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A "Riggs" Seminar On Model 'A' Air Conditioning....



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September Seminar

The September seminar took place at the Tom Endy residence with sixteen people in attendance. Tom very aptly demonstrated disassembly of the "A" transmission and pointed out important improvements in bearings and seals that are avoidable for a good restoration. Mel Collings then demonstrated reassembly of the transmission and two club members then disassembled their own transmissions for evaluation and restoration.

Safe transmission tower disassembly was discussed and members were reminded to review safety procedures before taking a tower apart.

Thanks again to Tom endy for hosting and presenting this very useful transmission seminar.

Ted Loeffler

Carl Erickson

Letter to the Editor..

A big thank you to those members who took time out on Sunday, August 31 to bring your remarkable vintage Fords to our annual Labor Day Picnic. We hope you will consider coming again next year and of course, you're always welcome with or without your cars to come and participate in the many activities offered all year long.

**Calvary Church of Santa Ana...Picnic
Committee
1010 North Tustin
Santa Ana**

The Open Hood Prez!



Time once again for me to pen a few choice words. The year is getting short and the "Open Hood" is getting close to shutting down.

We had a really great turnout for the "Rim" and Dennis and Judy Griffin really put together a great tour. Barbecue at our lodge, tire kicking, Jacuzzi (one even got in completely dressed), and Bocci Ball on the green. These tours are always a great way to get better acquainted with fellow club members. The Riggs and the Zitters came away with trophies for the rally around the lake.

The Progressive dinner was a superb evening thanks to the Plotkin's, the Nichol's and the Wavra's. None of this would have been possible without the hard work of Greg and Leslie Carcerano. Besides all of the planning, they made maps so we wouldn't get lost. "Attention Mr. Jackson!" Ha. Ha.

It's only October but it's time to think about 1998 and what we want for our club in the coming year. We need participation (help!help!) From both the old and new members. No volunteers have come forth for the election. It doesn't have to be one persons responsibility. A committee would be great. The board will have some carryovers but several new members will be needed. Check the front of your roster for officers and chairmen and find a job you would be interested in and volunteer. Okay.. I'm off my

soap box.

We welcome our new members to our group and hope you will enjoy being part of our Model A family. Still lots of events coming up and hope to see you there,. Moderns are welcome plus you can usually gain a few pounds on the tours as eating seems to be the first priority closely followed by gas stations and potty stops.

Our club currently has over 5000 tour miles this year and MAFCA has some really nice patches for those eligible. They count total Model A miles.

There has been some discussion about our current meeting place. I have had conversation with the principal at the school and we believe most of the problems have been ironed out.

Don't forget MAFCA meet Dec. 4-7 in Buena Park. Entries in this months *Distributor*. Also our Xmas installation dinner sign up sheets will be out at October meeting.

Well, Betsy got another bum rap for the summer tour but she made over 2500 miles on her own four wheels which was more than two other cars did.

Boy have I been long winded this time but lots is going on.

See you at the meeting.

John

Thankyou....

Dear Members and Friends,

A note of thanks for your support and thoughtfulness during my illness. The plant is really nice and the card brought a chuckle.

Thanks also for all your calls and concern. I'm feeling a little stronger each day and hope to be back with you soon.

Love,

Carl Erickson

Board Meeting Orange County Chapter Model "A" Club of America September 18, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President John riggs at the home of Mike and Robyn Kuester at 7:36PM. Club members in attendance were: John and Gwen riggs, Mike Kuester, John and Alice graves, Ted and Helen Loeffler, Lee Jackson, Greg Carcerano and Carl Erickson.

Secretary's report: a brief summary was given of the General Meeting at Santiago Elementary School on September 11th that was conducted by Greg Carcerano. (John and Gwen Riggs were on tour at the Rim of the World). Two new members were introduced. We now have 146 members. We reviewed past and upcoming tours. John Riggs and "Betsy" were given the Hard Luck trophy because of the problems experienced on the summer tour. The club still needs a volunteer to coordinate the Xmas light tour. A reminder was made about the National Meet in Buena Park in December. There were 52 members present at the general meeting.

