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THE LOST SEMINAR®
....."Yo! Mr. Tour Leader, I think we were supposed to have turned left at Beach Boulevard".

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Secretary's Report!

by Dan Simmons

June Board Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order by President Wade at his home at 7:45 P.M. June 15, 1995.

Touring, Glenn Johnson:

Glenn discussed plans for several upcoming tours, including the new Marconi Auto Museum in Tustin. The July Poker Run will have an international theme. Glenn was also quizzed on his recent experience of passing a kidney stone. Everything came out all right!

Treasure's Report, Lee Garman:

Lee has calculated that the treasury will remain healthy through the remainder of the year. The next major source of income will be membership renewals beginning in the Fall.

Special Events, Bev Marsh:

Bev reported that she is working on an Angel's baseball night for August and a possible car show at the Newland House in Huntington Beach for October.

Technical, Larry McKinney:

There will be no Technical Seminar scheduled for July for both men and women. The reason being that the technical advisers will be on the Summer Tour at the time.

Editor, Tom Endy:

Tom will be out of town from June 19th to June 29th, but will have the *Distributor* out prior to the July 13th General Meeting.

Club Memorabilia, Jim Nichols:


Jim Nichols was not there!

Old business:

Pieter Dwinger was not there!

New Business:

Neither was Roger Aday!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. 



Schedule of Club Activities

July

4th, Tuesday

The Annual Poker Run: Orange Mall
10:00 A.M. \$5.00 per hand.

8th, Saturday

Summer Tour '95. Depart the Citadel @ I-5
Freeway, 7:00 A.M.

13th, Thursday

General Meeting. 7:30 P.M.
Pot Luck @ 6:30 P.M.
A through M bring a main course dish
N through Z bring a salad or dessert dish
Hart Park, City of Orange

There will be no Technical Seminar in July!

20th, Thursday

Board Meeting. 6:30 P.M. Dwinger's home.

23rd, Sunday

Marconi Auto Museum Tour
Mall of Orange, leave at 10:00 A.M.

30th, Sunday

Henry Ford Birthday Picnic. Bring a picnic
lunch. Mall of Orange, leave at 10:00 A.M.

August

10th, Thursday

General Meeting. 7:30 P.M.
Pot Luck @ 6:30 P.M.
Hart Park, City of Orange

11th, Friday

Technical Seminar. 7:00 P.M.

17th, Thursday

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

22nd, Tuesday

Angel's baseball game.



Follow Me!

by Wayne Krug

Maritime Museum Tour, San Pedro!

The best thing that can be said about this tour is that we went there. Five Model A's and two moderns showed up for the tour. We left Coco's in Garden Grove around 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, June 11th and headed down to San Pedro. The tour through the museum took about two hours and was very interesting. After that we headed for Ports of Call for lunch. Arriving at Ports of Call confusion abounded about what was a restaurant. At that point the tour seemed to fade into the woodwork. There were no Model A breakdowns observed, acknowledged, confirmed or talked about.

The Summer Tour!

A planning meeting was held at the Krug's on Thursday evening, June 29th. It looks like about 10 to 12 Model A's are going on the eight day tour. We are set to leave Saturday morning, July 8th. We will depart from the Citadel at 7:00 A.M. The assembly point will be in the rear of the complex at the east end in front of the hotel. The hotel facilities are available for one last pit stop before we head out. Be sure you arrive with as close to a full tank of gas as possible. Our first stop will be at Gorman which is one tank full distance away. After refueling we will continue on to the first meal stop at the bottom of the Grapevine. ☺



Club Logos!

See Jim Nichols

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!



President's Corner!

Wade Roberts

Don't miss the July 13th General Meeting! It will be a great time to drive your Model A on a warm summer evening. Join us for supper under the beautiful trees of Hart Park in the City of Orange. Bring your Model A, some friends and a dinner item to share. The best part of the evening for me will be the drive home... a balmy July evening with the windows rolled down, the windshield cranked out and cruising at an enjoyable pace of 35 miles per hour all the way back home.

See you down the road. ☺

Famous Presidential Quotes!

"Read my lips."

