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THE CLUTCH SEMINAR®

....."No, I didn't run it out of oil. I don't do silly things like that. What I did was rip the clutch out drag racing!"

Larry "McSpeed", Tacoma 1994

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Secretary's Report!

by Dan Simmons

December Board Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Pieter Dwinger at 7:50 P.M. December 15th, at Pieter's home.

Co-President, Pieter Dwinger:

Pieter discussed the status of the issue of our non-profit tax deferred status being reviewed by the California State Franchise Tax Board.

Treasure's Report, Red Kiser:

Red reported that he is waiting to receive the December bank statements. He will then transfer responsibility to the new treasurer, Lee Garman.

Special Events, Roger Aday:

Roger volunteered to write the Chapter Chatter article for the Restorer. Bev Marsh will take over as the 1995 Chairperson.

Technical, Paul Steed:

Paul reported on the last seminar of the year. The 1995 Technical Chairpersons are Dick Riha and Larry McKinney. Dick Riha advised that the January Seminar will be an orientation to determine what seminar subjects the membership would like to have. June Riha and Gerry McKinney will hold seminars for the ladies.

Editor, Tom Endy:

Tom discussed the costs involved with publishing the *Distributor* and the need for an adhered to deadline for submitting articles. The Board passed a motion to limit the *Distributor* to six pages (two sides) in order to limit the printing and mailing costs. The deadline will be the 4th Thursday of each month.

Old business:

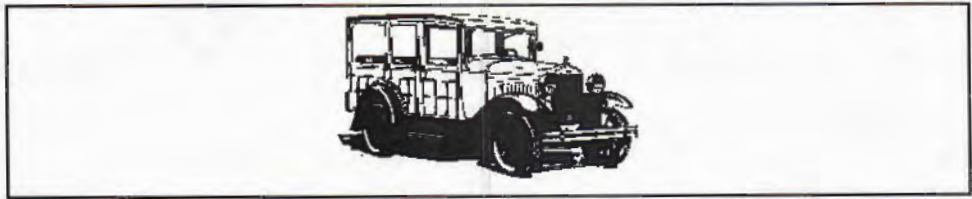
Jim Nichols discussed the criteria for issuing the "This Lady Drives a Model A" patch.

New Business:

The Board voted to make a financial donation to the Santiago Elementary School for allowing the club to use the school for the General Meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M. 

Schedule of Club Activities



January

12th, Thursday

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

13th, Friday

Technical Seminar 7:00 P.M.
Dick Riha's home. **901 Liard Pl.**
Map on page 5. **Costa Mesa**
714-556-4355

19th, Thursday

Board Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Wade Roberts' home. **606 Dahlia Ave.**
Corona Del Mar,
714-675-5457

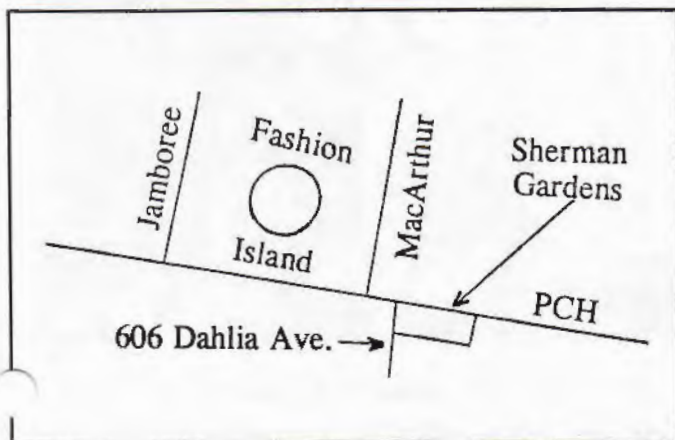
21st & 22nd, Saturday & Sunday

Palm Springs overnight tour. Leave the Mall
of Orange at 8:00 A.M. Saturday morning.
Make hotel reservations in Palm Springs at;
Travel Lodge
333 E. Palm Canyon Drive
619-327-1211

A block of rooms is being held for the
Model A Ford Club. \$66.00

26th, Thursday

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



Map to Wade Roberts' Home.

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.

16th, Thursday

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

23rd, Thursday

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



Member's Note!

1995 Membership Renewal!

Time is running out. The deadline is rapidly
approaching. The cut-off date is **January 12th**. If
you haven't renewed your membership by then your
name will not be in the 1995 Club Roster and it will
not be on the mailing list for the *Distributor*. Please
fill out a renewal form and send with your remittance
or give it to our new club treasurer, Lee Garman, at
the January General Meeting.