Treasurer: Reviewed August's ending bank statement. See attached account itemization. We now have 148 club members.

Technical: Transmission seminar at Tom Endy's home on 9-19. October topic and date has not been established.

Editor: September 25 is the cut off date for articles for the newsletter.

Activities: Merchandise: No report.

New Business: Sunday, March 29, 1998 is the date for our annual pancake breakfast. Because of Easter and other automotive events to consider, this date was selected. A discussion was held regarding the rain predictions and what alternative plans we could arrange. Saturday, May 2 1998 date was selected for our annual swap meet at Vintage ford in Stanton. A discussion was held regarding the number of times we have had to use a class room at the school. John Rigg's spoke to the school Principal who apologized for the number of times this has occurred. It was suggested that we give her a calendar of our meeting dates through June 1998 and she could contact us if she knew of any conflict. It was also suggested that we meet at Hart Park in September because the school need the library/auditorium every September. It was decided to have this item carried over for the 1998 Board to consider.

Old Business: Still need a 1998 Election Chairperson to locate candidates for the 1998 Board members.

Next board meeting will be on October 16, 1997 at 7:30 at Ted and Helen Loeffler's home.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Submitted by:

Lee Jackson

Congratulations to.....

David Plotkin and Stephanie on their upcoming marriage.

Cards and Letters Time..

Terry Collings enters the St. Jude Hospital in Fullerton on Oct. 6.

Glad to hear that Carl Erickson is back at work.



Out of Gas!

by Tom Endy

Riggs' Lament!

Fellow club member and incumbent club president John Riggs recently experienced a partially plugged fuel line in his Model A Ford. It caused the car to run poorly, but worst of all, it was a very difficult malfunction to diagnose. It reminded me of another such similar incident.

Way Back When!

A number of years ago I had a friend who went out and bought a brand new 1969 Ford Country Squire station wagon. It was the biggest, ugliest looking car I ever saw, but it was what he needed to haul his wife, four kids, and the family dog around in. At the time they lived up on top of a hill in San Clement, California. It was five or six miles up a steep winding road from the coast highway to their house. His wife was the more frequent driver of the car. She would make half a dozen trips a day up and down the hill to take the kids to school, to various sports practices, and to go grocery shopping. After a couple of years the car developed a strange malady. As long as it was being driven up and down the hill it ran fine. But when it was driven on a long flat road the engine would quit. The first time it happened his wife was driving the car and she had to have it towed home. Her explanation of how the car acted led my friend to believe the problem was electrical, so he did a tune up of the engine. The problem occurred again the next time the car was driven on a flat road. This time my friend was driving it and it seemed to him as if the car had run out of gas. It was towed home once again. After the fuel pump was replaced, he took it out and test drove it up and down the hill several times and it ran fine. There was plenty of power climbing the hill. As yet he had not discovered the significance of the flat road failure syndrome. The next week his wife was driving along on a flat road, and you guessed it, the car had to be towed home again. This time the carburetor was rebuilt. During the next few weeks the car ran fine, but it was only driven up and down the hill. The very next time his wife had it out on a flat road the engine quit and it had to be towed home again. It occurred to my friend that there must be something plugging the fuel line. He removed the

