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THE GRAPES OF WRATH SEMINAR®
....."Picking grapes sounds like a great idea Pieter,
but I think we can make a better living by keeping
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Secretary's Report!

by Dan Simmons

January Board Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order by President Wade Roberts at 7:40 P.M. January 19th, at Wade's home.

Touring, Pieter Dwinger:

The 1995 Christmas Party location was discussed. It will be held at the Brickyard Restaurant in the City of Orange on Sunday December 10th, beginning at 5:00 P.M. Motioned by Bev Marsh, seconded by Tom Endy, passed by unanimous vote of the board.

Pieter advised the board of the current status of the tax problem the club is having with State of California.

Pieter presented Tom Endy with the Award of Merit presented by the MAFCA National to Tom for editing the 1994 *Distributor*.

Treasure's Report, Lee Garman:

Lee presented a draft of a 1995 budget based on 1994 income and expenses. The board discussed the need to establish a tighter 1995 budget for all club expenses.

Special Events, Bev Marsh:

Bev discussed the May 6th "World Class Swap Meet".

Technical, Dick Riha\Larry McKinney:

Dick and Larry discussed the plans for the February overdrive installation seminar. Gerry McKinney and June Riha discussed the ladies portion of the seminar, which will include cleaning all the parts once the differential is removed from the car.

Editor, Tom Endy:

Tom discussed the budget for the 1995 *Distributor*.

Old business:

"This Lady Drives a Model A" patches are to be awarded to any female club member who has driven a Model A during a club tour or attends a club sponsored driving seminar. There is a \$2. charge for the patch. Motioned by Dan Simmons, seconded by Pieter Dwinger, passed by unanimous vote of the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M. 



Schedule of Club Activities

February

5th, Sunday

Antique Clothing/Peterson Museum Tour.
Leave at 9:00 A.M. from Coco's parking lot
at Valley View and the 22 Fwy in Garden
Grove.

9th, Thursday

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

9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th, Thursday - Sunday

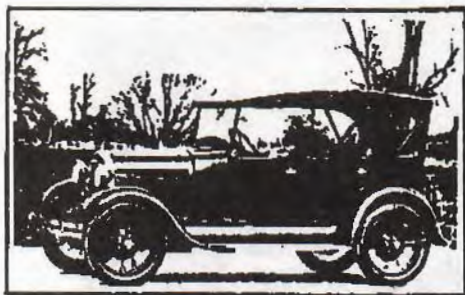
Death Valley Tour. Furnace Creek Ranch
Hotel reservations 619-786-2345 \$78./night.
(Four day tour, three overnights.)
Leave the Mall of Orange at 8:00 A.M.
Thursday the 9th. Return Sunday the 12th.

16th, Thursday

Board Meeting 7:30 P.M. Bev Marsh's home.
14661 Bromley St.
Westminster, 714-531-7237

17th, Friday

Technical Seminar. Overdrive installation on
Doug Marsh's 1928 Phaeton. "Harriet"
(Bev Marsh's little kid) 5:00 P.M.
14661 Bromley St.
Westminster, 714-531-7237



"Harriet"

23rd, Thursday

Deadline for submitting articles for the March
publication of the *Distributor*.

March

9th, Thursday

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

16th, Thursday

Board Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Location to be determined.

19th, Sunday

Pancake Breakfast - Hart Park,
City of Orange. 8:00 - 11:00 A.M.
club member helpers 6:00 A.M.

23rd, Thursday

Deadline for submitting articles for the April
publication of the *Distributor*.



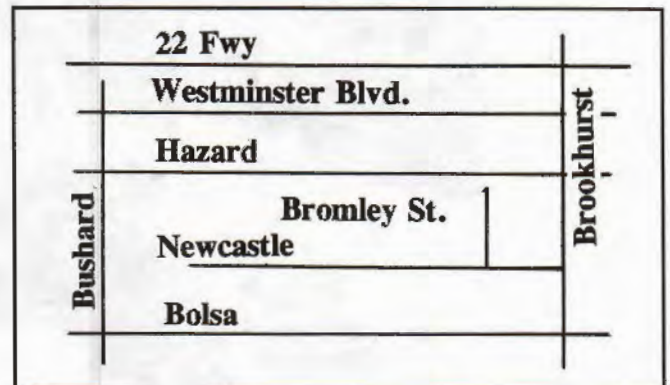
Club Logos!