But wait, there's more! If you don't renew your
membership please don't complain to the Editor if all
of a sudden you notice that your *Distributor* quit
showing up, and your name was not in the Roster.
Comes time to mail out the February publication the
computer will automatically kick in the new 1995
mailing list based on membership renewals. ☺



President's Corner!

Wade Roberts

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve on the 1995 board and I look forward to meeting the challenges ahead.

Are we not the luckiest people in the world! We each have been entrusted with a piece of this great country's heritage. Your piece may be black, or blue and black; mine is brown and black. I am speaking of our prized Model A Fords. You and I are proud custodians of a bit of history we share with others today and preserve for future history enthusiasts (car buffs). Thanks Henry for making it all possible.

See you down the road. ←



President Wade with his Mickey ears!



The 1995 Board

(left to right); Dick Riha, Wayne Krug, Larry Mckinney, Dan Simmons, Wade Roberts, Bev Marsh, Pieter Dwinger, Glenn Johnson. (Lee Garman & Tom Endy not present).



Special Events!

by Bev Marsh

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Board 1995. I will do my best to do a good job.

The Pancake Breakfast will be held March 19th. Roger Aday will be in charge of that big job. Be sure to let him know if you will be able to lend some of your time and talent.

In late April or early May we will hold our Second Annual World Class Swap Meet. Vintage Ford has agreed to have us back again. I will need lots of help from club members for this event.

If anyone needs club business cards, please let me know, I have a supply of them. ☺



Glenn Johnson, recipient of the 1994 Member of the Year Award



Glenn Johnson Giving long winded acceptance speech!



Technical!

by Dick Riha

We would like to invite all members of the Orange County Model A Ford Club to our first Seminar of the new year, 1995. The date is Friday, January 13th at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Dick & June Riha. The topic will be a question and answer session. We would like to have suggestions from the membership about the subjects they would like to see scheduled for each month of 1995.

This year we plan to schedule the seminars for Friday evenings.

The seminars will be for both men and women. The men's seminars will be conducted by Dick Riha and Larry McKinney, while the ladies' seminars will be conducted by June Riha and Gerry McKinney.

Men's seminar suggestions to date:

Parts identification, safety inspection, hydraulic brakes, horn rebuilding, distributor rebuilding, and a very interesting one by our member Paul Lindbergh, artificial limbs (prosthesis).

Ladies' seminar suggestions to date:

Ladies' how to drive a Model A, Model A era fashions, hairstyles and makeup, tee shirt decorating and other craft projects.

Come one and all with your ideas and suggestions. ☺



Map to Dick Riha's Home.



Hard Luck! and a sad story!

John Riggs was the recipient of the Hard Luck Trophy at the December General Meeting. John tells us he and his wife Gwen were on their way to the Christmas Tree lighting festivities at the town circle in the City of Orange on Sunday December the 4th. As they were tooling along in their '28 Coupe he heard a sound he described as "Brrrrrrrrthhppp!!!" A quick check under the hood revealed that three of the four rivets holding the fan assembly together had come apart. The flailing fan only did minor cosmetic damage to the fins on the inside of the radiator. John had to cancel his trip to the City of Orange and call the Auto Club and have his coupe **towed!** home. ☺



Roger Aday, winner of the 1994 Royal Order of the Lug Nut Award



Pearl Spielberger - Editor's Choice for Nice Lady of the Year Award.



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



by Pieter Dwinger

1995 Tour Information

Saturday & Sunday, January 21st & 22nd..

To start the year off we will be leaving the Mall of Orange at exactly 8:00 A.M. for Palm Springs. we will spend a relaxing two days shopping, looking at desert flowers, the desert museum, etc,etc. We will be home by dinner time Sunday. A room reservation information flyer will be available at the December General Meeting and at the Adult Christmas Party.

Sunday, February 5th.

We will tour to the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium for a huge antique clothing only indoor sale/swap meet. There will be approximately 75 dealers. After which we will enjoy a unique lunch location followed by a visit to the Peterson Automotive Museum. Many of you folks missed out first trip and you most certainly will not want to miss it again. We will have a tour sign-up sheet at the January General Meeting.

Thursday, February 9th.

We will be going to *Death Valley*. This is a four day tour with three overnights at a hotel. We hope everyone will join us for an exciting trip to Scotty's Castle, Marta Becket's Amargosa Opera House, etc. Please call the Furnace Creek Ranch Hotel for reservations for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 800-528-6367 or 619-786-2345. Tell them you are with the Orange County Model A Ford Club. ☺



**The 1994 Marsh Family Award
-The Dwinger Family-**

More Touring!



by Glenn Johnson

December Tours

On December 4th, fifteen Model A's, two horseless carriages and about 40 of our club members attended the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Plaza in downtown Orange. The street was closed to traffic for the event and we were asked to park our Model A's around the Plaza. Santa Clause arrived in the rumble seat of a 1928 Packard and was seated in the Plaza to talk to all the children. A choir sang carols and the big tree was lit to the delight of the crowd. Our Model A's really added a special old time atmosphere to the whole event.