-George Bush

"I am not a crook."

-Richard M. Nixon

"Marilyn who?"

-John F. Kennedy

"The buck stops here."

-Harry S. Truman

"Prosperity is just around the corner."

-Herbert Hoover

"We don't need no stinken badges."

-James Polk

Santiago Elementary School!

In recognition of the courtesy shown to the Orange County Model A Ford Club by the Santiago Elementary School for allowing the use of their auditorium for our General Meetings, the Board awarded the school with the purchase of a special recording device that they expressed a need for. A gift was also given to the school's custodian in recognition to her contribution to our monthly meetings. The Orange County Model A Ford Club wishes to thank the staff of the Santiago Elementary School for their continued support of our club. ☺



Technical!

by Larry McKirby

Our Co-Board members Dick & June Riha are on vacation. They missed a terrific June Seminar. Many thanks to our hosts Dennis & Judy Griffin for sharing their home with us. There were 40 men who attended. We were given a presentation by Dennis and shown his collection of Model A accessories. If you were unable to attend you missed a great display, and a Model A garage to kill for. There was also a display of speed equipment showing several high compression heads and a collection of intake manifolds and carburetors from the Model A years to the new modern carburetors used on some of our Model A's today.

There will be no July Seminar, we will be on the Summer Tour. Any suggestions for the August Seminar? Please call and leave a message.
714-963-2724. ☺

Ladies Seminar!

by Gerry McKinney

So the roses didn't turn out as planned, but we had a good time and I think everyone learned another craft. There are so many cute things out there to buy that cost a fortune that can be made at home. With a little practice I know that I can make a rose using French Ribbon! We had 14 ladies attend. Jill McDonald brought her pin so we could get a closer look. Everyone would have liked to make a similar one, but not all of the needed materials were available. All of the material needed to make the lace pins was provided. All you had to do was show up! I was very pleased that several ladies wore their lace pins home and even on tour the next day. It is rewarding to see the finished products. I always feel so good when you ladies have a good time meeting together and getting to know each other while learning to do a craft project. Many thanks to big D and Judy for letting us come over. We appreciate their hospitality. I will be looking for something to make in August. If anyone has any ideas they would like to suggest, Please let me know. ☺



Hard Luck! and a sad story!

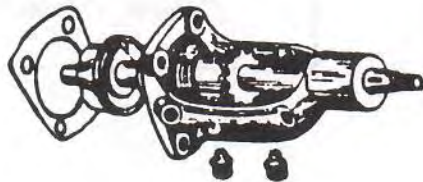
The Water Pump!

At the June General Meeting Bill Robinson was awarded the hard luck trophy for the trouble he had with the water pump on his 1929 Town Sedan during the Santa Barbara - San Simeon Tour.

As the story was related, the tour was pulling into the town of Cayucos when Bill noticed some strange sounds coming from under the hood. An inspection revealed that the front water pump bearing had been ground to mush. Wayne Krug was carrying a spare pump in his treasure trove and offered it to Bill. The new pump was installed and the car was back on the road and it completed the tour without further incident.

But wait! That's not the end of the story! A few days after arriving home from the tour Bill started the car up and had driven only a few blocks when the shaft on the replacement water pump sheared sending the rotating fan flying into the radiator and hood, doing considerable damage to both.

The history of the spare pump is that it was originally on Tom Endy's 1931 Victoria that he acquired this past April. The former owner had installed it along with a ten bladed plastic fan. The owner told Tom that the pump was a specially built "leakless" type. Tom removed it and found that it was an after market pump with an aluminum housing. The pump was discarded in favor of a more desirable original type leakless pump. Wayne Krug grabbed it up and put it in his treasure trove as a spare, with the comment "it will at least get somebody home". Bill Robinson said that a crack had developed just behind the threaded end of the shaft due to the way the threads had been cut. The crack had been there for some time since rust had penetrated down into the crack. The faulty pump was just waiting to wreak it's havoc. ☺



Special Events!

by Bev Marsh

A big thank you to the people who participated in the Greer's Antique Mall Show. Those that helped fatten the club's coffer were the Krugs, Berbiers, Nichols, Stouts, Riggs (John & Gwen), Ron Andrews, Paul O'Niel, Lee Garman, Bob Conklin, Tom Endy, Lou Spielberger and Pete Hyland.

