

# *The Distributor*

## *Orange County Model A Ford Club*

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### **THE REFLECTION SEMINAR®**

Death Valley, California. The area known as "Badwater". Legend has it that the area got it's name because the water is bad!

Death Valley Tour, February 1995.

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<b>Buttons, Patches &amp; Logos:</b> Jim Nichols	714-380-1067
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## Secretary's Report!

by Dan Simmons

### September Board Meeting Minutes.

#### **President, Wade Roberts:**

The meeting was called to order by President Wade at the home of Larry & Gerry McKinney at 7:37 P.M. September 21, 1995. Wade discussed the upcoming election for the 1996 board. A number of club members have volunteered to run for board positions. Wade commented on the upcoming plans for the Progressive Dinner. The club is in need of a new Raffle Chairperson.

#### **Treasure's Report, Lee Garman:**

Lee reported that the papers for the club's tax problem have been filed. The club's financial status is in good shape. The club's P.O. box needs to be checked on a regular basis.

#### **Special Events, Bev Marsh:**

Bev will be standing in for Jeannie Parrish as the Sunshine & Sorrow person while Jeannie is on vacation.

#### **Technical, Larry McKinney:**

Larry reported on the success of the C.B. radio seminar. Upcoming seminars were discussed.

#### **Editor, Tom Endy:**

The October issue of the *Distributor* will have the form for 1996 membership renewal. OCMAFC dues will be \$22. ACCC will be \$3. and MAFCA National dues are \$20. Total \$45. The November *Distributor* will have the 1996 election ballot for OMAFCA board members.

#### **Club Memorabilia, Jim Nichols:**

Jim updated the board on the status of the memorabilia inventory and suggested that it be replenished. Dan Simmons motioned that it should be done, Pieter Dwinger seconded the motion and it was approved by vote of the board.

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



# Schedule of Club Activities

## October

### 7th, Saturday

San Silmar Tour. The Nethercutt Collection. Leave from the Citadel at 10:00 A.M.. **No Jeans or shorts!** Pre-registration only.

### 12th, Thursday

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

### 13th, Friday

Technical Seminar. Model A Engine test stand operation. Bob & Patty Ferazzi's home. See map on page 4.

### 14th, Saturday

Placentia Heritage Day Car Show. Kramer Park, Chapman Ave. Placentia. Helpers arrive @ 7:00 A.M. Others 8:00 - 9:00 A.M.

### 19th, Thursday

OCMAFC Board Meeting. 7:30 P.M.

### 26th, Thursday

**Distributor** publication deadline.

### 29th, Sunday

Vintage Fashion Expo Tour, Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. This is a great era fashions swap meet. Leave from Coco's at the junction of the 405 & 22 freeways in Garden Grove @ 9:30 A.M. Breakfast at Coco's at 8:30 if desired.

## Rim of the World Tour!

by Wayne Krug

Four Model A's from the Orange County Chapter made the climb up the mountain to Big Bear Lake for the Annual Rim of the World Tour hosted by the Whittier Chapter. With blue skies, warm weather and perfectly running Model A's (as long as the gas valve on Miss Vickie was turned on), everyone who attended had a great time. ☺

## November

### 9th, Thursday

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

### 10th, Friday

Technical Seminar

### 16th, Thursday

OCMAFC Board Meeting. 7:30 P.M.

### 27th, Monday

Depart for Winter Tour 95 and the Concord National Meet. Leave from the Citadel parking lot @ 9:00 A.M.

**Model A Ford Club of America  
1995 National Meeting & Banquet  
Concord, California  
November 30 through December 3**

**Plan now to join the  
Orange County Tour**



## *It's Dues Paying Time!*

Fall is here, the kids are back in school, the days are cooler and there is the faint smell of money in the air. **It is time to pay your 1996 National and Orange County Model A Ford Club dues.** Please complete the 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 General Meeting. It is important that you fill out the form so that the information that goes in the club roster is correct and that your name is correctly added to the 1996 mailing list for the **Distributor**. ☺



## President's Corner!

Wade Roberts

While driving away from our house this past weekend my wife Jan commented on what a beautiful day it was. "Yes!" I said. "It is Model A Roadster weather." Fall in Southern California usually means an Indian Summer... clear, warm with little or no breeze. If I had a Roadster or Phaeton I would have been in it cruising with the top down. (I still like my roll-up windows when it is wet and chilly.)

After all these years of owning a Model A Ford (I purchased my first in 1958 when I was 14 years old) it is still a thrill for me to get behind the wheel of Henry's lady, push down on the throttle, release the clutch, and hear the unique sounds of that four-cylinder Model A engine as it accelerates down the road. There is nothing like it!

