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Do The New Editors Really Have a Model A!
What Lurks Behind This Cover ???



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The 1996 Board

(Left to right) Lee Jackson, John Riggs (new guy), Bev Marsh, Dennis Griffin, Lou Spielberger, Tom Endy and Bob Ferazzi.

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The 1997 Board

(Left to right) Alice Graves, John Graves, Greg Carcerano, Carl Erickson, Ted Loeffler, Mike Kuester, Lee Jackson and John Riggs.

Secretary's Report

December Board Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by President Bev Marsh at her home at 7:37 P.M., Thursday December 19th. Bev wanted to thank the outgoing Board for all their efforts this past year and wished the new Board good luck for 1997.

Treasurer:

Mike Kuester reported the status of the club's finances. To date 107 members have paid their 1997 dues. This represents 73% of the membership. Mike will mail out a follow-up letter to those members who haven't paid. This is an added expense so he will remind all members at the January meeting.

Technical:

Dennis Griffin reported he has located the clubs traveling tool and part boxes. The new board will inventory the items and hold a future raffle.

Editor:

John and Alice Graves reminded everyone to get their reports in and on time. To FAX items, call their number (714)497-3067 and after the message dial *51.

Activities:

Lee Jackson gave an update on the 97 pancake breakfast. Sign up sheets will be available for different functions at the January general meeting.

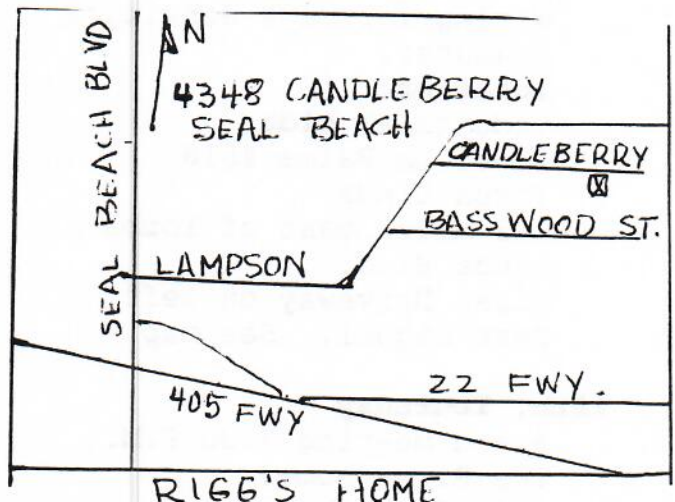
New Business:

Dennis Griffin and Larry McSpeed will coordinate the 1997 swap meet. Peiter Dwinger handed out an updated by-laws to the new Board. He reviewed in detail how our club must be run in order to maintain our current tax exempt status. Our club activities should be directed to benefit to the welfare of the general public and not the membership. He suggested that we

maintain a club scrapbook to document our activities and how these activities benefited the public at large. Different city/county parades and shows are examples of how we benefited the general public.

Special thanks to Dan Simmons for his work on the new club name badges.

Next Board meeting on January 16th, 1997 at 7:30 P.M. at John and Gwen Rigg's home.



Club Memorabilia!

Selling Like Hotcakes

The new Orange County Model A Ford Club 1997 Pancake Breakfast T-shirts are now available at the meetings. Where else can you get 3 Model A Fords for only \$12. Dennis Griffin did the great design featuring the 3 Model A Fords.

LOGOS

If you want a logo embroidered on a jacket, contact Jim Nichols @ 714-380-1067. There has to be at least 6 items before an order can be requested. The cost is \$30.

The Open Hood Prez!

by John Riggs

It's a new year!

1997 promises to be a great Model A Ford year. The new Board is off to a good start with an abundance of enthusiasm. I wish to thank the membership for bestowing the honor of serving on the Board for myself and the other Board members. We are looking forward to making 1997 a banner year for the Orange County Model A Ford Club.

Some goals for the year!

