

# ***The Distributor***

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**TED AND HIS MACHINE READY FOR SUMMER!!**





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## THE OPEN HOOD PREZ!

Summer is here and it is time for all you car buffs to bring your "A's" out of storage and show them off. The club has a lot of great things going on so please join us and share the fun. Be sure and sign up at the meetings or give Greg a call.

Wings and Wheels has a good sign up and there are still a couple of rooms available. Give Richard Parrish a call if you're interested in joining the group.

As you know (or most of you do) the July and August meetings are at Hart Park. They will start at 6:00PM with a "share your goodies" meal (potluck), with A-L bringing main course and M-Z bringing salad and dessert. August you just switch. Hope it's a fun meeting and of course always a good meal.

It has been brought up about looking for a new meeting place come September. If you have any suggestions, let one of your board members know.

Congratulations to David Plotkin and Stephanie. He proposed and gave her a ring atop the Empire State building.

Sam Vernola had a five way by-pass and is on the road to recovery. Get well real soon.

Greg Carcerano had some cutting and sewing done and is getting along just fine.

That about does it from here. See you at the park....

**John Riggs**



## *NETHERCUT TOUR*

Saturday, the 31st of May, began as the usual beautiful day as the cars all met at Coco's for an 8AM start.

One quick and easy problem was solved on the Knox vehicle and then (living up to his name) the hood opened and required a return home for the Rigg's who joined us after we got to the museum.

The Nethercuts, who own the Merle Norman cosmetic co., have collected one of the most extensive collections of antique luxury cars that you will ever see. Each one is driveable and has a personalized licence plate. An example of **some** of the Cadillac licence plates are: VIP AUTO, 16 CAD, CAD V12, CAD V16, CADDIE, LYMO SYN, 35 CAD, CAD V8, V16CAD, CADV16,---you get the idea because he has much more than Cadillacs. The first floor was the beginning of the car collection. The second floor which was green marble, was another showcase of cars. They cannot run on the marble so they are moved about on air (those marble floors are such a pain!).

The Museum suffered a lot of damage during the two last earthquakes and many priceless pieces were damaged beyond repair. There are hood ornaments as well as a beautiful collection of china and glass pieces.

The last floor contains the musical instruments. There are pianos, music boxes, orchestrions and more. All of the same quality as the cars and all working. The orchestrions were damaged perhaps the most during the earthquakes and even the precautions taken after the first one was not enough to help when the second earthquake hit. The top floor housed an apartment for the Nethercuts and to make the building more stable that floor has been eliminated.

Lunch was at Denny's. We managed to eat together (almost) and enjoy the time together.

## *Board Meeting Orange County Chapter Model A Club of America*

**June 19, 1997**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President John Riggs at the home of Ted and Helen Loeffler.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Since there are times that motions are made and important information shared at the General Meeting, it was suggested that minutes be taken and recorded at the Monthly General meeting. It was also suggested that at least an estimate of attendance be recorded.

### **Treasurer:**

The final statistics on the Pancake Breakfast are almost complete and will be ready at the next meeting.

### **Technical:**

The July seminar is still in the planning stages but the details will be included in the July *Distributor*.

### **New Business:**

The donation to the school was discussed, also the possibility of finding a different place which would be open in the summer and a guaranteed room.

Next Board meeting will be on July 17th, 1997 at 7:30PM at the home of John and Gwen Riggs  
4348 Candleberry ave.  
Seal Beach, Ca.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.

Lee Jackson, Secretary

## **Whoops!**

Last month one of the editors missed the shift key and what should have been a \$ came out as a 4. No we are not dealing with a figure of 42,000--- It is \$2,000. Hey, no body is perfect!



# CLASSIFIED

*(Please note...all ads will run for one month unless the editors are notified)*

**For Sale:** 1928 sport coupe 50A. Built 6-14-28. Have owned since 1959. Complete, original car in the restoration process. Calif. Registration current.

