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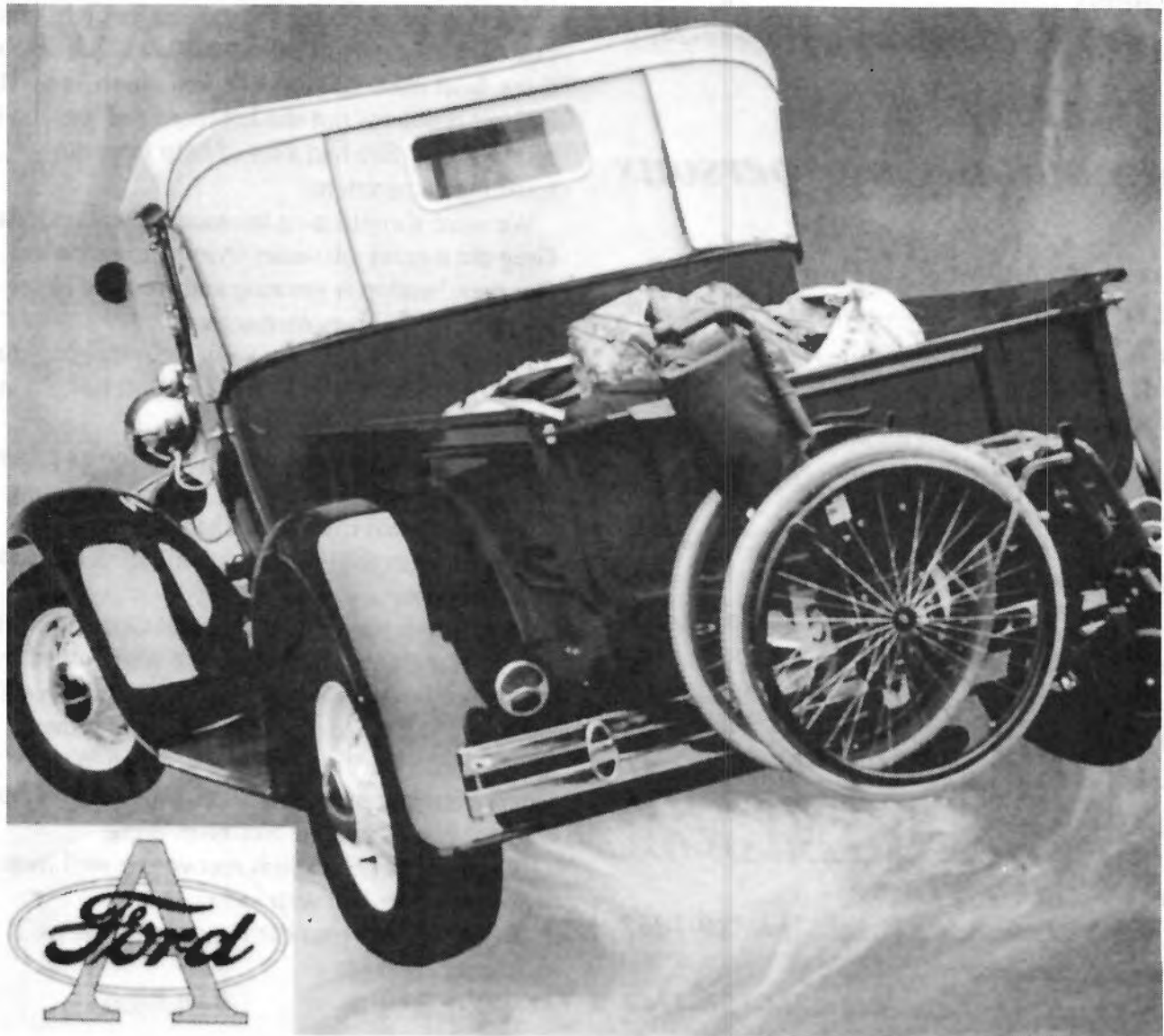
Orange County Model A Ford Club

Model A Ford Club of America

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Art Moore's car....see page 4



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Club Greeter:

Jon Heiland.....714-836-4244

The Open Hood Prez!



