old movies from the Model A era. Notice that the waistlines in 1928-29 were about 3 inches below the natural waist and in 1930-31 they were back at the natural waist. In 1928 the hem length was about at the knee and kept getting longer until 1930-31 when they were about 14 inches from the floor. Dresses were fastened by snaps or hooks and eyes, not zippers.

Once you have done your research, you are ready to begin your search. Visit swap meets, vintage clothing shops, antique stores, thrift stores, estate sales and relative's attics. Take along your copy of *Fashion Guidelines* for on the spot reference. Do not rely on the advice of shop owners, most of their advice is profit motivated. Above all else, have fun with era fashions! Happy hunting!

****Condensed from an article by Char Crawford, Era Fashion Committee Chairperson, Model A Ford Club of America. ☺**



Dennis gets his round body stuck!



We know why!



A tall skinny kid slid right through!



Wayne and Mel jump in and help!




Linda Tune hosts the Summer Tour!




The Godfather speaks of tire rotation!

Orange County - Then & Now



 **Laguna Beach:** A view of Main Beach looking south from the bluffs. Source information records the date as July 4th, 1924. The original Laguna Hotel, built in 1898, can be seen at center, half way up the hill. It is the building with the twin peaks. It was torn down in 1928. Photograph from the Historical Collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California. #5611.



 **Laguna Beach:** The same view of Main Beach looking south from the bluffs. The original Laguna Hotel was replaced with a new one in 1930. It can be seen at center, half way up the hill. Parking and overnight camping are no longer permitted on the beach. Photograph by Tom Endy 1993. #5611.



SwapMeets!



Classified Ad's!

August, 1995

5th & 6th, Saturday & Sunday:

LONG BEACH. Model T Club Annual Swap Meet. Long Beach Veterans Stadium, Lakewood Blvd & Wardlow St. Long Beach, CA.

GARAGE SALE:

Model A parts. Sunday August 13th 7 A.M. to 12:00 noon. coffee & donuts Two "C" head, one "C" water pump, fenders, fittings and hardware. Misc parts. Roger Aday 714-993-4558

WANTED:

1930-1931 Model A flywheel housing. No cracks. Call and leave message Wayne Krug 714-528-1206

FOR SALE:

Model A "C" engine. Rebuilt, complete with head, pan and water pump. \$1750. Terry Lucas 714-633-0390.

FOR SALE:

1931 Model A 160-B Town Sedan. Borg Warner overdrive. \$6,500. Wade Roberts 714-675-5457 evenings.

FOR SALE:

1965 Mustang Convertible. Completely restored, fully loaded, 289 V-8 engine, yellow. \$11,300. Bev Marsh 714-531-7237

FOR SALE:

1929 Model A Closed Cap Pickup. Original condition except for hydraulic brakes. Minor rust, have patch panels. Current Calif. registration. Runs! \$4,000. Gary Feller, Laguna Beach. 714-494-2706.



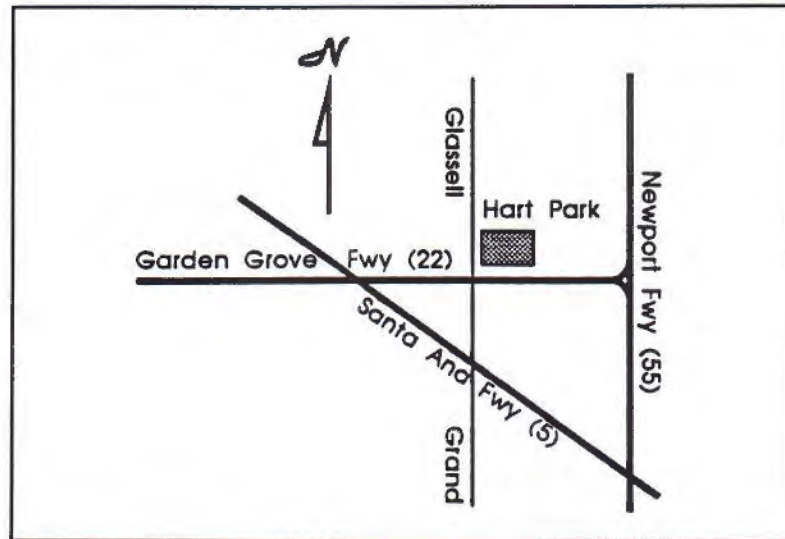
Two year old Curtis Nichols, OCMAFCA's youngest dues-paying member. The young-timer is the grandson of Jim & Jo Nichols and has been a member of the club for more than half of his life.

GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

August 10, 1995 @ 7:00 P.M.

**Hart Park
22 Freeway @ Glassell St.
City of Orange, CA**



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