line between the fuel pump and carburetor and blew air through it. The line was clear. He next blew air through the line between the fuel pump and the tank. He could hear the air entering the tank by taking the gas cap off and listening. That line also appeared to be clear. It wasn't long before the car had to be towed home again. Some drastic action was now required. The gas tank was removed from the car. When the sending unit was removed from the top of the tank my friend shined a flashlight down into the tank to see if there was an obstruction. Inside the tank he discovered, among other things, a miniature toy sailboat, three toy soldiers, one of which was a commissioned officer, a plastic frog, his 9/16 inch socket, his wife's sewing thimble, and the cap off of a Nehi Grape soda pop bottle. The other thing he noticed, and what was actually plugging the tank, were hundreds, maybe even thousands of small round rubber balls. They were tiny, but large enough not to go through the strainer at the bottom of the tank. The balls were very light and seemed to float in the gasoline as long as there was movement. But left still, the balls drifted to the bottom of the tank and rolled toward the fuel strainer and outlet line. It became apparent to my friend that this was the work of a juvenile mind and he suspected one or more of his four kids. When he confronted them the three older kids immediately fingered the youngest, five year old Billy. Little Billy knowing full well that there were eye witnesses, wisely plea bargained and confessed rather than exercise his fifth amendment rights. He fessed up to every item on the list except the little round balls. The little round balls had never been part of the inventory of foreign objects that he had put in the gas tank. From intense interrogation, it was learned that little Billy had also, from time to time, been depositing his used bubble gum into the tank. Through scientific deduction it was concluded that whatever bubble gum is made of, it is broken down and dissolved by the gasoline. The by-product that remains are tiny round rubber balls. When the car was being driven up and down the hill, the balls floated freely in the gasoline. But out on a flat highway with no sloshing of the gasoline in the tank, the balls began to settle toward the bottom of the tank, rolled toward the strainer and outlet line, and plugged off the flow of fuel. ☺

Classified

For Sale: 1928 Model A Sports Coupe
Disassembled and restoration
started. Losing storage. Will
Accept a reasonable offer.

Wade Roberts
(714-675-5457)

For Sale: 1931 Slant windshield. Front
Seat frame.

Wade Roberts
(714-675-5457)

All the following are "for sale"

1. Model A trunk, near new condition
Mfg. By Varco. 34" deep 18 3/4" high,
straight back. Cost new \$300 and 8-12
weeks to order. You can have this trunk on
your car today for \$285 OBO.

2. Singer sewing machine and surger, all
electronic top-of-the-line. Used a few
times. All accessories included, some still
in the original packing. Best offer for both.

3. 1929 right front Model A fender (not
welled) excellent condition. \$350.

4. Turn of the century dentist drilling
machine, belonged to Judi's great
grandfather. Best offer.

5. 8" Craftsman heavy duty commercial
table saw mounted on a rolling wood base.
Older saw but in good working condition,
new bearings. Accessories included.
Best offer.

6. 26 gal. Fish tank with all accessories
including dual filters (no fish or water)
Best offer.

Call Pieter Dwinger at:
(714)633-1921 or 639-4767



*National
Banquet
Tours*

The 40th National Banquet will be held
December 4, 5 & 6. The Orange County
chapter is coordinating the tours. For those
not familiar with the National Banquet, it is
held somewhere in the USA in December
every year. Attendees come from all over the
USA. Everyone is invited and encouraged to
attend. Look in the last issue of the *Restorer*
for the registration form and schedule of
events. Send your registration in ASAP.

TOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday 12/4 will be a tour to the Peterson
Museum with lunch at Farmers Market (bus
tour, except for those who want to take their
own car).

Friday 12/5 is a Model A tour to Newport
Beach for a Stern Wheel Paddle Boat tour in
Newport Harbor with lunch served on-board.

Saturday 12/6 is a tour to the Nixon Museum
followed by antique shopping in Yorba Linda.

There will be "Rain or Shine" sign-up lists
at the next club meeting for those willing to
help out by making you and your Model A
available for the Friday tour to Newport
Beach. You can also call one of the tour
committee members to sign up. We have to
provide at least 70 cars, therefore all southern
Ca. Clubs are being asked to help supply cars.