Wade Roberts  
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(714)675-5457

**For Sale:** 1931 Ford Slant Windshield Town Sedan: Fresh 4 year ground up show quality restoration with less than 500 miles since completion. Maroon and black lacquer with red wheels and stripe. L&B mohair interior with beautiful woodgrain garnish moldings. Dual side mounts w/metal covers, Kari Keen trunk, balanced & inserted B engine w/hardended seats and s/s valves, polished aluminum Winfield head, dual 81 Strombergs on polished original Burns intake, Mallory dual point ignition, 6V alternator, '39 syncro transmission, Volvo Overdrive, '56 steering gear, cast iron brake drums, plus much, much more. This is a fine point no expense spared restoration that looks stock outside, but tuns and drives like a modern car. \$18,500. Firm.

Terry Lucas  
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**Model A parts for sale:** rebuilt front end; new:spindle bolts (king pins) and bushings, steering balls front spring,perch bolt bushings akk shackles- all parts freshly sandblasted,painted correctly,assembled, ready to drop into your Model A-\$225. Ford script Battery-Needs to be rebuilt.\$10. 2 rear cast iron brake drums w/hubs,\$85.pair. Working starters \$20, Orig. Brake rods-sandblasted & painted\$5 each; Flywheel housing-no cracks \$10; 2 flywheels-free; 2-'31 R.F. fenders-fair cond. Free; Ford script front axel \$20.

(See above)  
Terry Lucas

## ESTATE FORD SALE

40 year collection-Never offered before

### All below are For Sale:

1930 Town Sedan. (Fair #4 cond.-project car) Briggs body Black & black. Not running. \$3350.

1931 SW Town Sedan (mid year) Briggs body. Ground-up amateur restoration 70% complete. (Black & black). Some new top wood installed. Needs interior, top, trim and hardware, Engine and running gear appear to have been rebuilt. A great short term project. \$4500.

1930 Deluxe Coupe (Late) Older restoration of solid original car. (Med Blue and Black with like-new Gray cloth interior) Need detailing and minor mechanical work to make excellent tour & parade car. \$6950

1930 Deluxe Roadster (Late. Ground-up restoration in process. Paint (Brown and Black) and most plating done. \$8500.

1926 Roadster. Partial (80%) restoration- much work done. Needs completion. \$3850.

1914 Touring. All there. Old amateur restoration. Light blue. Artillery wheels. Hand klaxon. \$7950.

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### For Sale :

Pair of 1930 Calif. Licence plates in very good condition, including chrome frames \$225.00  
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(classified continued on page 8)



## *Schedule of Coming activities*

### July 1997

#### **10th Thursday**

General Meeting  
Hart Park in City of Orange  
6:00 PM-Potluck  
A-L bring maindish  
M-Z bring salad or dessert  
7:00 PM meeting  
(See map on back cover)

#### **11th-13th**

Wings and Wheels (Santa Inez)  
Depart from Coco's (Valley View & 22)  
Friday 9:00 AM

#### **17th Thursday**

Board Meeting 7:30 PM  
John and Gwen Riggs  
4348 Candleberry Ave.,  
Seal Beach, Ca.  
(See Map)

#### **18th Friday**

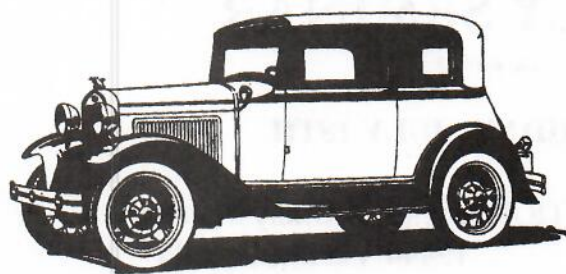
Technical Seminar  
Bernie & Ginny Marston  
19444 Via Del Caballo  
Yorba Linda (714)777-4400  
(See article and map)

#### **19th Saturday**

Irvine Park 100th Birthday  
Depart from Mall of Orange(Sears) 8:AM  
Show cars enter free  
Bring lunch and chairs,

#### **31st Thursday**

All articles due to the editor.



### August 1997

#### **7th-19th**

#### **Summer Tour**

Vancouver, Washington  
Northwest Regional Group Meet  
See Tom Endy or Vince Mariola for details

### September 1997

#### **12th-14th**

Rim of the World Tour  
Big Bear Lake

#### **20th Saturday**

Progressive Dinner

### ***Listen up!!!!***

At this time we still need a volunteer to host dessert for the progressive dinner. Please call Greg Carcerano if you are able to help.

