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The Open Hood Prez



Well, this is the last article of the year and it has been my pleasure to be part of our club. Looking back, I think it has been a very successful year thanks to a great board and participating members.

We have had lot of outstanding tour and our socials have been successful too. I know we have become better acquainted with club members and hope the newer members feel more at home.

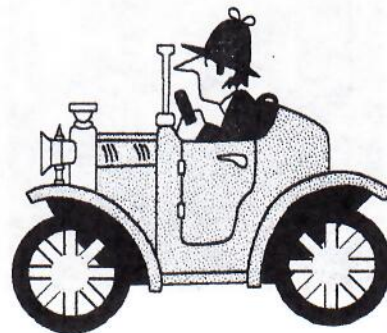
It has been a learning trip serving this year as president and hope I didn't mess up too often.

Greg has lots of great tours planned for next year and welcomes your input.

We still are in meed for someone to take over chairman for pins, logos and paraphernalia-Step up-Don't be shy-**We need you!**

Hope to see you at our closing events. Happy Holidays to all of you. See you in next years *Distributor.*

John



Board Meeting Orange County Chapter Model"A" club of America November 20,1997

The meeting was called to order by President John Riggs at the home of John and Alice Graves at 7:40PM. Club members in attendance were: John and Alice Graves, Mike Kuester, John and Gwen Riggs, Ted Loeffler, Lee Jackson, Greg Carcerano, Carl Erickson and Richard and Jeanne Parrish.

Secretary's Report: The following is a brief summary of the General Meeting at Santiago Elementary School on Nov. 13th. Minutes from the October's Board meeting were accepted as published in the *Distributor*. Peiter Dwinger encouraged participation at the National Banquet in December and that they need more cars to transport guests. Christmas light tour will be December 20, starting at the home of Sharon and Glenn Johnson. Hors d'oeuvres at 5PM and potluck at 6:00. Technical seminar will be November 21 at Dale McCall's home. Women's craft seminar at the same time. Jeanne Parrish reminded everyone to be sure to vote for new officers. Chairpersons needed: summer and Reno tour, raffles and club merchandise. Peter Mastro, a new member, volunteered to serve as chairperson for refreshments. Beverly Marsh to stay on as Regional representative. A motion was made by Carl Erickson and seconded by John graves to set aside money for new club T-shirts. Color to be determined later. Motion carried. The "white elephant" sale was conducted by Carl Erickson after the break.

Treasurer: Our treasury is in great standing and

we now have 151 members. See attached October month-end account itemization.

Technical: No seminar scheduled for December.

Editor: all articles are due before Thanksgiving. Thanks to all the members who have been supplying pictures and articles. Keep them coming.

Activities: MAFCA banquet. Our club is coordinating the various tours. We need cars to transport out-of-town guests around. January 10th tour to Vista to see steam engines; Jan 18th tour to Huntington Library. Turlock swap meet is on January 25, 1998. A discussion was held about doing a Death Valley tour in February.

Merchandise: No report.

New Business: Light tour will be December 20th. There will be a pot-luck before the tour at the Johnson's home.

Old Business: Reminder: The December general meeting will be at Knott's. Come early and have dinner. Our club is responsible for the various tour for the MAFCA meeting. We need drivers to sign up to transport quests around during the week of Dec. 3rd to the 7 th.

Next Board meeting will be on December 18, 1997 at 7:30 at John and Gwen Riggs home.

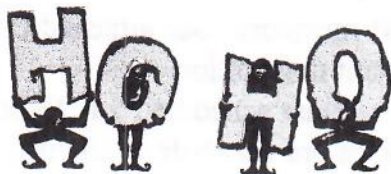
Meeting adjourned at 9:07PM

Submitted by: Lee Jackson

Cards and Flowers



The club sends condolences to Helen Loeffler on the passing of her father and, also, to Diana Stewart on the passing of her grandmother.