If you have any questions please call one of
the following on the tour committee:

Glenn Johnson	(714)538-9429
Pieter Dwinger	(714)633-1921
Dennis Griffin	(714)832-4112
Bob Ferazzi	(714)838-1036



MAFCA 1997 National Meeting and Banquet
Hosted by Southern California Region
Robert Trousil, Chairman - Doc Ingwersen, Co-chairman
Buena Park, California
December 4-7, 1997



(TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Other family members attending _____

(please list names and ages of children attending)

REGISTRATION	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
Before November 1, 1997	_____	\$30.00	_____
After November 1, 1997	_____	\$40.00	_____
Thur Tour: Bus To Petersen Auto Museum & Farmers Market	_____	\$20.00	_____
Lunch On Your Own	_____		_____
Thur Tour: To MAFCA Headquarters	_____	FREE	_____
Check off preference 8:30am_____or 10:00am_____	_____		_____
Fri Tour: Model A, Side Paddle Boat & Lunch, max 190 people	_____	\$20.00	_____
Fri Dinner / Fashion / Speakeasy	_____	\$20.00	_____
Sat Breakfast With the Board	_____	\$ 9.00	_____
Sat Tour: Bus To Nixon Library, Antiques, Lunch On Your Own	_____	\$15.00	_____
Sat Technical Seminar - Electrical Trouble Shooting	_____	\$ 1.00	_____
Sat Fashion Seminar	_____	\$ 1.00	_____
Sat MAFCA Banquet - London Broil	_____	\$25.00	_____
Sat MAFCA Banquet - Breast of Chicken Piccata	_____	\$25.00	_____
Sat MAFCA Banquet - Vegetarian/Pasta	_____	\$25.00	_____
Sun Farewell Continental Breakfast	_____	\$ 4.00	_____
Souvenir Cloisonne Pin, MAFCA 40th Anniversary	_____	\$ 4.50	_____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make your check payable to: **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION**

Send to: Lois and Ron Smith Registration Chairpersons
1997 MAFCA National Meeting and Banquet
4833 Castana Ave.
Lakewood, CA 90712

For further registration information
call (562)425-5231 after 5pm Pacific time

Chapter affiliation _____

Will you bring your Model A? _____ Can you provide for tour passengers? _____ For how many? _____

Will you need parking space for car trailer? _____ Parking for Motorhomes available, but must be registered at hotel.

I, hereby release Model A Ford Club of America, Inc. and the Southern California Region, from any and all liabilities. Submittal of this registration form, whether signed or unsigned, constitutes acceptance of this release. No refunds after November 15, 1997.

Signature _____ Date _____

Schedule of Coming Activities

October 1997

4th Saturday

Heritage Days

Kraemer Park, Placentia

(Depart from mall of Orange at 8:00AM)

9th Thursday

General Meeting 7:30PM

Santiago Elementary School

(see map on back cover)

10th Friday

Seminar-replace wind/shield shield-install
indicator- more details at meeting.

7:00PM Carl Erickson's, 242 Crawford Cyn
Rd. #15, Orange(see Aug. *Distributor*)

11th Saturday

Conejo Valley Model A swapmeet

Camarillo airport 7:00 AM

16th Thursday

Board Meeting 7:30

Greg and Leslie Carcerano's

2094 Monrovia Ave.

Costa Mesa.

26th Sunday

Poker Run

Depart from Mall of Orange at 10:00AM

30th Thursday

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9th Sunday

San Vicente Light House and Old Town
Music Hall.

14th-16th Friday-Sunday

Palm Springs Follies

Welcome New Members

Chris & Norma Anten

We'd like to welcome new members Norma and Chris Anten. They are from Holland originally and came to the United States in 1956 where they lived in San Francisco for 10 years. They then moved to Arizona for 4 years and finally here to Southern California where they now reside in Fountain Valley. They have been married 49 years and have 5 children (4 girls-1 boy).

Chris is a model engineer and has been building 1/8 scale trains and riding cars for about 15 years. His interest in trains started many years ago in Europe where he began building electric H.O. models. He has been with the Orange County Model engineers at Fairview Park (Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction) for the past 10 years. Last year the club toured to Mackerel Flats to ride the trains. These are the ones Chris built.

