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The 'A' Train to Valley Center



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Parts Inventory

**These will be for auction
at the March meeting.**

1-Wiring Harness
1- Distributor Cap
1-Rotor
1- Ignition Switch Replacement
1-Distributor Plate
1-Distributor Lower Shaft
Misc. Bulbs
1- amp Meter
2-Bumper Clamps
1-Terminal Box
1-Coil Mounting Bracket
1-Roll of Bailing Wire
1- set accelerator Spark & Throttle Control Rod
6-Wiper Blades
1-roll Electrical Tape
6-Hacksaw Blades
1-set of Points
1-Box Kotter Keys
1-Carburetor
Timing Gear
Copper Fuel Line
Water Pump
Water Pump Packing
Fan
2-Cans of Bars Leak
1-set of Spark Plugs
1-Starter Switch
1-Starter Drive
2-Timken Bearings
Radiator Hoses
2-Long
2-Short

Tool Box Inventory

1-first aid Kit
1-Set Magnetic Socket Inserts
10Pc. Ignition Wrench Set
1-Needle Nose Pliers
1-Spark Plug Wrench
Wrenches-3/8", 7/16", 1/2", 2-5/8", 9/16", 11/16"
2-Punches
3/8" Socket Set
1/2" Socket Set
1/4" Socket Set
1/2" Extensions
3/8" Extensions
1-Spark Plug Socket

FLASH

New member added to editor's staff

Grandson Joshua John Leonard Graves
1/31/97

Secretary's Report

By Lee Jackson

The January 16th was called to order by President John Riggs at his home at 7:34 PM. Club members in attendance were: John and Gwen Riggs, Greg Carcerano, Dennis Griffin, Mike Kuester, Lee Jackson, Vince Mariola, John and Alice Graves, Carl Erickson, Ted Loeffler, Jim Nichols and Bev Marsh.

Secretary's Report:

No corrections to previous Board meeting minutes. Reviewed a "thank you" from Valerie Vehg, Miss Giggles the Christmas clown.

Treasurer:

Mike Caster reported the status of the club's finances. To date all but 25 members have paid their 1997 dues. Members must pay by the February general meeting in order to be in the 1997 Roster.

Technical:

Reviewed clubs tools listing. We will list the items for auction in the February newsletter and have the auction in March. No date was set for the February seminar.

Editor:

John and Alice Graves reminded everyone to get their reports in and on time. They need pictures for the newsletter.

Activities:

Discussed having tours on Saturday or Sunday, freeway or surface streets. Greg will alternate the days of the week and distance of the tours throughout the year. Up coming tours are Queen Mary 2-22-97; Route 66 museum 3-8-97; no April tour. Members who go on the tours are asked to bring their camera and take pictures for year end slide show. The O.C. Register has a section to list club activities. We will notify them so our tours are listed for the general public at large can see the cars and join us.

Merchandise:

Jim has the club videos and will offer them at our general meeting for home use. A \$20.00 deposit will be required.

New Business:

It was discussed to have our annual dinner in January. This would eliminate the difficulty in finding a location and possibility increasing our attendance during a busy time of the year. John said he would bring this up at the next general meeting. Dennis Griffin and Bob Ferazzi will start attending local "A" Club meetings to tell them about our pancake breakfast and swap meet. Dennis reviewed the cost of new mileage pins. Lee Jackson suggested that we take "pre-orders" so the club will have less of a cash out lay. It was suggested that we take pictures at the pancake breakfast of the winners and prizes so the companies who donated the prize can see. Second, and based on the amount of the prize, we should list the name of the company in our monthly news letter more than once. Six months was suggested but no vote or further discussion was held. Meeting adjourned at 8:57P.M.

Notice!

Any of you camera buffs...Slides are especially needed to be shown at the banquet or other times of the year. Let the President know when you have some to share.





Letter to the Editor

(and anyone else who might be interested)

Re: Touring.

When we joined the club several years ago, we realized that in addition to the monthly meetings, touring was the way to meet people and form friendships. Recently, we took several days off to tour with the group to Lompoc and had a great time, with the bonus of getting to know some terrific Model A's. We've been able to attend most events held on Saturdays; however, due to church related commitments on Sundays we were unable to participate in most scheduled events, which have been the majority of the time.

We were excited to read in the *Distributor* that 3 tour events would be held on Saturday for January and February, planned by the Carcerano's. We immediately placed these events on our calendar and K. Even traded a scheduled Saturday shift with a co-worker in order to participate. So you can imagine our disappointment upon hearing that these trips were changed back to Sunday due to telephoned protests to the Carcerano's from several members. This was announced at the January meeting. At the meeting a poll was taken of those present and it appeared that about 50% preferred Saturday over Sunday, and the same for Sunday over Saturday.