On December 11th our Christmas Tour began at the home of Vern & Shirley Roberts where we all toured their unbelievable collection of Christmas decorations and collectibles in every room of their house. Would you believe 17 Christmas trees? From there we toured to the Yorba Linda Civic Light Opera where we saw Scrooge, a musical version of a Christmas Carol. After the play the tour continued to Polly's Pier restaurant for a great dinner. After dinner we adjourned to the parking lot where Wayne & Jocelyn Krug conducted our 2nd annual Model A Christmas decorating contest. The evening concluded with Roger Aday's classic lug nut Christmas lights tour of the Eastlake and Yorba Linda Hills. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped to make these events fun for all of us. ☺



Bah! Humbug!

by Wayne Krug

Nine Model A's participated in the second annual Model A Ford Christmas decorating contest. All of the cars were extensively decorated and looked great. The first place winner was **John & Gwen Riggs'** 1928 Coupe. Second place went to **Terry Collings'** original 44,000 mile 1931 Tudor. The Judges Award went to the Dwinger's 1929 Town Sedan, decorated by **Jennifer Dwinger**. The decorated cars all participated in the club's annual Christmas Light Tour and were themselves a traveling light show. ☺



The Riggs - First Place!



The Krug's - Raindeer of the Year Award!



Terry Collings - Second Place!



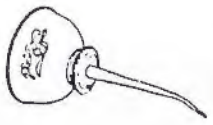
The Ferrazzi's - Nice people, but no award!



The Dwingers - Judges Award!



Vince Mariola - God Father of 1994 Award!



Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

Headlight Reflectors!

It's time to think about headlight reflectors. There are several restoration approaches you can take. You can go out and buy some poor quality repros, have some originals chromed or silver plated, or you can do the job a better way. There is a company called UVIRA Laser Optics that has a process that coats the reflector with an aluminized process that is far superior to the original silver plating.

Back in the days before sealed beams, reflectors were silver plated. This worked great until the silver began to tarnish. Then you had to either polish them out or be satisfied with diminished headlight brightness. Sealed beams were a technology development that enabled a reflector to be coated with an aluminized process and then sealed to prevent oxidation.

UVIRA has developed a technology for aluminized coating mirror surfaces for the aerospace industry that will resist the elements without having to be sealed in a vacuum. These folks are also old car buffs, so they have created a small side business of recoating collector car headlight reflectors.

Reflectors for recoating have to be original solid brass, in good condition, and without cracks. The price currently quoted is \$35. for a reflector between 4 and 9 inches in diameter. This includes the return shipment, and there is no tax required. You have to allow 8 to 10 weeks turn around because they do them so as not to conflict with their primary business.

With reflectors coated by UVIRA, and using a 32/32 or 50/32 cp bulb you will have lights equal to or better than a number 6006 six volt sealed beam light.

UVIRA does a good quality job, and they are nice people to do business with. They also include a five year guarantee. ☺

UVIRA
310 Pleasant Valley Road
Merlin, Oregon 97532
503-474-5050



Era Fashions!

by Ida Wornit

Men's Era Suits!

One picture is worth a thousands words, so the saying goes. This is certainly true if you take a good look at the era photograph that appeared on the cover of the 1994 May/June *Restorer*. The scene depicts the ceremonial delivery of a new 1928 Model A Ford, which pretty well documents the time as either late 1927 or sometime during 1928. Take some time to study the suits worn by the numerous men in the picture. It can't get any more authentic than that.

The more you look at this picture the more interesting it becomes. Not only is it a good study of men's fashions of the day, but there are also some interesting "characters" to be observed. The white haired man handing the keys to the new owner bears a strong resemblance to Rodney Dangersfield. And the fashionably dapper man to the right of him, wearing the fancy spats, has to be a young Art Carney. Somebody's body guard is standing above the left hand headlight. And the man standing next to the right hand door looks like he had one to many the night before

The young boy standing by the right front wheel is a classic study of pre-teen boy's fashions. Knickers and long stockings were the curse of many of the lads in those days.

Almost unnoticed is the function of the metal structure that is directly above the heads of the men assembled on the left hand side of the car. Sticking up directly above in the middle is an unmistakable "water closet". One can imagine what the numerous drain traps below the structure are for. Notice the stairway at each end of the structure. Old Henry was pretty crafty, and not one to waste valuable shop floor space for the "convenience".