See Jim Nicholas

Official MAFCA Orange County Chapter collectibles
are on sale at each General Meeting.

Name Badges	Pennants	Patches
Polo Shirts	T-Shirts	Aprons

....and
Orange County Club Logo Hats!



Map to Bev Marsh's Home.



President's Corner!

Wade Roberts

This year we have an outstanding group of people organizing and planning on our behalf. Recognizing these efforts usually comes at the end of the year. However, I would like to thank them now. To the board members and committee chairpersons, a very big *Thank You!* You are all very much appreciated for your time commitment, great ideas and dedication to the Orange County Model A Ford Club.

The most important event of the year takes place on Sunday, March 19, 1995, at Hart park in Orange.....The Pancake Breakfast! Please show your support by signing up at our February General Meeting to help with the breakfast. See you down the road. ☺



Special Events!

by Bev Marsh

Plans have been finalized for our second annual "World Class swap Meet". It will be held on Saturday, may 6th at Vintage Ford Parts in Stanton. There are only 35 spaces available, so make your reservation now for a pre-registered space. Send \$10. to Bev Marsh @ 14661 Bromley St. Westminster, CA 92683. 714-714-531-7237. Spaces will be \$15. on the day of the meet, if any are left. last year we sold all of them. The swap meet will be held rain or shine. refreshments will be on sale. ☺



The Old-Old Logo!



The Old-Young Kids!



Orange County - Hart Park - Pancake Breakfast

CAR AND ERA FASHIONS JUDGING

TROPHIES



RAFFLE

Join us for our annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, March 19 at Hart Park in the City of Orange
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

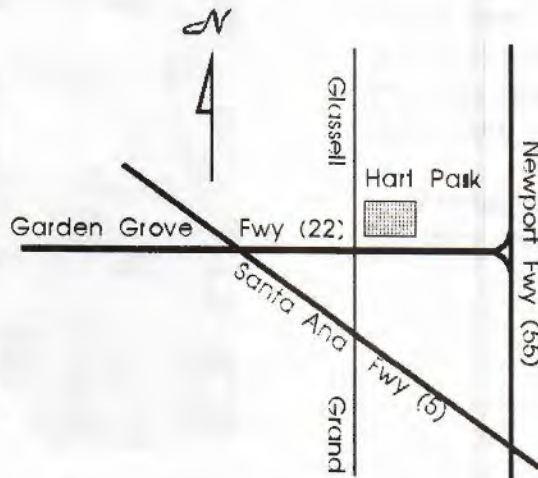
Pancakes, eggs, sausage, milk, juice, and coffee

Donation: Adults \$3.50, Kids \$2.00

RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE: Model A Overdrive

CARS

FUN



FOOD

TIRE KICKING

For additional information call:
Roger Aday (714)993-4558



Technical!

by Dick Riha & Larry McKinney

The first technical seminar of the year was attended by 15 male club members to discuss what they would like to do during the year. There were a number of topics discussed and a list compiled for the year. The seminar for February will be held at the home of Bev Marsh 14461 Bromley St. Westminster. We will be installing an overdrive in Doug Marsh's 1928 Phaeton. The seminar will be held on Friday February 17th starting at 5:00 P.M. The date was selected so as not to conflict with the club's scheduled tour to Death Valley. Come on, put on your old clothes and get involved. ☺

Ladies Seminar!

by June Riha & Gerry McKinney

The January Seminar was attended by 8 female club members. It was scheduled as a planning session, which turned into an impromptu fashion discussion. Tom Endy brought a suitcase full of era fashions given to his daughter Ginger by a friend of his. There eight dresses including a wedding gown, all in pretty good condition.

