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THE PROHIBITION SEMINAR®

The 18th Amendment to the Constitution, passed in 1919, prohibited the manufacture, transportation and sale of alcoholic beverages. There wasn't any law against drinking it though and a lot of folks did. The law was unpopular and unenforceable. During the Model A era the word *Repeal!* was often heard. In 1933 the 21st Amendment to the Constitution was passed which repealed the 18th Amendment and ended Prohibition.

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Secretary's Report!

by Dan Simmons

April Board Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order by President Wade Roberts at 7:40 P.M. April 20th, at Dick Riha's home.

Touring, Glenn Johnson:

Glenn discussed the subject of how best the club could encourage more members to participate in the longer tours. He is open to suggestions from the membership.

Treasure's Report, Lee Garman:

Finances are in excellent shape thanks to the huge success of the Pancake Breakfast.

Special Events, Bev Marsh:

Plans are finalized for the "World Class Swap Meet". Twenty of the 36 spaces have been sold. Volunteers are assigned the details required to carry out the event.

Technical, Dick Riha:

The May seminar is planned to provide an opportunity for everyone to do a Spring check-up of their cars prior to the May Santa Barbara Tour and the Summer Tour.

Editor, Tom Endy:

A review of a number of newsletters from other local Model A Chapters provided an insight into their acceptance of our Pancake Breakfast. Many had articles about their tour to the breakfast. The general attitude expressed is that it is a significant tour event for their club. All were complimentary about the performance of the Orange County Chapter.

Club Memorabilia, Jim Nichols:


Jim advised the board of the status of income received from the sale of club memorabilia at the Pancake Breakfast.

Old business:

Pieter Dwinger was not present.

New Business:

Neither was Roger Aday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. 



Schedule of Club Activities

May

6th, Saturday

World Class Swap Meet 7:00 A.M.
Vintage Ford Parking Lot.

7th, Sunday

Regional Fun Day & Gymkanaha!
Johnnie's Broiler (New Location)
7447 Firestone Blvd. Downey
Meet for breakfast 7:30 A.M. @
Coco's, Valley View Blvd. @ 405 & 22 Fwy.
in Garden Grove, Leave Coco's @ 8:30 A.M.
Bring a picnic lunch.

11th, Thursday

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

12th, Saturday

Technical Seminar. 8:00 A.M.
Safety Check for Santa Barbara Tour.
Dick & June Riha's Home. 714-556-4355

18th - 21st, Thursday - Sunday

Annual Santa Barbara Tour. (San Simeon).
Leave from Coco's at Valley View and the
22 Freeway at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday.

San Simeon Tour

Those going will depart from Santa Barbara
Friday morning. Fri & Sat nights @ Green
Tree Inn. \$204.21 includes all taxes and
the following: two night stay (two people),
bottle of wine upon arrival, continental
breakfast daily, two tickets to Hearst Castle
Tour 7:30 Friday evening.
Call to make your reservations....NOW!
800-231-6461, ask for Ellie.

18th, Thursday

Board Meeting 7:30 P.M. @ Santa Barbara

25th, Thursday

Publication deadline for June *Distributor*

May....Continued

28th, Sunday

Fallbrook Swap Meet & Car Show Tour.
Leave Coco's @ El Toro Rd & I-5 Fwy
8:00 A.M.

June

3rd, Saturday

Greer's Antique Mall Show, Harbor &
Commonwealth, Fullerton. 10:00 A.M.

8th, Thursday

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

9th, Friday

Technical Seminar

15th, Thursday

Board Meeting 7:30 P.M.

1995 Summer Tour!

*Highway 49 Through the Gold Country:
July 8th through July 16th*

Make your reservations now for the Summer Tour.

July 8, Saturday Oakhurst Lodge 209-683-4417
40302 Hwy 41, Oakhurst,

July 9, Sunday Best Western 800-532-1944
Sonora Oaks, 19551 Hess Ave.
Sonora,

July 10, Monday Best Western 209-233-0211
Amador Inn, 200 S. Hwy 49
Jackson,

July 11 - 13 Northern Queen 916-265-5824
Tuesday - Thursday 400 Railroad Ave.
Nevada City,

July 14, Friday Econo Lodge 510-838-8080
of Danville, 803 Camino Ramon
Danville,

July 15, Saturday Holiday Inn 209-826-4444
Santa Nella, 10370 Hwy 33S
Santa Nella,



President's Corner!

Wade Roberts

This is the space reserved for President Wade, who gets to say anything he wants. This month he missed the publication deadline so instead we will quote the words of another famous president.