See you down the road. ☺



## Special Events!

by Bev Marsh

### Sunshine & Sorrow!

Jeannie Parrish is on vacation so please contact Bev Marsh @ 714-531-7237 for cards and flowers from the club. Jeannie will return by Thanksgiving.

In the event of an illness or death of a club member, their spouse or a child, the club will send flowers. In the case of other club relative's death or illness, the club will send a card.

Be sure to let the "Sunshine & Sorrow" chairperson know when there is illness or a death in a club member's family. ☺



## In Memory of

Margie Aday

The Club wishes to offer condolences to the Roger Aday family at the untimely passing of Roger's mother. Mrs. Aday was 68 years old. Roger also wishes to express his appreciation to the members who sent flowers, cards and called to offer their sympathy.



## Technical!

by Dick Riha & Larry McKinney

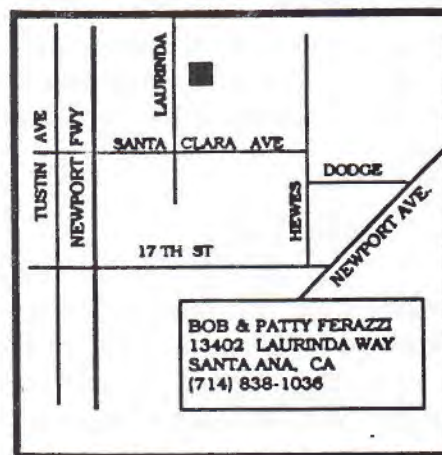
Many thanks to the Dwingers for hosting the September Seminar. It was well attended and we all had a good time and learned a lot. Pieter Dwinger Passed out a five page information flyer on the do's and don'ts of C.B. radio installations and usage. After a short discussion on batteries, antennas, etc, Pieter tuned up a number of C.B. installations for improved performance.

The October Seminar we be held at the home of Bob & Patty Ferazzi, Friday, October 13th at 7:00 P.M. We will have a running Model A engine on a test stand for the purpose of testing spare components normally carried on tours. Dig out your spare distributor, coil, carburetor, starter and generator and bring it over, if it doesn't work properly, there is no reason to carry it around in your car. ☺

## Ladies Seminar!

by June Riha & Gerry McKinney

The October Ladies Seminar will be held at the Ferazzi's at the same time as the Technical Seminar. The lucky Riha's will be on Maui. The seminar will demonstrate how to make a big snowflake ornament from 6-pack plastic loops. It takes 20 loops to make one snowflake, so start drinking a lot of beer so you can acquire the loops. I have been saving them up, so I can help you out if you have a limited capacity for beer. You will need to bring a mini-stapler. See you at the seminar. ☺



Map to Bob & Patty Ferazzi's Home!



## **Hard Luck!** and a sad story!

by Tom Endy

### **Tomato Juice Doesn't Work!**

The time has come for me to fess up to some hard luck. If I don't several of my fellow club members will turn me in at the next General Meeting and I run the risk of them distorting the story.

Anyone who owns a 1931 Model A with an indented fire wall knows that besides having to open the right side hood to turn the gas valve on and off, they know that the handle has to be pointed straight ahead for off and cross ways for on. Henry made it exactly backwards to conventional logic.

The truth of the hard luck story is that during the recent Rim of the World Tour, Wayne Krug, Gary Discher and I were leisurely sitting around out in front of our hotel rooms early on the Sunday morning drinking coffee and talking Model A stuff when Wayne noticed an evil looking pool of liquid directly under Miss Vickie. When I investigated I found it gasoline because I had forgotten to shut the gas valve off the night before. So I went and shut it off! A half hour later we were loaded up and ready to move out. Miss Vickie started right up, coughed a few times and quit. After this repeated several times Miss Vickie refused to start at all. I suspected that the 7,000 ft. altitude had something to do with it and I had probably flooded it. I also couldn't remember if I had turned the gas valve on so I asked Wayne to check it. He opened the hood and asked which way the handle was supposed to face. Since I don't work well under pressure, I was momentarily rattled. There was Wayne standing there wanting the answer to a profound question and I couldn't come up with it. Finally he said, "The handle is pointing straight ahead, is that right?" It seemed like it should be right, straight ahead was logical, so I said yes! I cranked Miss Vickie again and again, but she wouldn't start. Then the battery started to fatigue. We considered pushing it, but it would require a tight left turn and then it was all uphill. Finally we decided to remove a spark plug to see if the cylinder was flooded. The plug was dry! We next zeroed in on the carburetor. We tapped on it hoping to free up the float valve. Miss Vickie still wouldn't start. The next decision was to remove the lower carburetor