Norma and Chris now have a new hobby. They recently purchased a 1929 Sport coupe. The car was purchased in Yucaipa and brought down here in August. The car is presently dismantled and in the process of a total restoration. Welcome aboard Norma and Chris!



New Member #2

Glenn Szabo

Born on one of the coldest mornings on record in Spokane, Washington, Glenn was reared in nearby Greenacres, Wa. On a five acre "truck garden". He attended the local elementary, jr. & sr. High schools and distinguished himself by graduating in the upper 8% of his class. He attended Univ. Of Puget Sound and later transferred to Washington State University where he received a B.A. degree. He worked several jobs before migrating to California including Research Analyst for the Washington State Senate and director of Information centers at Spokane's World Fair--EXPO '74.

"We always had an old vehicle or two around the farm," he recalls. "I remember an old ford pickup truck of mid-twenties vintage which never seemed to run. My mother nagged my father so much about it that he finally sold it for \$8 on day. We also had a '36 Allis-Chalmers model-B tractor." (It was more valuable because it worked and helped us plow up the weeds.)

Glenn owns a 1928 tudor sedan that has been a part of his family since at least the early 60's.

"Legend has it that my uncle, who owned a local tavern entangled himself in a boasting match with one of the patron friends. They challenged each other to race to the state line which was about 7 miles away. The winner would get the pink slip to the other's car. My uncle's vehicle was a Hudson Hornet so he gave his friend about a mile running head start with that model-A. He peeled out of his parking lot

and beat the guy by a goodly distance."

When I laid my eyes on that car for the first time I was in love but I was only 9 or 10 years old. I eventually persuaded my uncle to "loan" it to me to be used for my wedding and I had one of the classiest rides of my life. Eventually my uncle passed on leaving it to my father who in turn sold it to me. It's been in and out of California now several times --usually its own power. It needs lots of work and I hope I'll find someone to help me learn about how it runs at the Orange county Model-A Club."

Palm Springs Follies

Don't forget to make Motel Reservations by Oct. 9th. Person to talk to is Julia Raffri. Mention the Model A Club to Julia to receive your room discount. Motel # is 1-619-327-4200. Tickets for the follies show are \$30.00 per person as stated in past articles. You must pay for the tickets by Thurs. Oct.9th (night of the general meeting) as we will have to send the money to the theater right away. Make checks out to the club (O.C.M.A.F.C.) And notate Palm Springs on it so Mike knows where the Money goes. His address is:

Mike Kuester
3142 N. Hearthside St.
Orange, Ca. 92665

Don't be late...Don't miss the fun!

Any questions, contact Greg.

Thank you..

So much for the beautiful plant! I am finally starting to recover and hope to be back to normal soon. Thanks for your kind thoughts.
Robyn Kuester

37th Annual Rim of the World

The main tour departed from the Orange Mall at nice o'clock sharp for the Black Forest Lodge. Five cars showed up. Some got stuck in traffic so quite a few arrived later in the afternoon. Thursday there were more cars and by Friday there was a total of thirteen model "A"s and six moderns. There were forty eight members. It was a great turn out.

Thursday morning there was a get together in the lobby for coffee, danish pastry and some fruit, for which we would all like to Thank Dennis. After that was the morning shop and walking.

At 1:30 in the after noon, there was a boat ride around the lake. It was very nice and a little breezy. After coming back from the boat ride, there was a barbeque at the Black Forest Lodge. Each couple brought their own meats. There were steaks, chicken, sausage, fish, country style ribs and many more. There was corn on the cob, baked beans, salads, cake and pies. It was just great.

Since everyone enjoyed the barbeque, they sat around for a while, when someone came up with the idea that some of us should go into the Jacuzzi. It seemed that Dennis, Bill, John and Gwen were the only ones in the Jacuzzi. Then Eleanor Shaner just happened to go see what was going on. Before you know it, she was in the Jacuzzi with all her clothes on, having a wonderful time. When it was time to get out, she noticed that she forgot her towel. Boy! Was it cold.