One of the things that I would like to attempt to do this year is to bring more cohesiveness to the club. The Model A Club should be fun for everyone with the wide range of activities that we have planned. We are going to schedule a variety of tours with a number of them to accommodate the folks who want to stay off the freeways. I would also like to see a collective club spirit help get some of the Model A Fords back on the road that a number of our club members are struggling with.

The change over Board meeting!

The gavel was handed over at the last Board meeting of 1996 to the new 1997 Board. Thank you to Bev Marsh for hosting the meeting in her home. There was an abundance of good food, good cheer, and an excellent exchange of ideas.

New Board members!

New additions this year include a very seriously committed tour leader, Greg Carcerano. Greg has already scheduled a number of interesting tours for the early part of 1997. The new editors of the **Distributor**, John & Alice Graves are a welcome addition to the Board and we are looking forward to their first publication. Ted Loeffler and Carl Erickson, our new technical directors, bring a wealth of technical knowledge of the Model A Ford to the Board. Returning Board members Mike Kuester, our treasurer, and Lee Jackson, our Secretary, provide the needed continuity that will certainly enhance the Board.

Participation is the key!

The membership is invited and encouraged to come out on the tours. The true camaraderie of the Orange County Model A Ford Club is experienced on the tours. You get to know your fellow club members, and you get know more about the pleasure of driving the old Model A Ford. ☺

The Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 20, 1997

Are You One of the 27%?

As of December 19th, 73% of the members had renewed their membership. This leaves only 27% of you left to renew. Send your \$25 to:

Orange County Model A Ford Club
Post Office Box 10595
Santa Ana, Ca. 92711

. In Memory

Glenn Johnson's father, Ralph passed away on November 21st. He died of congestive heart failure at Del Webb's Hospital in Arizona. He was 83 years old. Our Hearts ho out to the Johnson family.

Letter From the Editor

We find ourselves in that "tough act to follow" category. Each month we have looked forward to the **Distributor** coming. Tom Endy a.k.a.: Ben Hadd, Carlotta Stress etc., makes it seem easy for it to be so good. Partly it is the help of those who submit articles or items or perhaps that favorite photograph, that make this newsletter so special but much more time and effort each month has brought us the **Distributor** and that came from Tom Endy. With all of you pushing, pulling and helping and above all getting in those articles, etc., we hope to come close to what you have been used to receiving each month.

John and Alice Graves

Schedule of Club Activities!

■ January!

9th, Thursday

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

10th, Friday

Technical Seminar. 7:00 P.M.
Wiring for Mark Schwing's
Roadster.

Location:

Industrial bldg.
22605 La Palma #518
Yorba Linda
1.2 miles east of Yorba
Linda Blvd.
First Driveway on left,
Past signal. See map.

16th, Thursday

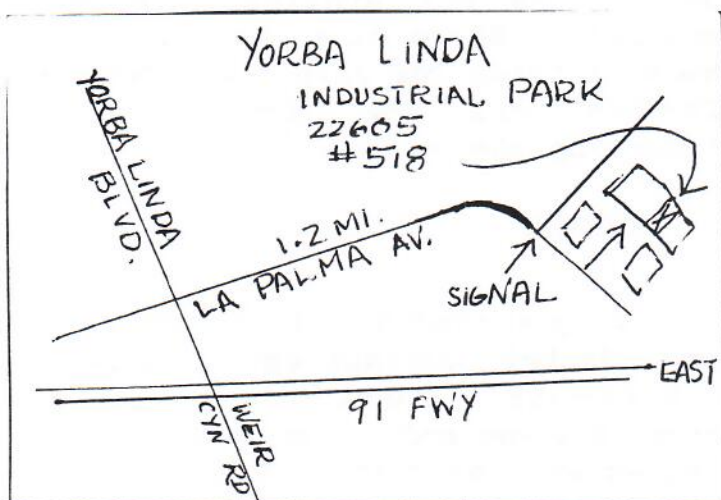
Board meeting 7:30 P.M.
The Riggs home.
4348 Candleberry ave.
Seal Beach, CA.

