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SUMMER TOUR '95
Highway 49! The Gold Country
July 1995

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Secretary's Report!

by Dan Simmons

November Board Meeting Minutes.

President, Wade Roberts:

The meeting was called to order by President Wade at Bev Marsh's home at 7:28 P.M. November 16, 1995.

Treasurer, Lee Garman:

Lee reported that the club finances are in good shape.

Special Events, Bev Marsh:

Bev discussed the plans for the Annual Children's Christmas Party.

Activities, Pieter Dwinger:

Pieter discussed the club's upcoming Christmas season events.

Technical, Dick Riha & Larry McKinney:

There will not be a seminar in December. June Riha and Gerry McKinney showed the center pieces the ladies made for the Christmas Banquet.

Editor, Tom Endy:

The deadline is short this month due to the Thanksgiving holiday and the Concord Winter Tour.

Club Memorabilia, Jim Nichols:


The new T-shirts went over big at the November General Meeting, 37 shirts were sold.

Old Business:

Roger Aday described the procedure he has documented for organizing the Annual Pancake Breakfast. Roger will be leaving Orange County at the end of this year. The club is in need of a Pancake Breakfast Chairperson.

New Business:

Pieter Dwinger described the new storage space the club has obtained to store are stuff in.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. 



Schedule of Club Activities

December

7th, Thursday

Christmas in Yorba Linda. Old Fashion Christmas on Main Street. Clubmember Model A display 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Remember Pearl Harbor.

10th, Sunday

Annual Adult Christmas Party and Board Member Installation Banquet. 5:30 P.M. Maxwell's Lakeside. 55 Fwy to Lincoln in Orange, turn west, cross Tustin and turn right into the first or second driveway. Park in the rear, left side.

14th, Thursday

General Meeting and Children's Christmas Party 7:30 P.M. Santiago Elementary School.

15th, Sunday

Annual Christmas Light Tour, followed by dinner and dessert. Mike Kuester, Chairperson 714-974-3329. Model A Christmas decorating contest. Wayne Krug, Chairperson 714-528-1206. Look for your invitation in the mail.

28th, Thursday

OCMAFC Board Meeting. 6:30 P.M. The changing of the guard. 1995\1996 Board Member change. Bring a pot luck dish. Dessert will be served. Pieter & Judy Dwinger's home.

28th, Thursday

Distributor publication deadline.

Club Stuff!

The club is looking for their stuff! If you have anything like club banners, tools or whatever, would you please contact President Wade at 714-675-5457 so they can be collected into our storage facility. ☺

January 1996

11th, Thursday

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

12th, Friday

Technical Seminar

18th, Thursday

OCMAFC Board Meeting. 7:30 P.M.



Dues are Overdue!

If you are among the few remaining stragglers who have not paid their 1996 Orange County Model A Ford Club dues, time is running out. To ensure that your name will be included in the 1996 Club Roster and remains on the mailing list for the *Distributor*, please complete the membership renewal form on page 6, add your check and mail it to the club's post office box, or give it to the club treasurer at the next General Meeting. ☺



The Club Logo!

by Jim Nichols

Once Again!

Several members have inquired about another lot run of club logo jackets. We need at least six jackets to make up a lot. We have three already. If you would like to have a jacket done please contact Jim Nichols at 714-380-1067. The cost is \$30. and it includes the embroidering of a large new-old logo on the back, a small one on the left front and your name on the right front. The work can be done on any jacket, but you must supply the jacket. Denim vests are currently in vogue. ☺





President's Corner!

Wade Roberts

Thank You All!

As this is my last message before the new board is seated I would like to thank each and every person who has taken the time to serve as a board member, on a committee or help with a special event. Your ideas, support and just plain hard work have helped make 1995 an exceptional year for our Orange County Model A Ford Club. Please continue to show your support for the new board.

Happy Holidays from our family to yours and have a productive new year.

See you down the road. ☺



Special Events!

by Bev Marsh

Children's Christmas Party!

Ed & Patty Cote', along with Jon Heiland have once again banded together to plan a "Gala Affair" for the youngsters of our club. Although fun can be had by all who join in. After a very short club meeting on Thursday, December 14th, a clown will lead the entertainment, Santa will appear and refreshments will be served. Bring a wrapped \$5. plainly (tagged) marked gift for each child you will be bringing. So bring your children, grandchildren, a neighbor, rent-a-kid, or be a kid yourself and join the party. The more the merrier. ☺



"I wore this jacket in High School!"