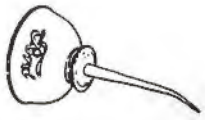
bowl and free the float valve by hand. As I started to unscrew the long mounting bolt I noticed that the gas valve handle was pointing straight ahead. Working under much more pressure now, I concluded that the valve was open since open was where we thought we were. I turned the valve handle cross ways to shut it off so I wouldn't get gasoline all over the place and continued unscrewing the long bolt. When the lower bowl came off a flood of gasoline came out all over the place and all over both of my hands. It was at that point that my colleagues and I realized that the gas valve had been shut off the whole time. My colleagues then heaped a considerable amount of abuse upon me as if it had all been my fault. We buttoned everything up, opened the gas valve and Miss Vickie fired right up.

**But wait! That's not the end of the story.** We rolled on into Big Bear City to the local I-HOP restaurant for breakfast where we joined up with other OCMAFC members. After we had all crowded into a corner booth, several people complained about the strong odor of gasoline. I explained what had happened and that I had washed my hands several times but could not remove the gasoline smell. Jim Nichols said that tomato juice would remove it. It sounded like an old wives tail to me, but what the heck, might as well try it. When the waitress showed up I ordered a glass of tomato juice and drank it right down. It didn't do any good though, turns out it is just another old Model A wives tail!

**But wait! There was still more hard luck.** On the Saturday night Wayne Krug, Gary Discher and I piled into Miss Vickie to go to the banquet. Wayne had his large bulk parked in the front passenger seat when in the dark I inadvertently drove over a very large pot hole. The resulting shock caused the passenger seat wood frame to break causing Wayne to almost somersault into the back seat. A later inspection of the seat after the upholstery was removed revealed that the original oak base had expired due to being rotted and split down both side rails and finally breaking in half where the seat back is attached to the bottom frame. During the restoration the oak seat base should have been dipped in tomato juice to better preserve it. ☺







# Properly Oiled!

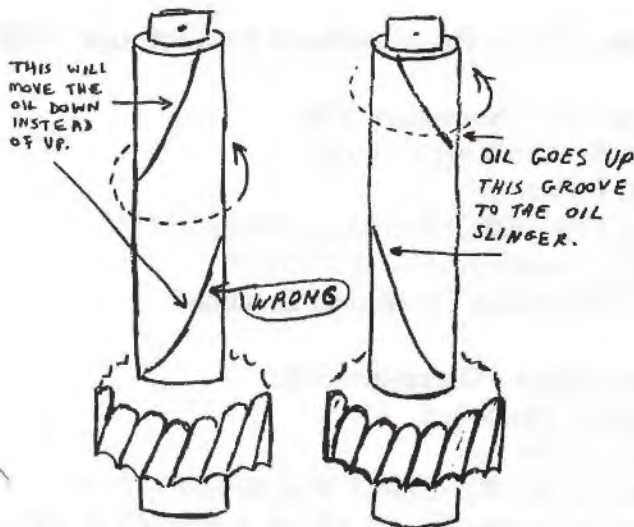
by Ben Hadd

## Model A Ford Oil Pump Alert!

**Reproman** has struck again! Who is **Reproman** you ask? He is a sinister, evil man who lives in Taiwan and hates Model A Fords. His purpose in life is to produce all those shoddy incorrect Model A parts that flood the market. **Reproman** has now produced some Model A oil pump drive gears that have the oil groove in the shaft running the wrong direction. According to Leonard Hammermeister of Burton, Connecticut, the man who first discovered one of these pump gears, the incorrect machining will cause the oil to move down the shaft instead of up the shaft. It's not clear what this does to the engine, it might mean that instead of oil being pumped out of your rear main it will now be pumped out of your front main. Whatever the case, it's probably best to stick with the one that Henry designed. Leonard says that the one he bought was in a plastic bag with the Ford logo on it and it said it was made in USA. It's possible that only the bag was made in USA. It's also possible that the USA being referred to is a small province in Taiwan. According to the source information, Bratton's Antique Auto Parts carry a correct Henry designed oil pump gear. ©

Source Reference: Victoria Association Newsletter, April, 1995, Charlie Viosca Editor.