Join the group, go to an Angels baseball game; Even if you're not a fan, tis fun to eat hot dogs, P-nuts, drink sodas and beer up in the nose bleed section. Reserve your tickets now, there is a limited number available @ \$3.50 each. Tuesday, August 22nd. Bev Marsh 714-531-7237. ☺



Car of the Month!

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



"The fan from Robinson's water pump landed way out there in the water!"

Our Thanks to the Businesses Who Support Our Club

Vintage Ford Parts

11318 Beach Blvd.
Stanton, CA 90680
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402 W. Chapman Ave.
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213-666-4650

Peterson Auto Museum

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Los Angeles, CA 90099
213-930-2277

Gene Autry Museum

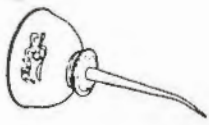
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Disneyland

Anaheim, CA

A&L Parts

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Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

Front Bearing Preloading!

The rebuilding of the Model A differential requires that the four bearings in the rearend be adjusted to a proper preload. This is accomplished by selecting the quantity and placement of the proper thickness of banjo gaskets, and by adjusting the locking nuts on the pinion gear. All of the "How To" books describe how to correctly do the job. Proper preloading of the bearings is critical to good performance of the differential. The preloading of a bearing is the amount of "side squeeze" that is placed on the bearing.

The preload procedure is a tedious and time consuming project. It always puzzled me how Ford could produce Model A's so fast with such a cumbersome assembly procedure. I have come to the conclusion that during Model A production Ford must have had a rigid control over his manufacturing tolerances and his bearing supplier such that the assembler only had to install a gasket of an established thickness to each side of the banjo and the preload was automatically established. I suspect that it is only in the modern era and using the replacement Timkin bearings where the need for all the trial and error gasket shimming has come to be a necessity.

My own experience has been that it takes from .040 to .060 total thickness of banjo gaskets to obtain the proper preload of the two Timkin bearings mounted on the ring gear carrier assembly. If you simply place a single .005 to .010 gasket on each side of the banjo the bearings will be way too tight and they will eventually become galled and ruined. The bearings will also probably spin on the carrier mount and ruin the carrier. I have taken several "restored" differentials apart that had new Timkin bearings installed with a single gasket on each banjo side and found the bearings and races galled and damaged, and the bearings spun on the carrier mounting.

If you split a banjo apart for any reason, like to replace an axle, and you are not replacing bearings or going through the preload procedure, it would be prudent to install the same thickness of gaskets as you found in place when you disassembled it. This way you will retain the bearing preload. ☺



Era Fashions!

by Ida Wornit


Keeping it clean!

Model A'ers interested in collecting era clothing have found out how difficult it is to put an entire ensemble together. A big concern is how to clean them. If you attended the Tacoma 94 MARC/MAFCA National you had the opportunity to attend an excellent era fashion seminar that presented suggestions on how best to preserve era clothing. Unfortunately, there are very few options available when it comes to cleaning them. It is important to know what mistakes to avoid that can permanently damage the article of clothing. Here are a few examples.


1. Do not attempt to wash any article of era clothing in a washing machine or dry in a dryer as the tumbling action may tear or rip the delicate fabric.
2. Do not attempt to dry clean any garment without first speaking to the owner of the dry cleaning establishment concerning the type of chemicals used. Some chemicals may disintegrate the fabric.
3. Do not attempt to hand wash any era garment with Woolite. This seems to be every beginners first mistake. It is assumed that Woolite is safe. However, there are chemicals in Woolite that can disintegrate fabric. After washing in Woolite tiny holes may appear in the fabric.
4. Be careful how you store garments. It is unwise to hang them on hangers for long periods of time as it may stretch the shoulders and rip any straps attached. Better to store the garment in flat cardboard boxes which can be purchased at any Target store.
5. If the garment is not too fragile, one suggestion is to hand wash using baking soda. This is considered a gentle solution without harsh chemicals that may cause fabric damage.
6. Another suggestion is to use a tiny hand held vacuum cleaner to pick up dust and dirt from the garment.
7. To get rid of the old clothes smell, store in flat cardboard boxes and line the box with scented tissues which can be purchased at any lingerie store. ☺