Over the years we have discussed this subject informally with others and it does appear that there are quite a few members, including at least one pastor who would be able to participate more frequently if the tours were planned so that at least half of them are held on Saturday.

Thanks for listening.

Dale and Kathie Mc Call

NOTE: See secretary's report about tours.

The Open Hood Prez!

By John Riggs

The January meeting has come and gone and we're on our way to February. There was a real good turnout for the January meeting and hope it continues in February and beyond.

Our raffle chairman will have a nice selection of prizes for the February meeting.

Greg Carcerano is to be congratulated on a great tour to the Arboretum. There was a really good turnout of Model A's. The tour to Rogers Gardens on February 9th will have the ladies driving. Women drivers can earn a patch for driving on tours so lets see you all there. Men are welcome to drive too. The club is planning a trip to Calico March 22 and 23 so put the date on your calendar. Santa Barbara comes up in May so be sure and make your reservations.

Plans are coming right along for the Pancake Breakfast April 20th but lots of help is still needed. Be sure and sign up as working is half the fun of the event.

I'm sure the ladies are looking forward to having their seminars and thanks again to June Riha and Gerry McKinney for chairing this program,

We hope to have the packets for the new members ready soon.

We really want the members input into the upcoming activities so do put your suggestions in to any board member.

Leaving you with one more thought: Your Model A can either rust out or wear out so lets have a lot more fun wearing them out.



Hard Luck! . . . and a sad story!

by Carlotta Stress

The hard luck trophy!

Anyone who has ever been awarded the Orange County Model A Ford Club hard luck trophy, or even seen it up close knows that it is a hideous grotesque piece of iron made from broken Model A Ford parts. The purpose of the monthly awarding of the trophy is to banter some humor upon the fellow club member who has encountered some difficulty with Henry's sometimes temperamental Model A Ford.

A prudent policy!

At the January General Meeting our new president John Riggs announced that he was going to initiate a policy of precluding the awarding of the hard luck trophy in cases where an individual was involved in a traffic accident. The new policy has been applauded by many members of the club. There is no humor in a traffic accident and there is no need to cause possible embarrassment to any club member. John further announced that since he has been the recipient of the coveted award for more times than he would like to admit, he was going to exercise his prerogative as president and select the January recipient for the award.

Who got it then?

The hard luck trophy was awarded to Dick Riha, who's "Riha-Riley Go-Fast Town Sedan" refused to go again. It happened at the Christmas Light Tour just as the tour group was lining up in front of the Dwinger residence ready to move out after the pot luck dinner. There was no time for all the king's horses and all the king's men to determine what was wrong with the "Go-Fast" machine. The Riggs' graciously invited the Riha's to ride in their much maligned and much towed Town Sedan. The "Go-Fast" machine was left behind at the Dwinger residence. Sometime at a later date Dick corrected whatever was ailing it. ☺

Awards! Awards! Awards!

Tom Endy recieved a certificate of merit from MAFCA for the newsletter he edits for the International Victoria Association at the January meeting.

Classified Ad's!

WANTED:

Left rear fender (original), Complete rear end, original open California plates, all for '31 slant 160-B town sedan.

Greg Carcerano (714) 645-2254

WANTED:

"A" Sedan body, 2 or 4 door. Would take with running gear if necessary. Howard Harper (714) 531-2591

NEEDED:

British Whitworth wrenches, sockets, etc.. They are those wrenches that won't fit anything. If you have and will dispose of same, please contact- Ed Cote (714) 542-6161

WANTED:

If you are unable to use your room reservations at the Motel 6 for the May tour to Santa Barbara, please contact us. Desparate to go!

Don and Colleen Schmidt..(714)524-2659

Swap Meets!

February, 1997

15th and 16th

San Diego-31st Annual Vintage and Antique Automobile and Motorcycle Swap Meet. At Jack Murphy Stadium.

(Ladies-The annual Doll Show and Sale is the 15th in San Diego. Antique to new. 95 dealers. 10-4. Scottish Rite Temple.)

**SCHEDULE
OF CLUB
ACTIVITIES**

February, 1997

9th, Saturday

Woman Drivers Tour (men too!)
Rogers Gardens
Champagne Brunch, El Torito
Depart from South Coast Plaza
Mall (by Sears) at 10:00AM

13th, Thursday

General Meeting 7:30 PM
Santiago Elementary School

14th, Friday

Happy Valentines Day
No Seminar

20th, Thursday

Board meeting
Lee Jackson's home
5062 Juniper Circle
La Palma
(Map to follow)

22nd, Saturday

Queen Mary Tour
Depart from Coco's
(Valley View off 22) at 9:00AM
Cost is \$14 for guided and
Self tour, Fee for parking.
Lunch will be announced.