President Wade!



Roger is Leaving!

by Tom Endy

Roger Aday will be leaving Orange County at the end of the year. He is relocating to Grass Valley, California where he says the grass is greener. I wish to thank Roger for being the good sport he is and for enduring all the lugnut jokes that have appeared in the *Distributor* during the last two years at his expense. Mr. Pancake will become a member of the Gra-Neva Model A Club where with any luck and a few parts dropping off his Model A he will become their editor's number one whipping boy. ☺



Good By!....and A Ford Farewell!

by Roger Aday

A few years ago on an Orange County Model A Ford Club tour through the California Gold Country I fell in love with two wonderful little towns in the mountains named Grass Valley and Nevada City and thought that one day I might like to live there. By chance and a little planning that day has come. Starting in January I will be working for the local General Motors dealership in Grass Valley. My plan is to work there for at least a year and if all goes well, Chris and the kids will move up there and join me. There is a good Model A Ford Club in the area called the Gra-Nevas. They love to tour and are a great group to socialize with. Orange County receives their news letter so you will be able to see what I am up to up there. I will miss the good friends I have made in the Orange County Model A Ford Club. The last five years with the club has been a lot of fun and a great experience for me. I have learned a lot about the Model A Ford, and hopefully I have taught other some of the things I have learned (like the value of properly torquing lugnuts). I plan to come down to Orange County for the Pancake Breakfast in March and hope to see many of my old friends. Gary Haubold now owns my old 1930 Coupe, so if you happen to be touring along behind him remember to stay back at least 300 feet. The coupe has a propensity to lose wheels, lugnuts, air-mazes, oil filler caps, fenders, rear-ends, engines, etc, etc, etc! I will be staying with Don & Linda Tune for a while, so if anyone needs to contact me they can reach me there. ☺

New Address:

10185 Skyline Dr.

Grass Valley, CA 95945

Phone: 916-274-0532

FAX: 916-274-9413



Hard Luck! and a sad story!

McSpeed Crash!

Larry McKinney was awarded the hard luck trophy at the November General Meeting for the recent demise of his beloved speedster "McSpeed". Larry related to the membership present the events that occurred concerning the crash several weeks ago while on an outing in Anza, California with the Four Ever Four (Varoom!) folks. This was the second time that the speedster has been totally wrecked in an accident. Larry and his passenger were very fortunate not to have been seriously injured. It was also learned that Dan Simmons was directly in line behind Larry at the time of both accidents. Several members recommended that Larry take up a less dangerous hobby than driving a Model A Speedster. Skydiving was suggested, but without Dan Simmons along. ☺



"829 parachute jumps and then.....!"

Editor's Note!

Larry was once a parachute sport jumper. On his 829th jump he broke his leg. ☺



Technical!

by Dick Riha & Larry McKinney

The November Seminar on steering ball replacement was well attended with 16 arms being drilled and reamed for ball replacement. There will not be a seminar in December due to the holidays and it's associated crowded calendar. We would like to thank the club members who hosted a seminar during the year. We hope that we have helped show or answer some of the questions about the Model A Ford. If you have any questions about your car or modern modifications, don't hesitate to call one of us. We want to wish you all a blessed and safe holiday season. Remember; **drive your Model A.** ☺

Ladies Seminar!

by June Riha & Gerry McKinney

We would like to thank everyone who attended our craft seminars during 1995, and a special thanks to those who hosted one. We will continue to hold ladies craft seminars as long as there is enough interest. Lately there have been only a few who have attended. It's really fun, so **come on down.** At the November Seminar we made the center pieces that will grace the tables at the Christmas party. They look marvelous. We will be making a woven basket in January. Get your supplies ready. For each basket you will need one paper grocery bag 12" X 17" (all from the same store), one yard of fabric, 33 yards of paper twist (raffia) in the color of your choice. There will be a reminder in the January *Distributor*. It's been fun this year, we wish you all a Happy Holidays.

Keep on crafting! ☺



Charles Warner sharpening his fingernails at the November Seminar!