It's strange Henry is not seen in the picture, it would have been interesting to see what he was wearing. His absence may have been because he had to take time out to visit his elevated "convenience". ☺



The Restorer

The Front Cover of the May/June 1994 Issue

Orange County - Then & Now



Laguna Beach: A view looking south along Coast Highway toward Broadway and Main Beach. The old cars present suggest that the year is sometime in the 1920's. Note that the street lights in the foreground do not have lamp bulbs installed suggesting that the street lighting system was still in the process of being installed. The original Laguna Hotel, built in 1898, can be seen behind the second pole on the right, half way up the hill. Photograph from the Historical Collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California. #2050.



Laguna Beach: The same view looking south along Coast Highway toward Broadway and Main Beach. The old street lights are gone and have been replaced with modern fixtures. The original Laguna Hotel, torn down in 1928, was replaced in 1930 by the present one seen on the right with the bell tower. Photograph by Tom Endy 1993. #2050.



SwapMeets!



Classified Ad's!

January, 1995

8th, Sunday

POMONA. Antique Auto, Corvette, Porsche, VW & Street Rod Swap Meet and Car Show. Admission \$6. 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.)

22nd, 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, 2-12, 3-5.

28th & 29th, Saturday & Sunday

Turlock!!!



Club Logos!

See Jim Nicholas

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

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|-------------|----------|---------|
| Name Badges | Pennants | Patches |
| Polo Shirts | T-Shirts | Aprons |

....and

Orange County Club Logo Hats!

FOR SALE:

Original accessory Boyce "Red Ball" temperature gauge. Mounts on your Model A steering column. This rare unit has been completely restored with new sending cable, recalibrated, replated and repainted. It is complete and ready to install. I normally sell these units for \$325. but for my last two I am closing them out at \$250. each.

Wanted:

Worn out 19" and 21" rubber tires. Don't throw them out, let me have them. I need them to train large dogs to jump through hoops (This is serious stuff). Jim Nichols 714-546-2969

The Harbor Area MARC Model A Ford Club will not be sponsoring their annual swap meet at El Camino College in January.

TURLOCK SWAP MEET

29th Annual

Saturday January 28, 1995
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday January 29, 1995
7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Stanislaus County
Fairgrounds
Turlock California

Sponsored by



\$2.00 Admission - Children Free when accompanied by Adult
Tickets at Gate - R.V. Parking \$20.00
All Swap Spaces Pre Registered

Rain or Shine

Cars for Sale Spaces
Cars Only
First Come Basis

Cars must be driven to space

Pre 1969 Preferred

All Car Spaces \$30.00

Limited Number

Car Gate Open 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Friday



Free Seller Directory
Lists all seller and major offerings

Food and Drink available at
Concessions Stands

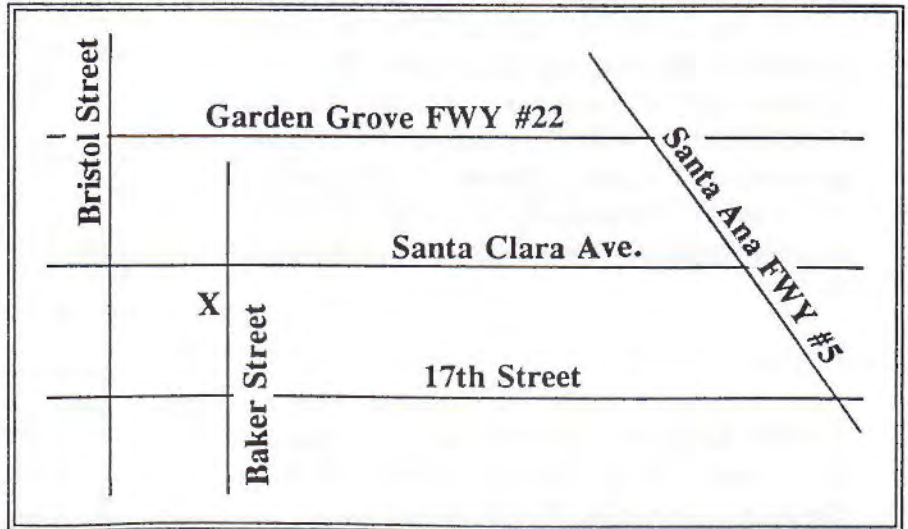
NO Dogs, Alcohol or Firearms
Allowed on Fairgrounds

GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

January 12, 1995 @ 7:30 P.M.

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



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