March, 1997

8th, Saturday

Route 66 Museum
Cost \$3.00
Depart from Mall of Orange
11:30.
Lunch will be announced

22nd & 23rd

Calico Ghost Town

April, 1997

4th thru 6th

Phoenix Model A Club
9th Annual Laughlin Meet

20th Sunday

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

May 3, 1997

Saturday

Swap meet at Vintage Auto

Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast is on
Sunday April
April 20th this year.

- Help is needed to do the work required to have the event. Please sign up at the meeting.
- The letters have been sent out for donations for the Pancake Breakfast raffle but we will still need a lot of help from our members. If you have a merchant that you think might like to make a donation, check with Wade Roberts so we don't duplicate our letters.
- Those special T shirts are on sale at our meetings. Get yours while all sizes are available.

A True Model "A"er

By Bev Marsh

Have you ever heard of the MAFCA Chapter Service Award? The purpose is to provide national recognition to individuals within the Chapters who have demonstrated a continuing and selfless service to others in the Model A Ford hobby.

As many of you know, Glenn Johnson received this award at the Christmas Banquet. Glenn was nominated by the 1996 board.

I want to tell you of the reasons why Glenn was nominated (and won!).

He has always been willing to take time out of his very busy life to answer questions and give advice when called upon. He is one of the first ones out of their cars to help with an "ailing A."

Glenn is willing to share his expertise with others and has an expert knowledge in all phases of restoring and keeping an "A" on the road.

He shows community involvement displaying his prize winning card and driving in parades for charitable organizations. He has served for many years as car show chairman for the Placentia Heritage Days.

Glenn volunteers to help with club functions in any way he can. He, his wife Sharon and their 3 daughters, have driven in their "a"s all over the country.

He has a great love for the Model "A" and its era.

It would take pages to tell of all the things Glenn has done through the years. He truly represents the MODEL A SPIRIT.



Leo Rivard

On January 21st, Leo Rivard had open heart surgery at St Joseph Hospital in Orange. He is doing fine and should be home by the time you receive this newsletter. Cards would be welcome. We all wish Leo a speedy recovery

Arboretum Tour First tour of the year

As the tour started at the school it was in the low 60's but became one of the prettiest days this year. Greg had some good maps and only a few missed a turn. There was only one gas station seminar.

The Arboretum had suffered a lot of wind damage the first part of January but who noticed. It was just a day to walk, ride the trolley or just sit and enjoy the weather and the beautiful grounds and buildings.

We had lunch at the Peacock Room and it was reasonable. I don't think they were prepared for our good sized tour so the line to order got somewhat long but we had plenty of time.

There were lakes, ponds, fountains and a waterfall as well as the spectacular old house and the railroad station and gardens to enjoy.

This day was in the low 70's while the next Sunday it rained. Good choice of days Greg!

Only one modern iron. Guess whose!



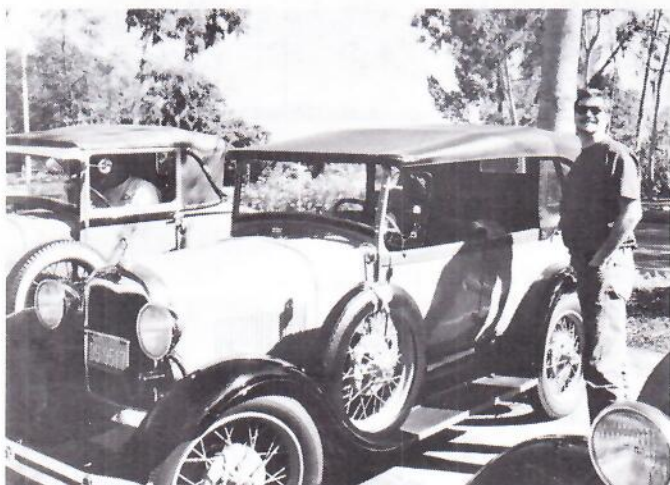
See the U.S.A. in your Model "A"