18th, Saturday

Tour to Arboretum in L. A.
See **Tour** for details

30th, Thursday

All articles, etc., due to
The editor.



■ February

8th, Saturday

Woman Driver Tour
See **Tour** for details

13th, Thursday

General Meeting. 7:30 p.m.
Santiago Elementary School

14th, Friday

Technical Seminar 7:00 p.m.

20th, Thursday

Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m.

2nd Annual Big-Screen Super Bowl Sunday, Billiards and Potluck

Where: Piet & Judi Dwinger

When: Sunday Jan. 26th

What 1: Super Bowl, Billiards

What 2: Potluck, bring your
favorite Chips n'dip, Salads,
Entree', Desserts (silverware,
plates, cups will be supplied)

What 3: BYOB, folding chairs



The Light Tour!

by Tom Endy

The last tour of 1996!

The Christmas light tour on Saturday, December 14th was a mixture of good time, good cheer, and some misfortune. The festivities began at the Dwinger residence where a pot luck dinner was a featured attraction. There was an excellent turn out of about 15 Model A Fords and any number of folks arrived in nondescript jelly bean looking modern irons. After some socializing and much eating the tour group lined up in the middle of Coolidge Ave. to begin the tour.

A flat tire!

Just as everyone was about to roll out it was discovered that Greg Carcerano had acquired a flat tire on his Town Sedan and had begun the process of changing it. The membership may recall that Greg had recently undergone some serious neck surgery, and at the time was still wearing a neck brace. The departure was halted and Terry Lucas and Pieter Dwinger stepped forward, eased Greg out of the way and changed the tire.

The tour headed out!

The weather was clear, but it was cold and the wind was blowing like mad. The tour headed in the direction of Irvine Park. The wind was increasing and there was evidence of power outages in a number of areas we rolled through. Arriving at Irvine park, the tour had gotten separated into two groups. The first group arrived at Irvine Park 20 minutes ahead of the second group. The park was pretty much deserted except for us folks. We all boarded a miniature train for a ride around the park,in the wind! Half way around we stopped at a band stand and discovered a lonely Santa Clause sitting on a throne waiting for folks to show up. The only kids we had with us were John & Gwen Riggs. Both were decked out in colorful holiday night shirts. John immediately approached Santa with his list, which he had checked twice. What he asked for were some Model A Ford parts, one being an unbreakable overdrive.

Back where we left the Model A Fords!

It was time to judge the best of the decorated Model A's. First prize went to Don & Colleen Schmidt, second prize to Lou Spielberger, and third went to Wayne & Jocelyn Krug, who's 1930 Panel Delivery Truck featured an off color reindeer.

The misfortune!

As the tour group moved on and back tracked down the hill, we came upon the scene of an accident involving a Model A Ford. Much to our surprise we discovered that it was Greg & Leslie Carcerano's Town Sedan. The story is that Greg had incurred another flat tire on the way up the hill. A number of folks had stopped to assist and this was the cause of the tour being separated into two groups. The tire was changed, but Greg decided to call it a night since he was out of spares. Greg had turned around and was headed back down the hill while the rest of the group proceeded up the hill to join up with the tour. Minutes later a car traveling at a high rate of speed came down the hill and struck the left rear of Greg's Town Sedan.

At the accident scene!

When the tour group arrived at the scene we found a somewhat distressed Greg standing in the street waiting for a tow truck to arrive. Greg's wife Leslie and his mother had been transported to a nearby hospital by ambulance. Two police officers were on the scene, but were completely dispassionate about the situation and were merely directing traffic. In fact they told us to move along. We didn't, we all stopped. Several club members stepped up and took charge. Terry Lucas immediately took Greg to the hospital where his wife and mother had been taken. Wayne Krug took charge of the Town Sedan and saw to it that it was loaded on to a flat bed by the Auto Club and hauled away to Greg's home. We later learned that Terry stayed at the hospital until the Carcerano family was released and then he transported them home.