"My friends, I have had waahh! I have had Elinaahh! I prefer waahh!" FDR

See him down the road! ☺



Special Events!

by Bev Marsh

On Saturday June 3rd, we will be having another money-raising event for the club. A mall show! We need at least 10 cars to display at Greer's Antique Mall at Harbor & Commonwealth in Fullerton. The display will be held outside from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Please let me know at the May General Meeting, or call me at 714-531-7237 if you will be able to participate. ☺



"Which way to the U.S. Boarder?"

The 18th Amendment! Prohibition!

by Ginger Endy

Back before the turn of the century there was an organization created called the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU). One of it's members was a lady by the name of Carry Nation. Ms. Nation was convinced that alcohol, which she described as "Demon Rum", was the ruination of the whole country. On numerous occasions she marched into a bar with a hatchet and started breaking the place up. The WCTU, Carry Nation, and other organizations such as the Anti-Saloon League of America were behind the effort to bring about a national prohibition law. The law was eventually established with the enactment of the 18th Amendment.

The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was proposed to the individual states for ratification by the 65th Congress on December 18, 1917. It was proclaimed law on January 20, 1920 one year after having been ratified by the legislatures of 36 of the then 48 states. California ratified it January 13, 1919. By May 6, 1919 Connecticut was the 47th and the last state to vote for ratification. The only state that failed to ratify the 18th Amendment was Rhode Island.

The 18th Amendment was a federal law that prohibited the manufacture, transportation and sale of alcoholic beverages in all of the states. Oddly enough, there was no law against drinking it. The law was known as **Prohibition!** It was unpopular and unenforceable. During the 13 years that the law was in effect the word **Repeal!** was often heard.

On February 21st, 1933 the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was proposed to the individual states by the 72nd Congress. The amendment's only purpose was to repeal the 18th Amendment. It was ratified on July 24th, 1933. The only state to vote against repeal was South Carolina. The 18th Amendment was repealed and Prohibition was ended.

The repeal of Prohibition repealed only the federal laws pertaining to alcohol, it did not affect the laws legislated by the individual states. Finland is the only other nation in modern history to ever establish a national prohibition law (1919-1932). It too failed an attempt to legislate morality. ☺



Technical!

by Dick Riha & Larry McKinney

The April seminar was hosted by Paul & Carolyn Lindbergh and was attended by 19 men & women. It was so interesting and fascinating to see what is involved in designing, building and fitting a prosthesis to a person. Those of you who missed it really missed a very informative evening.

May's seminar will be held on **Saturday, May 13th at 8:00 A.M.** at the home of Dick & June Riha. See map for location. The subject will be **car safety** to ready your car for the Santa Barbara Tour and the Summer Tour in July. We would like everyone to write down what spare parts you normally carry with you on tour to compare it to a list of parts we recommend as essential spares to have available on long trips. ☺

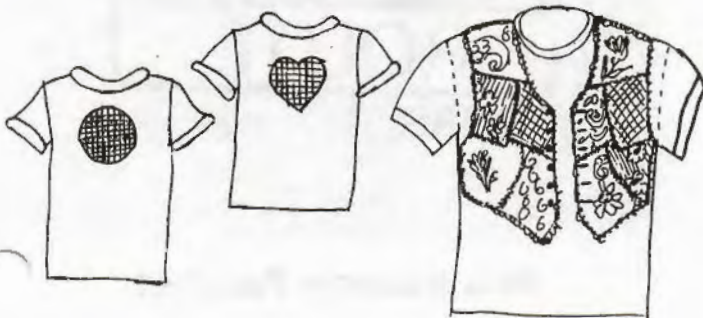
Ladies Seminar!

by June Riha & Gerry McKinney

We will be offering a choice to **TWO DIFFERENT T SHIRT DESIGNS** to decorate (illustrated below). For the blooming T shirt you will need one **100% COTTON** T shirt and 1/3 yard of background fabric. **We will do the sewing for you on this shirt. A SHARP PAIR OF SCISSORS IS ESSENTIAL.**

For the Mock Vest shirt you will need a white T shirt and 1/4 yard each of five coordinating solid or print fabrics, three yards of loop trim, six (1/2 inch diameter) white buttons, fusible sheet (Wonder Under, Heat and Bond, etc.) and white shiny dimensional paint. No sewing required on this one.

Pre Wash and press all fabrics and T shirts (DO NOT USE FABRIC SOFTENERS). ☺



Hard Luck! and a sad story!

Pancakes and a fried coil!

Mel Collings was the recipient of the April hard luck award. Mell was not present at the April General Meeting, but several people willingly came forward to give an account of Mel's hard luck. The story goes that Mel was on his way home from the Pancake Breakfast on the 91 Freeway with a car load of people when his 1931 Tudor started backfiring and acting up until it stopped running. Mel had to have the car **towed!!!** home.