Bev Marsh will be the hostess for the next seminar to be held on February 17th. We will be doing a craft project. Bring a ladies' or men's handkerchief and pieces of lace and lengths of ribbon. We will furnish the rest of the supplies. The project is a pomadour ball filled with cedar shavings to hang in your closet. **Illustrated Below!** It's very easy, anyone can do it. No sewing is required. Come on out ladies and have some fun while creating something pretty and useful.

The craft seminar will begin right after the ladies have cleaned all the differential parts removed from the Phaeton. ☺



Hard Luck! and a sad story!

Bernie Marston was the recipient of the Hard Luck Trophy at the January General Meeting. Roger Aday related the story. The Marstons, Kuesters and the Adays headed out on Sunday January the 8th on a tour to test out the new overdrive recently installed in the Marston's 1930 coupe. Out around Weir Canyon Road and La Palma Ave. in Yorba Linda the spline sheared on the overdrive shaft. The Auto Club saved the day and **towed!** the coupe home. Since the Marstons were not present at the General Meeting, Roger Aday collected the trophy for them. The trophy almost jumped into Roger's hands. ☺



Car of the Month!

The February car of the month will be a 1909 White owned by Lance Hultgren who will be our guest at the February General Meeting. Providing it does not rain, Lance will have the car on display at the meeting. ☺



Technical Seminars are conducted by members of our club's highly skilled staff of resident technical experts! ☺



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



by Pieter Dwinger

February we will be touring to the Mission in Riverside for a brunch, with a mystery tour following right after the brunch. This is one you will NOT want to miss. What could be better, an easy tour to Riverside, a stroll through the Mission, a really great brunch, a mystery tour, great weather, a bunch of old cars loaded with super people, WOW! how do we do it? Further announcements will be made at the February 9th General Meeting.

March is our Annual Pancake Breakfast under the guidance of General Aday. Roger will be looking for volunteer helpers. There will also be a tour planned for later in the month.

Next year's summer tour to Breckenridge information has finally arrived. Everyone who is interested should *immediately* give Pieter Dwinger or Glenn Johnson a call to get on the sign-up list. We will be king a group reservation and would like to get our whole club close together. More information at the February General Meeting. ☺

More Touring!



by Glenn Johnson

Palm Springs Tour

Friday, January 20th was wet and drizzly with the weatherman predicting more rain through the weekend. Fortunately for us Model A'ers, the weatherman was wrong again. Saturday morning, although cloudy and threatening, was dry and cold. Four Model A's, a 1940 Buick and one modern left the Mall of Orange with Larry McKinney leading us on the first leg of the tour. Our first stop was the Rialto Airport for a visit to Howard Holman's hanger and a look at all of his toys including several cars and a Model A powered Pietenpol open cockpit airplane. Mike Kuester sat in the pilots seat as Howard cranked the prop and fired up the somewhat modified A engine. I'm sure Mike was tempted to just taxi away and fly to Palm Springs but he kept his cool. On to Palm Springs where the sun was shining, the shopping was fun and the restaurants were great. On Sunday after a late breakfast we began our tour home with a two hour stop at the Desert Outlet Mall. From there we drove on to Beaumont where we had lunch at the Farmhouse Restaurant and shopped in some very interesting antique stores. Sharon Johnson found a great looking pair of era shoes in her size at a very reasonable price. We arrived home about 5 P.M. and pulled into the garage just as a light rain started to fall. Thanks to Mr. Weatherman for not raining on our Model A parade. ☺




McSpeed McLeads!




Model A Powered Flight!

Orange County - Then & Now



 **Newport Beach:** The view is looking south along Pacific Coast Highway from the Newport Blvd. overpass. The Arches was built in 1922, but this photograph may have been taken as late as 1932 as suggested by the vintage of some of the cars on the highway. The name "The Arches", was submitted by a student at a local grade school in a contest sponsored by The Arches' owner shortly after it was built. Photograph from the Historical Collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California. #989.