Merry Christmas

1974

The cover picture was taken in October 1974 to be used for our Christmas cards. My daughter was 18 months old and Gloria was 3 months pregnant with our son. We rented era clothing and found a home in Garden Grove near Brookhurst and Westminster Blvd. that had a picket fence for our background. The car was being restored and the hood, doors and fenders were literally set on the car to give it the appearance of being together. There was no interior, no floor, no roof or glass.

I sat on a wooden box that sat in the front seat pan to drive the car. We had to position the camera so the car looked complete and not to see daylight through the roof. After the picture, parts were put in the family car and taken home. The restoration work was finally completed in 1986.

Lee and Gloria Jackson



1997

Classified

For Sale: 1929 2 door sedan, engine recently rebuilt, like-new upholstery. Have paperwork and current registration. \$8,000 OBO

(714)494-7678 Gordon or Beverly
Leave message if not at home

For Sale: Pair of 1930 Calif. Licence plates in very good condition, **including chrome frames! \$225.00**

Wayne Krug, P. O. Box 304
Laupahoehoe, HI 96764

Bulletin Board

Dues---Dues---Dues

Don't forget to get your dues in so your name will appear in the Roster. Send \$25 to:

Model A Ford Club of America
Orange County Chapter
P. O. Box 10595
Santa Ana, Ca. 92711

Do you have Roster changes

Do you want to add your cell phone #? Did any part of your address change or your telephone #? Did you change or add a car? Would you like your fax added? Let your friendly editor know.

John (or Alice) (714)497-3067

Donation Sent

A donation was sent to the Roadrunners (the ladies Chamber of Commerce) in Lucerne valley to help buy toys for needy children in the area.

Schedule of Coming Activities

December 1997

10th-Wednesday

Car display at Yorba Linda Christmas open house.
Cars by 5:00 PM if possible. Corner of Imperial
and Main. For those who wish-dinner at Polly
Pies.

11th-Thursday

General meeting at Knott's Berry Farm.
Kids Christmas Party
Meet by 7:00 PM at the Ice Cream Parlor
See article for more information.

13th-Saturday

Annual Christmas Banquet
Orange Mining Co. At 5:30 PM
See article.

18th-Thursday

Board Meeting 7:30PM
John & Gwen Riggs
4348 Candleberry Ave.
Seal Beach.

20th-Saturday

Christmas Light Tour
5:00PM for cocktails
6:00PM for Potluck Dinner
followed by decorated car judging and the light
tour, with dessert at Polly Pies.

January 1998

10th-Saturday

Antique Gas & Steam engine museum (Vista)
Depart from Sears (South Coast Plaza) 9:00AM

Bring picnic lunch to share.
Fast & Slow group freeway tour

18th-Sunday

Huntington Library, art Gallery and Botanical
Gardens (surface street tour)
Depart from Coco's (Valley View & 22
Fwy) 9:30am
Eating facility on premises.

24th-25th Saturday & Sunday

Turlock Swapmeet.



Very Important Notice!

The Christmas dinner on December 13,
1997 will start at 5:30 (not 6:00 as previously
noted) with cocktails followed by dinner starting at
6:30.

If you have not yet signed up call Pieter Dwinger
today at 639-4767.

Gerry Valiquette AKA *Elvis* will be on-stage
at about 7:45, you do not want to miss the show.

It is at the Orange Mining Company in Orange
right off Chapman. Call Pieter if you need
directions.



Kids Christmas Party

(And December Meeting)

Instead of our regular party at the school, we will meet Thursday, December 11th-6:45-7:00PM at Knott's Berry Farm. Enter through the main gate, take a parking ticket and you will get three hours free parking.

From there walk in past the Chicken Dinner Restaurant and go to the Ice Cream Parlor (white tables-green umbrellas). We will gather there and proceed with our party.

Due to lack of information (maybe we were just plain dumb). We were not told the park closes at 6:00PM, so the Snoopy Show will not be available at this time. The Craft Festival, lights and Santa will be there. More details when we meet at Knott's. Sorry for the mixup but I'm sure we will have a good time sharing the Christmas spirit.