The good part!

There were no serious injuries. Greg, Leslie, and Greg's mother apparently suffered only minor injuries. We hope that all will be recovered soon and that the unfortunate accident won't diminish the Carcerano's enthusiasm for the Model A Ford and for the Model A Ford Club.

The evening's climax!

Those hardy souls who were still left on the tour ended the evening at Richard & Jeanne Parrish's home where an abundance of excellent home made desserts were served.

An observation!

It was certainly a mixed evening. It all ended well, because it could have been a lot worse, and the true spirit of the Orange County Model A Ford Club was well demonstrated. ☺

The Adult Christmas Party

The Orange County Mining Company was the setting for the annual holiday banquet and installation of officers. The night lights below added to the good cheer of the evenings festivities. Lou Spielberger made the centerpieces which were large NOEL candles and one lucky person at each table got to take it home with them. Jerry Valiquette made everyone a believer that Elvis is not dead. He was sensational as he sang those favorites!

We sang, to the tune of Jingle Bells, OUR DEAR OLD MODEL A which was written by the McCall family.

John and Gwen Riggs received the Kelly Craig Memorial Award for attending the most tours and also the Jim Marsh Family Award. Dennis Griffin was the recipient of the Jack Payton Memorial Award as member of the year. Glenn Johnson received the award from MAFCA. Certificates were awarded to Committee Chairs for their hard work all year. John Hyland received a picture of himself in his early greeter days! And Vince, How are those slippers?

Dennis Griffin made the outstanding trophies which were awarded this year as the 1996 Board was thanked by President Bev Marsh.

The new Board was introduced. The incoming President John Riggs was presented with the club gavel. Richard Parrish told us the story of the worry stone and gave it to John Riggs.

Jerri McKinney made some beautiful Christmas money trees that were raffled during the evening.

Thanks to Pieter and Judi Dwinger for their hard work in making the arrangements for this party.



Retiring President, Bev Marsh, displays her rewards for all her hard work.



Jerry (Elvis) Valiquette serenades the Christmas party.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AWARDS



Tours

January 18th, Saturday

Surface street tour to L.A. county arboretum [Arcadia], 127 acre sanctuary. Plants from Australia, south Africa, South America, Asia and North America. Free parking-\$5 entrance fee-coffee shop on premises.

Meet at Santiago Elementary School. Departure time 9:00 AM.

Upcoming events

February 8th, Saturday

Woman Drivers Tour (men drivers too).

Rogers Gardens (near Fashion Island), lunch plans will be announced at the January General meeting.

Depart from South Coast Plaza Mall (by the Sears Store) at 10:00 A.M.

February 22nd, Saturday

Queen Mary

Technical!

December Technical report

The December technical seminar was attended by 14 club members. The topic was front-end restoration and installation. A lot of information was disseminated as well as food ingested. Dennis is a great job taking care of the fluid and nutritional needs of the group.

This is the final technical report of the Ferazzi-Griffin team. We hope this year has been an informative and fun year; it has been so for the two of us. Next year sounds as though it will be a great one. We have an enthusiastic board already off and running.

Classified Ad's

FOR SALE:

Model A 3.78 ring gear & pinion

\$90

Model A Powerhouse Generator

\$45

Early Ford V-8 master brake cylinder

\$20

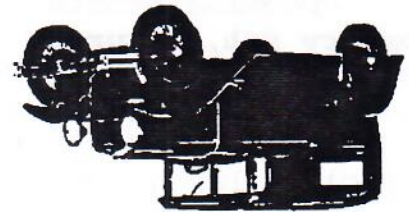
Merle McClellan; 714-434-3822

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



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Orange County Chapter
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Santa Ana, CA 92711



GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

January 9, 1997 @ 7:30 P.M.

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