 **Newport Beach:** The same view of The Arches, looking south along Pacific Coast Highway from the Newport Blvd. overpass. The Arches' gas station was destroyed by fire in 1940 and later rebuilt. Some years later it was converted into the liquor store seen at the extreme left. Following the 1940 fire, a separate restaurant was built, seen behind and just to the right of the liquor store. The Arches' restaurant became notable in the following years as a rendezvous for movie stars and other famous people. John Wayne, who lived in Newport Harbor in his later years was a frequent patron. Photograph by Tom Endy 1993. #989.

Orange County!

Historians have referred to it as the "The Golden Promise". Author Joseph Wambaugh called it "The Golden Orange" in his novel of the same name. Orange County was at one time a part of Los Angeles County. In 1889 local civic leaders E. E. Edwards, James McFadden and William Spurgeon provided the political leadership necessary to secede the area from Los Angeles County and form a separate new county. The name Orange County was chosen. The city of Santa Ana was selected as the county seat, beating out rival Anaheim for the honor.

Orange County has fulfilled it's golden promise to generations of it's inhabitants. Many of us in the Orange County Model A Club have an appreciation for the history of the area in which we live as well as the history of the Model A Ford. Orange County is an area rich in history for anyone who wants to take the time to explore the past.

The series of "Then & Now" photographs appearing in the *Distributor* are of locations in Orange County that are familiar to many of us. The "Then" photographs were obtained from the historical collection of the First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California. Each photograph was selected because of landmarks that still exist today that lend itself to a comparison of the "Now" photograph.

First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana is located at the corner of Fifth and Main Streets in Santa Ana and houses a very fine library of historical photographs of Orange County. The library is not open to the public, but individuals may contact First American and request an appointment to research the collection of photographs. First American has also created reproduction negatives from each of the original photographs and for a fee will have copies printed upon request.

To learn more about the history of Orange County, obtain a copy of the book "The Golden Promise, an Illustrated History of Orange County" by Pamela Hallan-Gibson, Windsor Publications 1986. ISBN 0-89781-160-7. The book contains over 400 ...historical photographs providing a rare glimpse into Orange County's past. ☺



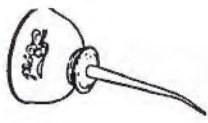
Funny You Should Mention That!



People Actually Rode Back Here?



The Points Closed Up!



Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

Ignition Timing!

Volumes have been written about how to adjust the ignition on a Model A Ford. Pick up any of the Model A "how to" books and there is a dissertation on setting the points and the timing. A couple of things though tend to get neglected that can have a bearing on whether you have a strong ignition or not.

Take for instance the little wire inside the distributor that connects the upper and lower distributor plates together. Henry knew it would eventually break, that's why he put it there. Most folks will replace it with any piece of wire they can find. Wrong thing to do. Every time you move the spark advance lever you flex this wire, and wires don't like to be flexed, so they break. Bratton's Antique Auto Parts sells the correct wire. It's a special fine 80 strand wire that will better tolerate the constant bending and last longer. If you're not a purest and don't mind a modification, install the new wireless lower plate. It has a brass contact ring that rides on a brass acorn nut. There is no wire to ever break, and they work fine. They sell for about \$15.

There are two other neat things that Bratton stocks that are worth having. The first is a coil polarity tester. This little device slips onto the top of the distributor in series with the heavy spark wire. It has two LED's that indicate coil polarity. Start the engine and see which one glows. Half of the repro coils on the market are manufactured with the polarity reversed. It's an easy fix, just reverse the red and black primary wires connected to the coil. Your car will run much better when coil polarity is correct.

The other neat thing is a voltage tester. It's a widget that looks like the polarity tester, it slips onto the top of the distributor also. It has a window with a brass slider inside that looks like a safety pin, in fact it is a safety pin. Start the engine and pull the slider down slowly and watch the spark jump the gap. The window has calibration marks along the side. All the way down is 20,000 volts. Both of these testers sell for a little more than \$15. each. They're good things to have along on roadside seminars. They'll tell you real quick if Henry's wire broke. ☺



Era Fashions!

by Ida Wornit

Men's Era Shoes!