### November 1997

#### **14th-15th Palm Springs (See Greg for details)**

#### *CONGRATULATIONS*

*IT'S A GRANDDAUGHTER FOR KEN AND  
JANET ZITTRER. JUNE 19TH-WEIGHING IN  
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# JULY SEMINAR

**FRIDAY, JULY 18TH**

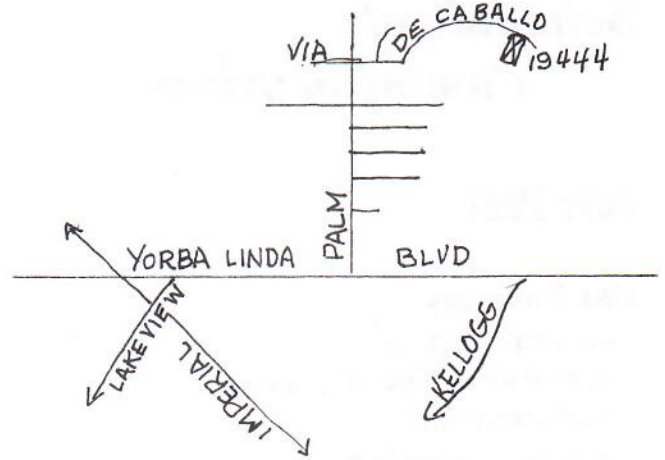
**LOCATION:** Bernie & Ginny Marston  
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See map

**TIME:** 7:00pm

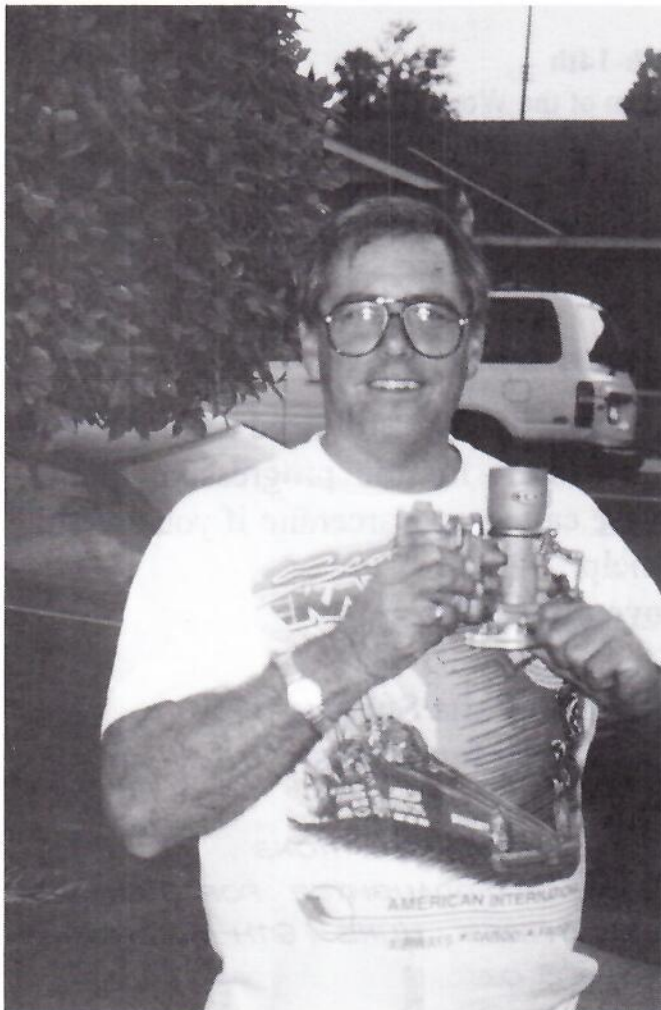
**SUBJECT:** Demonstration on timing your ignition.

Demonstration on rebuilding your distributor-for those who missed our last seminar.

We have parts to do a few more units, so it will be on a first come first served basis, as time and parts allow.



**This is a serious matter!**



**Didn't you say "bring your carburetor?"**



**Remove fingers before down stroke.**



# *JUNE TECHNICAL SEMINAR*

The June seminar was held at the Ferazzi residence with 29 people attending. After a short outline on some of the distributor design variations, the BREAKDOWN crew went to work with a vengeance on some very tired looking distributors. Thanks to timely assistance by members who had done this many times before, we managed to get eleven distributors put back together by the time the clock and spare parts ran out. This was no drill. This crew was getting results. A good time and hard work was shared by all. There was a good mix of learners and teachers.