### Oil Pump Drive Gear A-6551



Made by **Reproman**

Made by **Henry**



# Era Fashions!

by Ida Wornit

## Ladies Hair Styles: 1928-1929!

Many women in 1928 were still hesitant about having permanent waves. It was a long process and often times the results were kinky or frizzy ends. However, it did eliminate the need for the use of curlers and curling irons (Fig.1). Some of the younger women with wavy, curly coiffures kept their hair cut to just above the ears, parted on the side, or just off center, with a dip or a few tendrils or bangs on the forehead. Many women didn't shorten their hair and wore a large flat roll in back low on the neck. The front was parted in the center and combed down the back, completely covering the ears. A slight wave on each side softened the severity and helped frame the face (Fig.2). There was a tendency now to dress the hair in a looser, softer style. Whether the hair was short or long, many women in sports kept a neat appearance by using a bandeau.

The fashion for boyish haircuts was over in 1929, but some summer styles still had the hair in back shingled, which molded it neatly to the head. Recommended for the older lady was a modish, dignified coiffure with a short side parting. Graceful waves, starting in front, swirled in a curve across the top and back. The ears were covered and there was a slight dip of hair over the brow (Fig.3). ©

Source Reference:

Reference Book of Woman's *Vintage Clothing: 1920-1929* by Kathleen M. La Barre and Kay D. La Barre, Library of Congress #94-075794



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



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

### **An Evening With the Ford Motor Co.**

by **Glenn Johnson**

On Thursday Evening, September 26, Dan & Valerie Simmons and Glenn & Sharon Johnson and their Model A's attended the invitational Ford Motor Company sponsored unveiling of the 1996 Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable at the Petersen Museum in Los Angeles. A number of other collector Fords were on hand to help decorate the park like setting created for the event on the top floor of the museum parking structure. The black tie evening began with cocktails inside the auto museum and continued with a gourmet dinner under the stars and around all the vintage Fords. Besides the Simmons and the Johnsons, guests of honor included Jason Priestly (Beverly Hills 90201), Lindsay Wagner (TV spokesperson for Ford products) and several big wheels of the Ford Motor Company. Henry wasn't there! The evening was a unique experience and the Simmons and Johnsons and their 1930 Town Sedan and 1928 Tudor were honored to be invited. ☺

### **The Belmont Shore Car Show!**

and **Glenn's Soapbox!**

On Sunday, September 17, several Orange County club members and their vintage cars attended the Sixth Annual Belmont Shore Car Show. Some of us brought our Model A's and some came in other collector cars. Once again our stock restored antique pieces of American history were in the overwhelming minority. Of the 800-900 cars at the show at least 95% were chopped, channeled, lowered, hopped up, flamed, tuck and rolled, chromed, nosed, decked, frenched, raked, etc beyond recognition. I must say that the workmanship and attention to detail on most of these cars was superb. However, I question their value in the big picture of automotive history. (Stepping down off Soap Box). After parking our cars in the show we all enjoyed a great breakfast/brunch at the local Hoff's Hut. We spent the rest of the day car and people watching with the latter being the most interesting. One obviously wealthy gentleman offered Dennis Griffin big bucks for the "Spirit", but Big "D" declined the offer. It was a fun day. ☺



## **Follow Me!**

by **Wayne Krug**

### **Winter Tour 95!**

#### **MAFCA National Meet at Concord, CA**

Before you know it, we will be loading up our Model A's and heading north to the MAFCA National Meet at Concord, California. We are planning to leave the Citadel parking lot at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 27th and travel north up Highway 101 with an overnight stop at King City. Tuesday morning we will continue north on Highway 101 to San Jose for a visit to the Winchester Mystery House. After leaving San Jose we will take Highway 680 to Concord and to the newly renovated Sheraton Hotel where you will need to make reservations for November 28th through December 2nd. In regards to activities at the National Meet, see pages 4 & 5 of the September 1995 *Restorer* for the registration and activities form. You must first register for the National Meet with MAFCA before they will send you the reservation form for the Sheraton Hotel. We will be arriving a day early for the meet and are planning a trip on the BART to San Francisco to see the city and the stores all dressed up for Christmas, then a late lunch in Chinatown. ☺  
Sunday, December 3rd we will start the journey home with an overnight stop in Paso Robles. Monday we'll make the final leg home and with luck we should be able to beat the late afternoon L.A. traffic. This should be an easy tour with good roads and only a few grades to climb. So get your application and reservations in and join us for what promises to be a great Winter Tour 95. ☺

### **Make Hotel Reservations by October 17th!**

#### **King City - November 27th.**

Best Western King City Inn  
1190 Broadway  
King City, 408-385-6733 or 800-528-1234  
Refer to confirmation #Y20931L6  
\$47.00 Includes Continental Breakfast.