**1996 Membership Registration
Orange County Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America**

Name: _____
Last Member Spouse

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Returning member? Yes _____ (Year First Joined _____) No _____

Was your name, address, etc correct in last year's Roster? Yes _____ No _____

Corrections\Comments: _____

Names of children: _____

Model A Fords owned: _____

Please pay National Dues and Chapter Dues to:

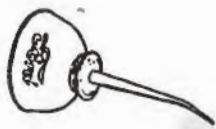
**Orange County MAFCA
P.O. Box 10595
Santa Ana, CA 92711**

1996 Dues:

National Dues	\$20 (U.S.)
Chapter Dues	\$22
ACCC Dues	\$ 3
Total	\$45

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Date: _____



Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

Restoring the Bell Housing!

The pedal shaft, the clutch shaft and the associated brass bushings are many times found worn out on a typical Model A Ford bell housing. Worn shafts and bushings are cause for sloppy clutch and brake pedal action. New shafts and bushings are readily available from your favorite Model A parts store. The restoration project appears to be straight forward. **But wait! Henry set some traps for you.** You need some special tools. You will probably be able to get the old bushings out of the pedals and the housing by splitting them with a hacksaw blade and then driving them out with a screwdriver and hammer, but to install the new bushings you need a bushing pusher-in'er (which can also be used as a pusher-out'er). You can have one made by someone who has a lathe. A piece of round stock is turned down so that it fits through the bushing and has a collar that fits against the end of the bushing. You can then install, or remove, the bushings by driving them in, or out, with a hammer. Once that's done you'll find that the new clutch shaft won't fit because the new bushings have to be **reamed!** You can buy the required reamer from Bratton. It is of sufficient length so that the two clutch shaft bushings are reamed to line up with each other. **But Wait, there's still more!** When you go to drive the old pedal shaft out of the housing you'll find that you can't swing a hammer against a punch inside the housing very well since there is not enough room, and some of the original pedal shafts are in there **tight!** You can make up a simple tool that will sometimes work from a length of 3/8" threaded stock and a length of 1/2" water pipe. With a nut on the threads pressing against the water pipe it is used as a mini-press to force the shaft out of the housing. If the shaft is really tight it doesn't always work. The last Henry trap is to try to get the new pedal shaft installed in the housing so that the holes for the locking pin line up. **Good Luck!** If you miss, don't try to turn the shaft with vice grips, you'll only succeed in scoring it. It won't turn. Another problem is the folks in Taiwan who make these shafts sometimes drill the holes off center and they won't line up with the holes in the housing. While you're at it, don't go pounding on the end of the pedal shaft with a hammer, you will only mushroom it and you won't be able to get the pedals on. Use a press. ☺



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

Thank You For The Opportunity:

by Glenn Johnson

When I first joined the Orange County Model A Ford Club in 1970 I was immediately impressed with what a great time all the active members were having on the tours. I was in the process of restoring my 1928 Tudor at the time and as soon as it was finished, Sharon and I and our three daughters joined in the fun, going on as many tours as possible. During the last two years serving as co-chairman of activities I have enjoyed some of the best times ever in the Model A Club. Co-chairmen Pieter Dwinger and Wayne Krug have made the position a team effort with the results being great tours like Tacoma 94, Death Valley 95 and the Highway 49 Summer Tour 95 and many others. I will be leaving the board of directors at the end of the year, but I am sure




I will be back sometime in the future. In the meantime I will be supporting the new 1996 Board and going on as many tours as possible. I hope you will too. I wish to thank the membership for the privilege of serving on the board. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. ☺




"Moooon River, wider than a tour"....!

Orange County - Then & Now



 **Santa Ana:** A view of Fourth Street looking east from Broadway. The time appears to be sometime in the early thirties. Fourth Street was the commercial shopping center in those days. Note the Model A Ford parked against the curb at the lower right. Photograph from the Historical Collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California. #5310.



 **Santa Ana:** The same view of Fourth Street looking east from Broadway. Times have changed. if you need to do some shopping, go to the Mall. The nearest Model A Ford belongs to the Orange County Model A Ford Club. Photograph by Tom Endy 1993. #5310.



SwapMeets!