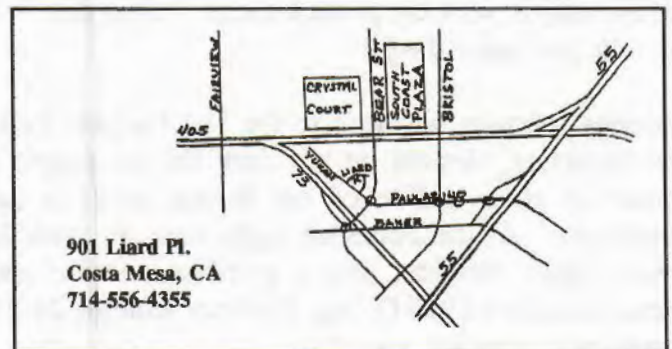
Roger Aday went by a few days later and checked the car out. He said he found the points burned and the coil fried. Theory has it that Mel, being a novice Model A'er, hasn't quite gotten the knack of turning the ignition off correctly. He must have forgotten to push the pop-out button in when he parked it and the points were probably closed allowing continuous current to run through the coil and the points.

Roger told him to replace the coil and test it by touching his tongue to the end of the large wire at the bottom of the coil and have someone crank the engine over. If a tingle is felt the coil is working properly. Roger can be cruel! ☺



Car of the Month!

The May car of the month will be Wayne Stanfield's 1928 Speedster that participated in the Great American Race. The car will be on display at the May General Meeting and Wayne will talk about the history of the car and his participation in the race. ☺



Map to Dick & June Riha's home.



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

Laughlin Tour 1995!

by Glenn Johnson

On Thursday morning April 6th, five Model A's and one modern departed for Laughlin, Nevada. We took the 91 Freeway east to the 60 and stopped at the Farmhouse restaurant in Banning for a terrific country breakfast. After that we continued on the 60 to the 10, past the Palm Springs turn off, to the 62 toward Joshua Tree, 29 Palms and on into the gorgeous green and blooming desert. It was nearing lunch time as we arrived in Amboy on old Route 66, so we stopped at Roy's Cafe & Service Station (the only going business in town) to refill our stomachs and gas tanks. Eighty six year old Buster Burris waited on us at the pumps just as he has been doing since 1934.

We arrived at the Ramada Express hotel in Laughlin about 4:00 P.M. and after registering, made dinner reservations for our group at the Steak House. To our surprise they seated us in a private dining room. A great dinner and good company was just what we needed after a long day's drive.

Friday morning we all met in front of the hotel and left for a day tour, planned by Lou Spielberger, to Oatman, Kingman and Cloride, all on historic Route 66. In Oatman we shopped and petted the burros roaming free in the streets (you had to be careful where you stepped). In Kingman we had lunch and shopped in some of their antique stores. In Cloride we shopped in their one and only store and toured three miles on a dirt road and through steams just to see how dirty we could get our cars and to also see the canyon with the painted rocks. A fun day, but the cars got really dirty.

Saturday morning we went to the Era Fashion show and breakfast, cleaned up our cars for the people's choice car show and tested our driving skills in the gymkhana. At the Saturday night banquet John & Gwen Riggs' daughter won a gymkhana award and Glenn Johnson's 1930 Deluxe Delivery won the 28-31 commercial class car award.

Sunday morning we left the hotel and headed straight over to the I-40 towards home. We had lunch in Barstow and got home about 4:00 P.M. Another long (700 miles) trip with no breakdowns (knock on wc

Floral Park Home & Garden Tour!

by Glenn Johnson

Sunday morning April 23rd, I arrived at the Tustin El Torito restaurant to find 15 Model A's already there. It was a beautiful day and it looked like many of our members who don't go on our longer tours were going to join us on this short local no freeway tour. While we were eating breakfast more Model A's joined the group along with a 1910 Reo and a 1932 Auburn Boattail Speedster. We left the parking lot with more than 20 Model A's and toured to the Floral Park area of Santa Ana. There we were met by the homeowner's association representatives who directed us where to park and gave us all free brochures and hand stamp tickets to the home tour. The seven vintage homes and two gardens on the tour were all beautifully decorated and landscaped. I hope everyone who was there enjoyed the day as much as I did. ☺



Rum Runner's Paradise!



Award winning moonshine hauler!



Bootlegger's Delight!



Looks like a load of bootleg liquor!



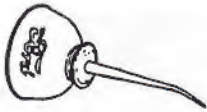
Don't antagonize the dog, he's drunk!



You have the right to remain silent....!