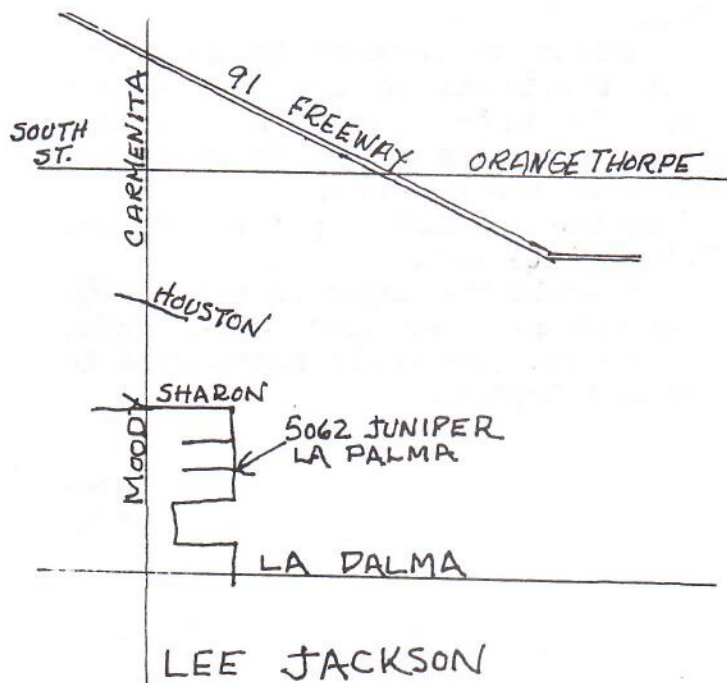
Welcome to the Club!



Before.....



After!



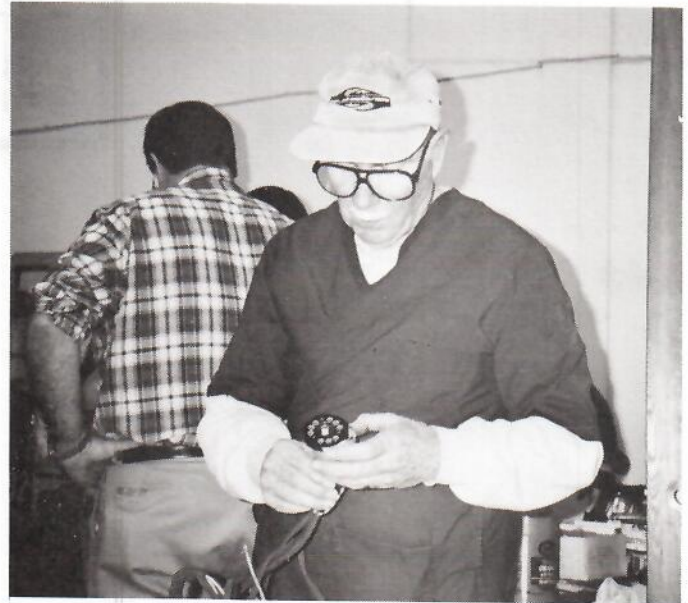
JANUARY SEMINAR

The January Seminar on wire loom installation in the Mark Schwig roadster was attended by 30 members. Dennis Griffin provided us with a very helpful talk and examples of things to look for and look out for when replacing wiring and components. Installation went smoothly once some of the spark plug members went into action. Lights worked-starter cranked! Members saw that there is more to "wiring" than just sticking a few parts together. Many thanks to Mark Schwig and those "spark plug" helpers.

Ted Loeffler



Get that Cockroach!



Does anyone have one more fuse?

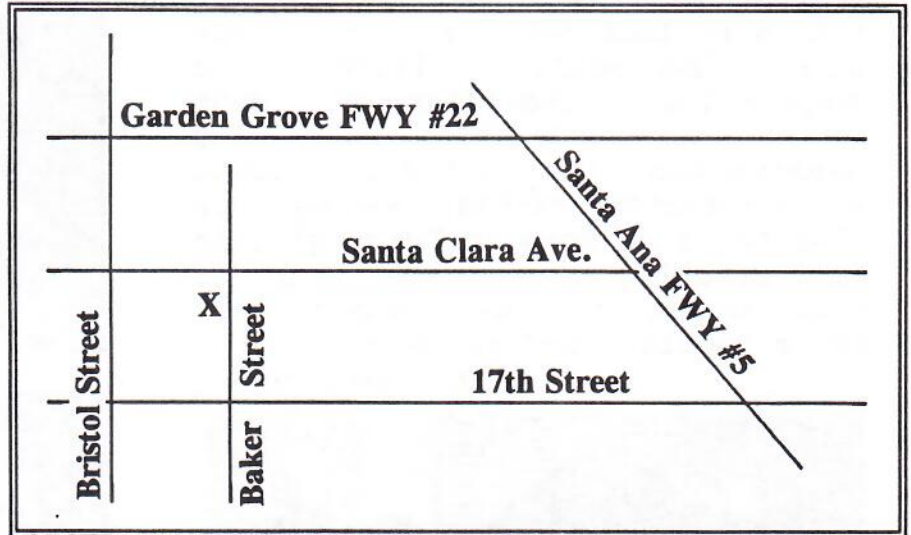


GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

February 13, 1997 @ 7:30 P.M.

**Santiago Elementary School
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Santa Ana, CA**



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