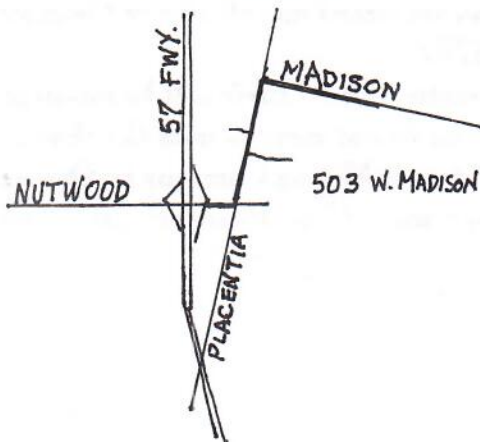
There will be Christmas stockings for the kids.

In case of rain the event will be canceled!

If you want to have dinner before, be sure and call (562-431-8783-the Riggs) so we can make reservations.



DIRECTIONS TO JOHNSON'S



Christmas Light Tour



Don't forget to mark your calendar for the *Christmas light tour* on December 20th.

At 5:00PM the evening begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. This will be followed by a potluck at 6:00 PM. Don't forget your salad or main dish.

The annual judging of the decorated Model A's will be held in the driveway.

There will be a light tour for about an hour ending at Polly Pies for dessert.

All this will begin at:

Glenn and Sharon Johnson's
503 W. Madison ave.
Placentia 528-0891

See map below.

Mele Kalikimaka from Hawaii



Wayne & Jocelyn Krug's car in front of the People's Theater, built in 1930 in the town of Honokaa, Hawaii.

Tour to the Lighthouse And Movie House

The tour last month to the Point Vicente lighthouse and the Movie House in El Segundo was a perfect introductory trip for our family who has been absent from the club for 12 years. We left Coco's at Valley View and the 22 fwy on a beautiful day with 19 "a's" and 3 moderns. The first leg was through Long Beach and on into San Pedro. Seeing all the ship yards from the Vincent Thomas bridge was a blast for the Kids. We continued on to Rancho Palos Verdes via the scenic drive on Palos Verdes road arriving at Pt. Vicente Lighthouse.

Here we found a spectacular view of the ocean below--complemented with a couple if seals, The lighthouse was an interesting piece of history and we were allowed to climb the narrow spiral stairs to the top and examine the light mechanism. It was interesting viewing the composition of the lens and talking with the curator of the site.

After the lighthouse, we headed out to a secluded little park for lunch.

After relaxing and playing on the jungle gym, the group took a short drive up the street to the El Segundo Movie House.

Inside we were entertained by a magnificent organ player (who was a good straight faced comedian) accompanied with various other instruments and then we saw a Laurel and Hardy movie and later a 1938 Broadway musical. The only crises that we experienced was the couple we were touring with turned what was left of their radiator water into steam which was cautiously remedied. The entire tour was planned to perfection with a beautiful fun route laid out at a easy going pace. There were no reported mishaps that I was aware of.

Kevin & Rachelle Vidal

It was great to have the Harbor "A"s join us on this tour. Hope we can do it again!



Getting set to go to Point Vicente



-and We got there in great shape!



72 steps to the top.

November Seminar

The November seminar took place at the Kathie and Dale Mc Call residence with approximately 37 members attending.

The "event" was for the *first startup* of Dale's newly rebuilt engine. The machine work and preliminary assembly was done by Taylor Engine in Whittier, Calif. With assembly of the "shaking parts" and final installation of the engine into the chassis by Dale. No attempt had been made to prestart the engine before the seminar, so if it didn't start, we were all going to get some **experience**. After a solid but erratic start up, Pieter Dwinger stepped up to work his distributor magic. That, and a carburetor change finally resulted in a smooth, quiet and nicely running engine.

Meanwhile, a dozen ladies were finishing up Christmas table decorations after much preliminary preparation by dedicated members Gerry McKinney and June Riha. Their work makes things happen.

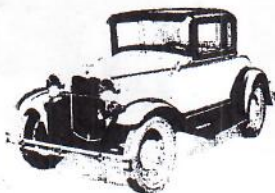
Thanks to the McCalls for their hospitality. Our tanks again to all those members who provided support and expertise to the 1997 seminars.