Typical Prohibition Era Bootleggers!



Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

High Compression Heads!

During *Prohibition* Model A police cars had a hard time chasing after rum runners bringing boot-leg liquor into the U.S. over the boarder from Canada where it was still legal. Henry Ford made a special high compression head for Model A police cars to give them more power to chase after the culprits.

Two guys down in Texas by the name of **Brumfield & Finley** are now manufacturing a similar high compression head. The heads are cast iron, have a 5.9:1 compression ratio, provide a little better cooling and look just like a stock Model A head. Several of our club members have them on their cars and report that they work very well.

At first I was apprehensive about buying one since Brumfield & Finley reside only in a post office box and don't have a telephone. No one I spoke with ever heard of Brumfield or Finley. The names even have a magic ring, kind of like Mutt & Jeff. In fact they may well be one in the same; Mutt Brumfield and Jeff Finley. I wonder if one of them is a tall skinny guy and the other a short bald headed guy with a beard.

At my rate I went ahead and ordered one, put it on my car and have been very pleased with it. The 5.9:1 compression ratio is enough to give you noticeably more power without hammering the rods through the bottom of the pan. I can climb hills in overdrive that I couldn't before and I ran it all the way to Tacoma and back last summer without a problem.

It turns out that Mutt & Jeff are pretty good guys to do business with. They actually lowered their price when their sales volume increased. Not too many folks willing to do that these days. And they will correspond with you by mail (from their post office box) should you have any problems with their product. The few minor problems that I have heard about were very promptly resolved by them.

If your Model A needs help getting out of it's own way you might want to try one of these heads. If you need the extra power to run rum across the Canadian boarder you don't have to bother, *Prohibition* has been repealed. ☺



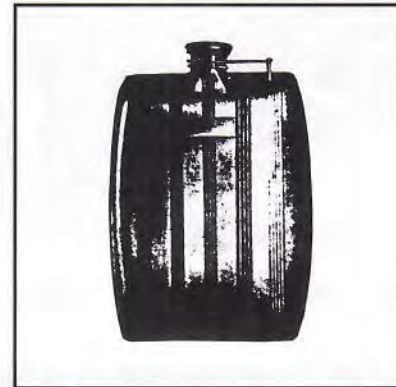
Era Fashions!

by Ida Worrit

The Flask!

During all of the Model A era, *Prohibition* was the law of the land. That meant you couldn't legally make, buy or transport alcoholic beverages. What was a person to do if he wanted a drink? Carry a flask of course! Flasks were for the purpose of transporting a personal size amount of your favorite brand of "demon rum" around with you as covertly as possible. A flask could be carried in a man's hip pocket, that's why most were constructed somewhat curved, to better fit the hip to maintain the proper covertness. They were also small enough so that women could carry them in their purse, heaven forbid. Flasks were made of metal and treated to withstand the volatile contents.

The fashion conscious imbiber was sure to include a flask as part of the ensemble unless the evenings plans called for a visit to the local "Speakeasy". ☺



Typical Era Flask!

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Approx. 5.9 to 1 compression ratio on a standard bore. Your engine will yield more power, get better mileage and have better cooling. Original stock appearance, made in Texas, these heads are like Ford's original heads on Model "A" police cars. Enjoy the extra power without turning your original "A" into an undependable hot rod. FREE FREIGHT FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS

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Mutt Brumfield & Jeff Finley



Terry Says!

by Terry Lucas

Pancake Breakfast Raffle Report!

The raffle was a huge success. We almost doubled last year's revenue and last year was a record setter!! Those of you who donated prizes should reach around and give yourself a big pat on the back.

The individual club members who donated prizes are to be especially thanked for their contribution. Their generosity made the difference this year.

Please remember to thank the merchants who supported this event by doing business with them whenever possible. The Pancake Breakfast Raffle has become the single highest revenue generating event our club sponsors.

Listed below are the folks who supported the Raffle with prize donations. ☺

Merchant:

Hemmings Motor News
 Coker Tires
 Egge Machine
 Meets Auto Parts
 Disneyland
 Santa Ana Plating
 L. A. Zoo
 Del Ray Chrome
 Gene Autry Museum
 Vintage Ford Parts

 Mel Gross
 Yorba Linda Muffler
 Mac's Antique Auto
 Bratton's Antique Auto
 C.W. Moss

 Interstate Battery
 Peterson Auto Museum
 A&L Parts

Prize Donation:

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 Great Amer Race T-shirts
 \$25. Gift Certificates
 Two Passes
 \$50. Gift Certificate
 Two Passes
 \$50. Gift Certificate
 Four Passes
 Floor Mat, Tune-Up Kit
 \$25. Gift Certificate
 "A" Starter & Generator
 Model A Muffler
 3 Caps, 6 T-shirts
 Tune-Up Kit
 Quail Cap, Hub Cap Set,
 Tune-Up Kit,
 five \$10. Gift Certificates
 6V Battery
 Eight Passes
 \$15. Gift Certificate

Club Member:

Jim & Joanne Nichols

Paul & Carolyn Lindbergh

Dan Simmons

Lou Spielberger

Anonymous Member

Pauline Corporin

Paul Steed

Ken Wehage

Larry McKinney

Ted Loeffler

Roger Aday

Christine Aday

Ladies of OCMAFC

Terry Lucas

June Riha

Gordon Marshall

Tom Endy

Carl Erickson

Prize Donation:

Four Gift Baskets,
 12V Alternator

Two Gold Necklaces,
 Crystal Necklace, Blender
 Bearing Lube Tool

Down draft Intake Manifold
 Motor Meter, Ford Script

Two Heart Rugs

Four Cases of Oil

\$50. Gift Certificate

To Pets Unlimited

Rebuilt Zenith Carburetor

Two Timing Indicators

Rebuilt Transmission

Two Sets 3X Sparkplugs

Two Floral Arrangements

Two decorative Wreaths

Accessory Stop Light

Quillow

Laughlin on a Lear Jet,

Hotel Accommodations

Rebuilt Bell Housing


Model A Frame Spreader




Bootleggers hid booze everywhere!

Orange County - Then & Now



 **Huntington Beach:** The view is looking southwest toward the pier. The year is not documented, but it is probably somewhere around 1920. The long shadows indicate that it is late in the afternoon, and it is probably a Sunday since many of the men are seen wearing a coat and tie. It is interesting to note that almost every person present is wearing a hat. Photograph from the Historical Collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California. #1574.



 **Huntington Beach:** The same view looking southwest toward the pier. The original Huntington Beach Pier was severely damaged by storms during the last decade and has been extensively rebuilt. Coats and ties are rarely seen on the beach anymore. The long shadows indicate that it is late in the afternoon, and the day is a Sunday in March. Photograph by Tom Endy 1993. #1574.



SwapMeets!

May, 1995

14th, 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, 6-11, 7-9,8-13, 9-10, 10-8, 11-12, 12-10.

No Swap Meet in May:

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



Classified Ad's!

FOR SALE:

1928 Model A Roadster. Older Restoration, Runs. Michael Pflug 930 Verona Dr. Fullerton 92635 \$5,000. 714-526-1003

FOR SALE:

1929 Model A Roadster. Less than 100 miles since a second quality restoration. Twin sidemounts, Nickel plated headlights and radiator shroud. Top boot and tailor made car cover. WW tires, Stoneguard, quail, wind wings, luggage rack & trunk. \$17,000. OBO Ed Suddarth 310-433-2121.



Ed's 1929 Model A Roadster.



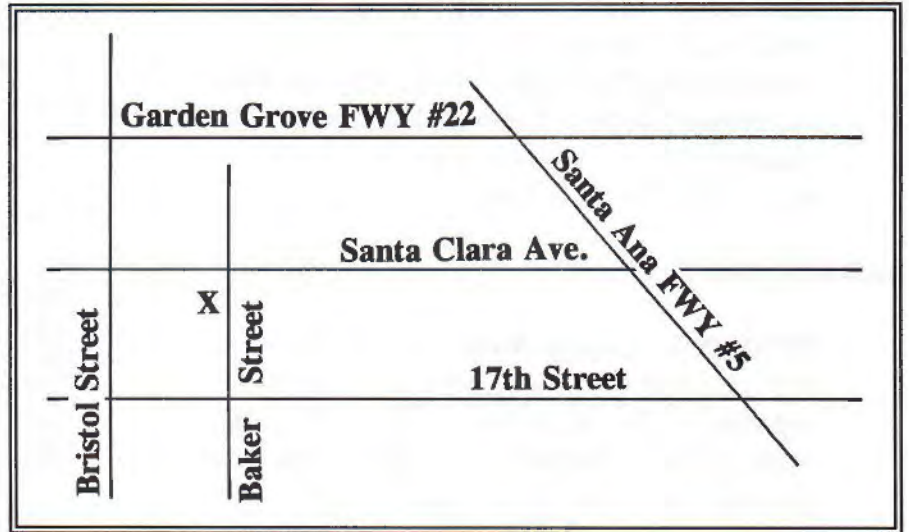
Roy's Motel, Cafe and Speakeasy!

GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

May 11, 1995 @ 7:30 P.M.

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



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