#### **Paso Robles - December 3rd.**

Adelaide Motor Inn  
1215 Ysabel Ave.  
Paso Robles, 805-238-2770 or 800-549-7276  
Refer to Orange County Model A Ford Club, \$48.00






**Glenn & Sharon Johnson**




**Dan & Valerie Simmons**

# Orange County - Then & Now



 **Santa Ana:** A view looking southeast toward the proposed site for the new Santa Ana Post Office. The year is 1930. The location is the corner of Seventh and Bush Streets. Seventh Street was changed to Civic Center Drive in later years. Photograph from the Historical Collection, First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, California. #2433.



 **Santa Ana:** A view looking southeast toward the Spurgeon Station Post Office from the corner of Civic Center Drive and Bush Street. The Post Office was completed in 1931 and named in honor of W. H. Spurgeon, Santa Ana's founder. Photograph by Tom Endy 1993. #2433.



# SwapMeets!

**October, 1995**

**8th, 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, 11-12, 12-10.

**15th, 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.

**Pre-1931 Stock Motor cars admitted free.** Fairplex (Pomona Fairgrounds). For recorded information call 714-544-7004. **Future dates:** Sunday, 11-19, 1996 - 1-7, 3-10, 4-28, 6-2, 8-25, 10-13.



# Classified Ad's!

**FOR SALE:**

**1929 Model A Coupe.** \$6,500. Gordon & Linda Marshall 714-786-5174.

**FOR SALE:**

**1930 Model A Tudor.** Body off restoration 1994. Rebuilt engine and trans. New paint, Kewanee & Elkpoint Green. New mohair interior. New wood throughout. New top, new tires. Must sell due to job transfer. \$9,500. OBO. Pete Haak 714-963-2659 after 6 P.M.

**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. Please note that the "McSpeedster" is not for sale.

**FOR SALE:**

**Four Firestone (Made in New Zealand) 4.75-5.00-19 (1930-1931) white sidewall tires, five tubes, metal stems.** Lots of tread left, the side walls are not cracked. Toss in one worn black wall free. \$175. Tom Endy 714-897-5861.

**WANTED:**

1929 Model A Roadster Pickup Truck top bows, original or reproduction. Pete Haak 714-963-2659.

**WANTED:**

Model A "C" water pump impeller. Lou Spielberger 714-751-5102.

**FREE!**

To a good home, 2 H.P. air compressor. Excellent condition, except the motor is broke and needs to be fixed. Dan Simmons 714-968-7466 work\days, 714-960-7456 home\eve's.

## Model A Parts Exchange

**Saturday, November 4, 1995**  
**Vintage Ford Parts Parking Lot**  
**Starting at 6:00 A.M.**

**Sponsored by**  
**Diamond Tread Chapter**

**Call George Howells for Space Res.**  
**310-927-7444**

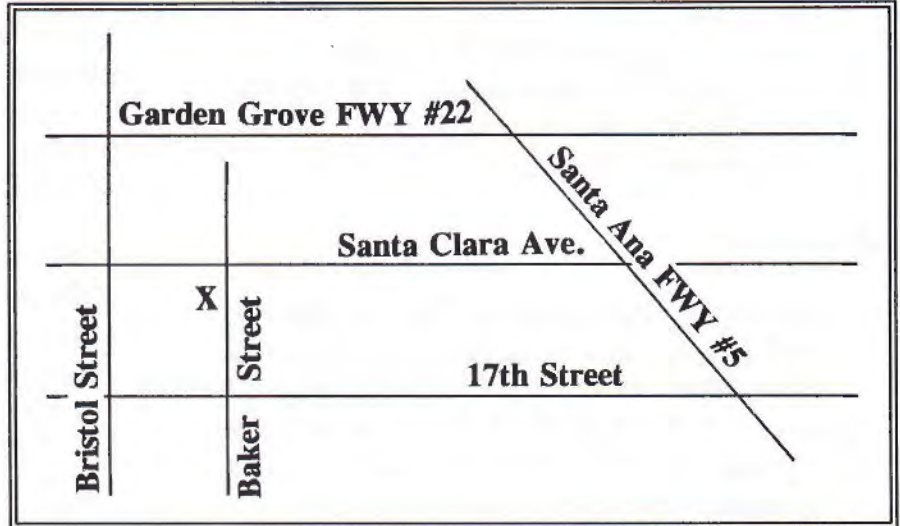
**\$10.00 Advance, \$15.00 Day of Swap**

# GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

**October 12, 1995 @ 7:30 P.M.**

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



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