Orange County - Then & Now



 **Santa Ana:** A view of the old Santa Ana Courthouse looking northeast from the corner of Sixth Street and Broadway. Sixth Street was later changed to Santa Ana Blvd. The courthouse was constructed in 1900. This photograph was reported to have been taken in 1906. The bell tower seen on top of the building fell down during the 1933 Long Beach earthquake and was never replaced. Photograph from the Historical Collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California. #664.



 **Santa Ana:** The same view of the courthouse. It has undergone restoration over the years and is presently in excellent condition. It is designated a California State historical landmark and is currently used as a museum and a records storage facility. The courthouse was the setting for a number of scenes for the motion picture "Flapper". Photograph by Tom Endy 1993. #664.



SwapMeets!

July, 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, 8-13, 9-10, 10-8, 11-12, 12-10.

16th, Sunday:

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, 8-27, 10-15, 11-19.

GARAGE SALE:

Model A parts. 1928-1931. Sunday July 23, 7:00 A.M. till noon. Two "C" heads, One "C" water pump. Fenders, fittings and hardware. Misc. extra parts, original and repo lugnuts. Roger Aday 714-993-4558.



Classified Ad's!

FOR SALE:

1928 Roadster Pickup. 289 Mustang Engine and auto trans. Disc brakes, Heldabrand quick change rearend. Dropped front axle, special spoke chrome wheels. Chrome under and around engine. All metal body, no bondo. 7,000 miles. Candy Apple Red, black top. Jim Wingert 714-535-4940 or 714-535-1422.

FOR SALE:

Model A parts. Rebuilt and painted ahoogah horns: Sparton, Stewart Warner & F.M. \$185.00 each. N.O.S. APCO Upstart (era accessory), still in original box \$75.00. N.O.S. 1928-1929 speedometer \$95.00. LeBarron - Bonney 1928-1929 Roadster upholstery kit in black vinyl, complete with upholstered seat springs, door panels & kick panels. New cost over \$650. Come get it for \$250. Terry Lucas 714-633-0390.

FOR SALE:

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

LOST:

Cylinder Hone, borrowed from Pieter Dwinger. If you have it *please* return it, or call Pieter at 714-639-4767, who will be glad to pick it up. Thanks!

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.

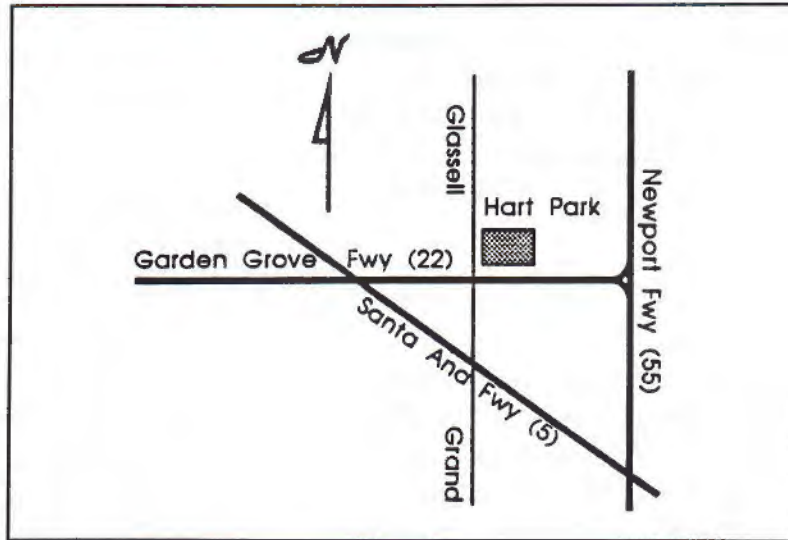


GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

July 13, 1995 @ 7:30 P.M.

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



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