December, 1995

10th, 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:

No Swapmeet in December

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.
Pre-1931 Stock Motor cars admitted free. Fairplex (Pomona Fairgrounds). For recorded information call 714-544-7004.
Future dates:
1996 - 1-7, 3-10, 4-28, 6-2, 8-25, 10-13.



Classified Ad's!

FOR SALE:

Model A parts. Years of accumulate Model A and Model B parts. Engine, transmission, body, etc, etc. Joe Wavra 714-549-2881.

FOR SALE:

1929 home built Model A Speedster. All stock, Model A engine, dual carbs, chassis is rebuilt. Local car in very good running condition. Asking \$4,000. For information call Larry "McSpeed" McKinney. 714-963-2724.

FOR SALE:

1929 Model A Ford Fordor Deluxe, Murray. Body off restoration in 1991. New paint, Copa Drab and Kewanee. LeBaron Bonney interior. Color photos available. Beautiful. \$12,500 OBO. Bill Robinson 714-848-5861 after 6 P.M.

FOR SALE:

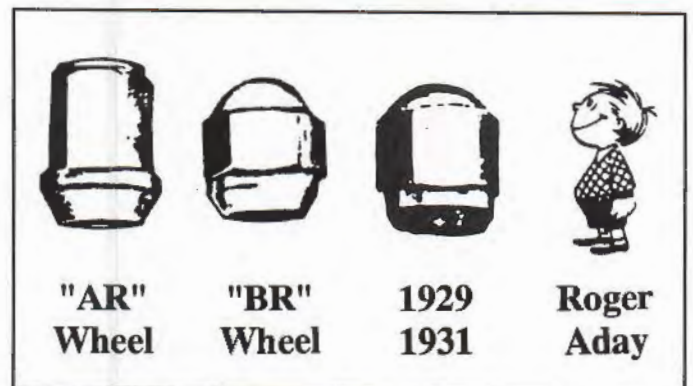
1929 Model A Ford Tudor. Any reasonable offer will be considered. 310-462-1498, 310-921-5541

FOR SALE:

Singer Sewing Machine. Fully loaded top-of-the-line electronic model #6268 with accessories. Fully loaded top-of-the-line electronic Singer Surger model Ultralock 14U64A. Many of the accessories are still in their original wrappers. Used only twice, three times - tops!!! Judy Dwinger 714-639-4767.



A fond farewell to Mr. Bookhead and his magic traveling minstrel swapmeet and raffle show! Thank you Terry Lucas.



**"AR"
Wheel**

**"BR"
Wheel**

**1929
1931**

**Roger
Aday**

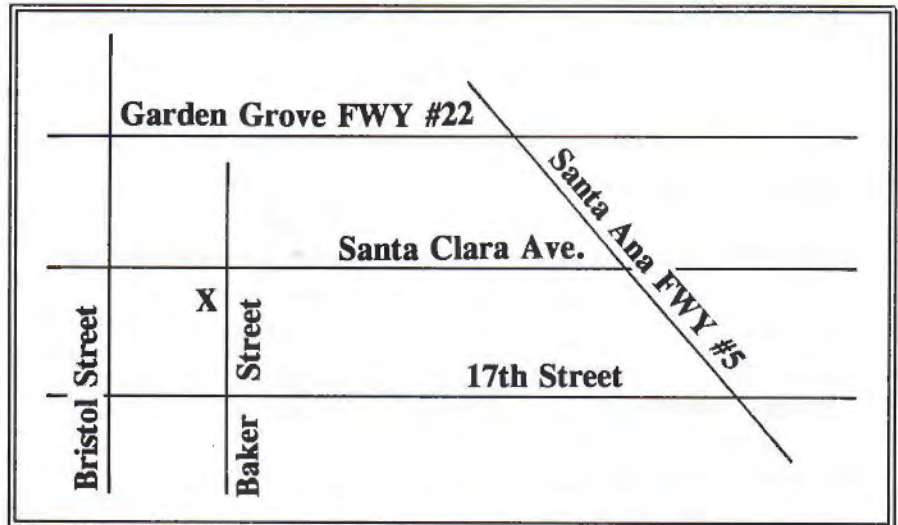
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GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

December 14, 1995 @ 7:30 P.M.

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



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