If you wear anything above a size 10 shoe you're probably going to have a really tough time finding original era shoes that will fit you. Folks back in the old days either all had smaller feet, or the ones with big feet must have walked around a lot and wore out all the large sizes.

But wait! Authentic reproductions are easy to find. All the big department stores carry pretty much the same shoe your grandfather was wearing back in the old days. Take a look at some of the styles shown on page 2-38 of the MAFCA Men's Era Fashions Guidelines. You will find that these very same styles are still being worn today. The prices vary according to quality and you should pay attention to where they were made. Made in Taiwan is probably regarded less favorably in terms of authenticity. ☺





SwapMeets!

February, 1995

No Pomona Swap Meet in February.

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, 3-12, 4-23, 6-4, 7-16, 8-27, 10-15, 11-19.

12th, 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, 3-5, 4-9, 5-14, 6-11.

18th & 19th, Saturday & Sunday

SAN DIEGO. 29th Annual Big Three Parts Exchange. Jack Murphy Stadium.



The Points closed up!



Classified Ad's!

FOR SALE:

1928 Model A Tudor. Excellent original unrestored condition. Featured on the cover of the Restorer, Volume 17, Issue 2. 53,000 original miles. \$10,000. Jim Griset 714-673-2247.

FOR SALE:

1930 Model A Standard Coupe. Older restoration, black with black wheels, rumble seat, hydraulic brakes. Good paint, nice, but not original interior. Very smooth running engine. The car is in Corona. \$6,000. Wendel Tucker 909-736-1898.

FOR SALE:

Van Norman Milling Machine, R8 Collet Spindle, 220 Volt, Single phase. \$500. OBO
Dick Riha 714-556-4355

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**

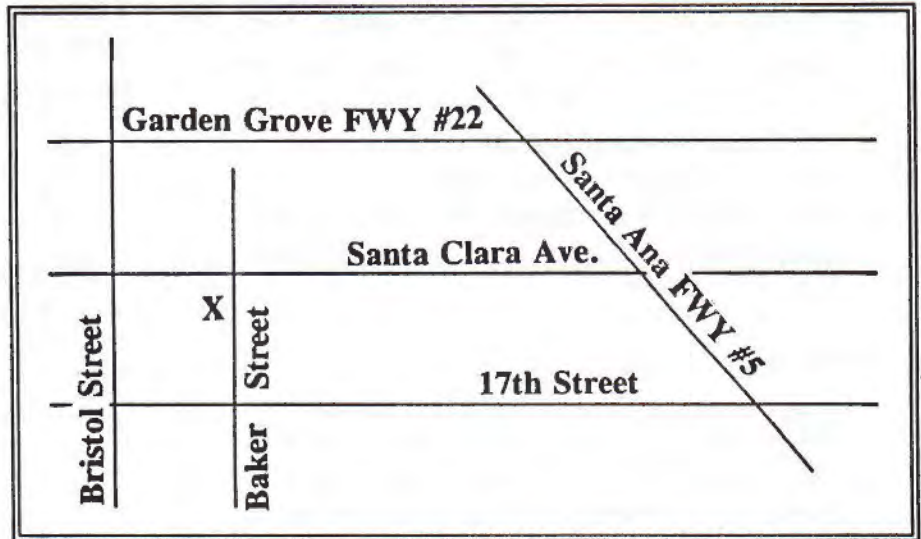
Vintage Ford is located on Beach Blvd in Stanton, two miles north of the 22 Freeway, four miles south of the 91 Freeway. \$10 per space for pre-registered sellers, \$15 per space on the day of the meet. 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. For additional information call Bev Marsh @ 714-531-7237.

GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

February 9, 1995 @ 7:30 P.M.

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



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