Ted Loeffler

Carl Erickson

Editors note:

The ladies enjoyed a great evening together making the centerpieces, which you will be able to see at the Christmas Dinner. Thanks to Kathie for providing the space (and some cream puffs and other stuff!).



Is there any hope?



Distributor magic....



The final "Please start" blessing.

The women take their job *seriously!*



The men really work hard at those seminars.



Palm Springs Tour

On Friday morning, November 14 at 9:30AM, 4 Model A's and 4 Moderns took off from the Orange Mall for Palm Springs. It was a very pleasant and uneventful trip with no roadside seminars. We arrived in Palm Springs about 12:00noon and after checking into our rooms we all set out for lunch. We ate at the Rock Cafe on Palm Canyon about 2 blocks from our motel. It proved to be a good place and everyone had a great lunch. We were joined later in the afternoon by the Dwingers, McKinneys and the Moores.

Friday night we went to the Follies and it was a really fantastic show. Saturday morning it was back to the Rock Cafe for breakfast then everyone was on their own. Some of us went to Palm Canyon.

Saturday evening we all gathered around the pool for snacks and fellowship. We were joined there by Larry Boef, who had been an active member of our club a few years ago. He has a trailer home in Palm Springs and spends his weekends there. Later we went to dinner and some of us went to an Italian restaurant (surprise) led by our Italian member, Vince. Sunday morning it was back to the Rock Cafe for breakfast then on the road for home. It was really a wonderful tour and the weather in Palm Springs was beautiful.

Joe and Marion Wavra

Greg's Eye View Palm Springs Tour

The sun was shining and the skies were clear. A big difference from Thursday which have us rain all day and through the night. Anyway, all cars arrived safely to Palm Springs even though the start was delayed as we waited for the Godfather and Joann at the starting point. We think Vince got lost but of course would not admit to it.

After checking into the motel, it was off to the Rock Garden Cafe for most of us. Not only was their good food but there were ponds with waterfalls, trees, cobblestone planters, flowers and plants.

Then back to get ready for the show. And what a show it was! Everyone seemed to have the time of their lives. The seats were great as we were up front close to the stage. The MC of the show was Riff Markowitz (creator of the follies), boy was this guy funny. The show featured the Mills Brothers singing those old favorites such as Paper Doll, You're Nobody till somebody Loves You, and other favorites. Then there was the famous comedian John Byner who had us all in tears from laughing so hard with his wonderful impressions and comedy skits. It seems the laughing didn't stop as we were then entertained by David Rosaire and his fast paced animal comedy act. After that was 81 and 84 year old Jim and Bud Mercer with their music and comedy vaudeville act. Yes, there was more, we saw a magic show performed by Marvyn and Carol Roy. And of course, The Follies. The performance was spectacular as were the costumes. They performed several scenes that included; follies magic with tap dancing and singing, the Northpole, featuring many Xmas songs sung with elaborate sets. A Hollywood canteen performance once again bringing back old favorites and the final scene headlined America We Love You, a patriotic medley with an unbelievable finish!

The next day some of us went to Palm Canyon to see the beautiful oasis. Herds of wild Washington Palms with creeks running around them, surrounded by boulders, trails, and mountains. This beauty of nature was truly spectacular. Then it was off to Morten's Botanical Garden with a tour displaying over 3,000 different species of Cactus.

All in all it was a wonderful trip enjoyed by everyone who came. Many members expressed an interest in going back next year, so, all that didn't make it this time, gear up and get ready for next year. Vice, why were you getting a lot of honks on the way home, that sure was strange! Anyway we had a gay old time! Hoods up to another fun tour. See ya on the next one.

Greg Carcerano

PARK IN EL SEGUNDO



**SOLD- \$50 to Ed Cote'
(or was that .50cents)**



People eating



A very large 3X...