Next morning, which was Friday we started with coffee and Danish pastry. After that was over, some went for a morning walk, breakfast, more shopping and sightseeing. At 4:00 we went to the Get acquainted barbeque

and registration at the Frontier Lodge. After the barbeque, one person went to the Bingo which was held at the Elks Lodge.

Saturday, at 9:00, everyone attended the Gymkhana at the Elks Lodge. They had all sorts of things at the raffle table. Later a few of us did the Rally around the Lake which started at the elks Lodge. That too, was great. There was an unplanned picnic that afternoon at the Black forest Lodge. It was very nice. Some played Bocci ball and had a great time. After that it was time to get ready for the banquet.

At the banquet dinner, they were giving out trophies for those who took part in the Gymkhana. John and Gwen Riggs won a trophy for the Rally around the Lake as they came in first with a time of 72 minutes (congratulations). They were also doing the raffle and the people who won raffle prizes were Dennis Griffin, colleen Schmidt and Gerry McKinney.

As for Dennis, he did a wonderful job putting this tour together and finding things to do. We all had a great time. Thank you again.

By Eleanor Shaner



Authoress with fork!

The Progressive Dinner

The Progressive Dinner was absolutely perfect. About 60 people attended and the Model A's delighted 3 neighborhoods. We met at the Plotkin's in Huntington Beach for appetizers. Then on to the Nichol's for our South Pacific main course in Lake Forest. We completed our tour at the Wavra's in Costa Mesa for dessert. The company was fantastic and the food was delicious.

Thank you to the host families for their warm welcomes and wonderful hospitality. We appreciate all the love and hard work you put into making our evening a memorable one.

Leslie & Greg Carcerano

Editors note: Thanks to the Carcerano's for the great maps and the hours of work. We all give them three cheers!!!



Arm folding contest at Progressive Dinner



Dessert at the Wavra's -



The gangs almost all here...



Gymkana or kan'ta



Do too many mechanics spoil the transmission?

Lots of great pictures had to be left out
We hope for more room next month.

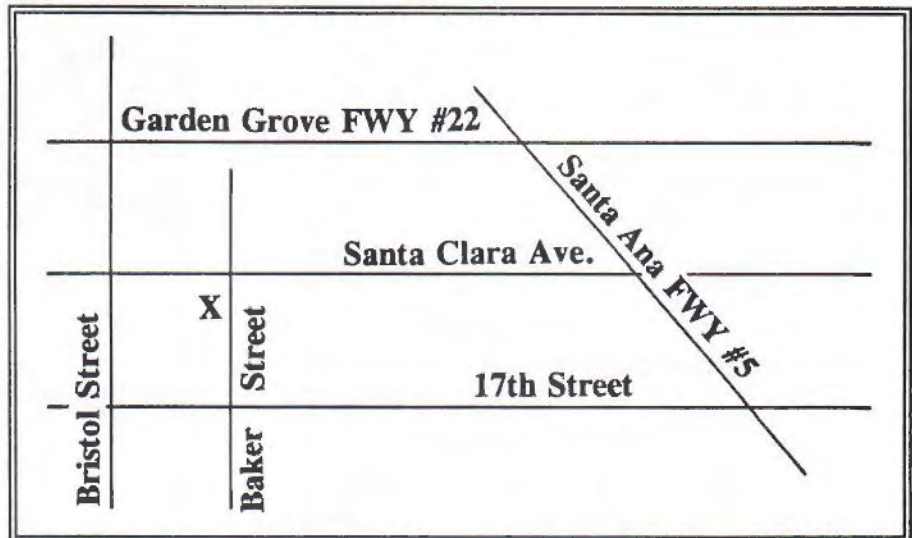
GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

[Second Thursday of every month]

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

Santiago Elementary School

2212 N. Baker Street
Santa Ana, CA



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