Special thanks to the Ferazzi's for providing the location, tools and advice, Dennis Griffin who wasted no time getting people started with tools and procedures and all others who provided advice, encouragement, assistance and smiley faces.

**Ted Loeffler**  
**Carl Erickson**



**Hm! Three lemons again**



**Shoe box seminar**



**I'm sure all the parts are here somewhere!**



**If all else fails use a BIG hammer!**



## *In Search of Model "A's"*

As we warned you in the last newsletter, the editors were off on a vacation last month.

After a family visit in Ohio and a visit to the air and Space Museum in Dayton (side trip to the factory outlet for Shop Smith) plus a run through the Packard Museum, we headed for Dearborn. Some years ago we saw row after row of Model A's at the Ford Museum and could hardly wait for the Museum to open. In fact we were the first car in the parking lot. What a disappointment. If you want to go to a museum, it is great, but forget the Model A's. John asked information only to find out that there were three and not together. None of them were truly representative. As I said before "What a disappointment!"

After that we were off to Mackinac. A great place when it is off season and you have it all to yourselves.

The next Ford stop was at Deer Lodge in Montana at the Towe Museum. The pending auction was heavy in the air and just as we were ready to leave, we were joined by the only other visitors. They say 110 Fords, but we sure didn't see them. It was still much better than Dearborn!

The most interesting was the Sacramento Towe Ford Museum. Things sounded much more hopeful and the place was busy. They are having a fund raiser on June 28th of cars not included in the Ford Collection with the hope that the proceeds will purchase some of the Towe cars to be auctioned off on Sept. 13th. The Montana auction will be Sept. 20th.

The California Vehicle Foundation has worked to find a single buyer but no one came forward by the deadline of May 5th. We have some more information if you care to ask us. It does sound like the new museum (after auction) will not be as "vintage" as it is now as they plan to keep it open but have a variety of cars.

*John and Alice Graves*

(P.S. This was intended for last months *Distributor* but there was too much to report. This month is a light month so we are including it.)

(Classified continued)


**For Sale:** 1929 Model A, 4 dr Sedan, Briggs Body, squared windows, 2-3K miles since complete restoration. Light Brown, Dk Brown Trim. Black Fenders, Yellow wheels, Mohair interior. Excellent condition. \$10,000.

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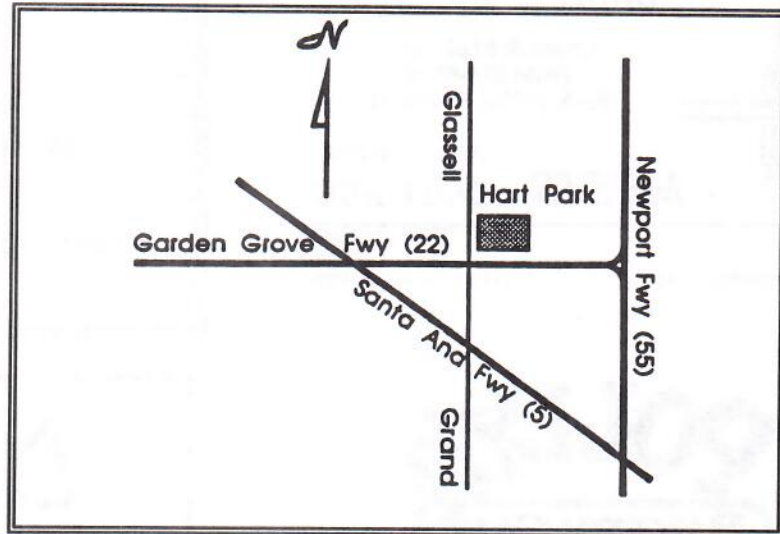
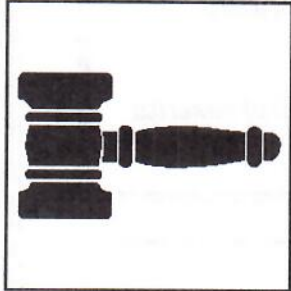
# GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

**July 10, 1997 @ 7:00 P.M.**

(Pot Luck @ 6:00 P.M.)

**Hart Park  
22 FWY & Glassell Street  
City of Orange**



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