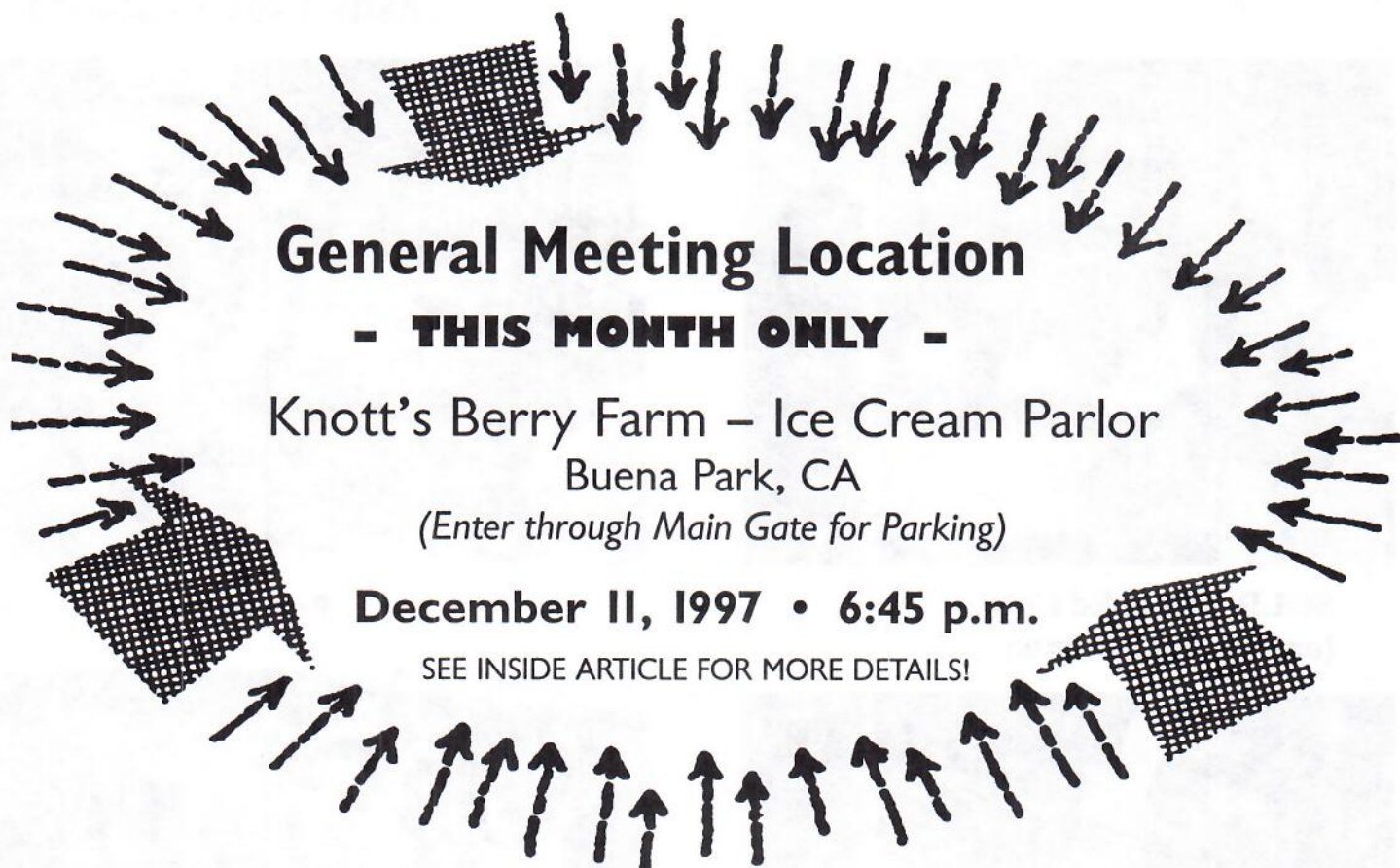
More people eating



**Why is this group so happy?
They aren't even eating.**



even more people eating!



General Meeting Location

- THIS MONTH ONLY -

Knott's Berry Farm – Ice Cream Parlor

Buena Park, CA

(Enter through Main Gate for Parking)

December 11, 1997 • 6:45 p.m.

SEE INSIDE ARTICLE FOR MORE DETAILS!

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