Another month has come and gone and it has really been a busy one. It has kept us all on our toes and lots of fun driving out toys.

Five cars of us went to Vancouver to the Northwest Regional Meet and it was quite an experience. Our first event of that kind. We met some wonderful people from different clubs and we can't say enough good about our host club. Good tours, boat ride, salmon bake, hill climb, etc.. Betsy had her problems but she got there and back on her four wheels. She had a lot of help from our traveling companions.

We were sorry to miss the meeting but understand Greg did a great job under trying circumstances. Our membership is growing and we hope to see lots of our new members on our tours.

Lots of us will miss the September meeting due to the Rim of the World Tour, but it will be held at the school and Greg will be presiding.

The Sawdust Festival was a lot of fun and thanks to the Graves and Carceranos for their planning. We were treated royally and had a great time. Thanks also to the Festival committee for making us so welcome.

Sunday saw nine cars meeting at Coco's for the tour to Hawthorne Air Faire. We were joined by two cars from the Forever Four. We had a good time except we had to stay a little longer than anticipated. Our friends from Wings n Wheels (Stearmans) put on a great show plus all the vintage military planes and the Northrup Wing.

We hope Carl Ericson is recovering well from his recent surgery. Get well soon.

Well, I've bent your ear long enough so we'll see you soon.

John Riggs

Board Meeting Orange County Chapter Model A Club of America August 21, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President John Riggs at the home of Carl and Nancy Erickson at 7:50PM. Club members in attendance were: John and Gwen Riggs, Mike Kuester, John and Alice Graves, Ted and Helen Loeffler, Lee Jackson, Nancy Erickson, Bev Marsh, and Greg Carcerano.

Secretary's Report:

A brief summary was given of the General Meeting at Hart Park on August 14. (Greg Carcerano conducted the meeting since John and Gwen Riggs were on the summer tour to Washington and the Regional Meet. There were four guests from the Capistrano Valley A's. They are a small club of 35 members and they wanted to see how our club functions. It was suggested that we have a joint tour with them in the Capistrano/San Clemente area. Past and future tours were discussed. Our September progressive dinner was reviewed. No technical seminar in August, September seminar will be on transmissions. Under new business, we are in need of someone to chair the 1998 nominating committee. Approximately 45 club members and their families were present.) The previous board minutes were accepted as published in the Distributor. "Thank you" to Jeanne Parrish for taking the minutes while I was on vacation in the Dearborn Michigan area visiting the "Father land".

Treasurer:

Reviewed July ending bank statement. See attached account itemization. We now have 145 club members. A \$200 donation was made to Santiago elementary school for the use of their library during the last school year.

Technical:

No August seminar. September's workshop will be at Tom Endy's home on transmissions.

Editor:

Need to have all the reports and articles in by August 28th. Any club member who goes on tours, please submit any pictures for the *Distributor*.

Activities:

A review of the August Sawdust and Hawthorne air show tours were discussed. The September Rim of the World Tour was reviewed. Our annual progressive dinner will be on Saturday, September 20th. First stop is at Dave and Sheila Plotkin's at 5:00. The prices for the dinner will be the same as last year. (Kids under 3 free; \$4.00 for kids under 12; and \$7.50 for kids over 12). Annual Poker run is set for October 26th. More information to follow.

Merchandise: No report

New Business:

John read a letter from the recording secretary from the Lucerne Valley Roadrunners who met some of our club members at the Parris Air show. They sponsor a Toy's for Tots bike run and requested if our club could assist in this public event. It was suggested that we send a \$20.00 donation. Car of the month will be Diane Stewart.

Old business:

Still need a 1998 Election Chairperson to locate candidates for the 1998 Board.

Next Board meeting will be on September 18, 1997 at 7:30 at Mike and Robin Kuester's home.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27PM.

Submitted by: **Lee Jackson**



German Magazine Reports on O.C. Member

While on a tour to Santa Barbara in May of this year, Olive and I ran into the editor and photographer of a German magazine. They seemed to be very interested in the roadster pickup and the wheelchair hanging on the rack at the rear of the pickup.

They began taking a lot of pictures and asking questions about the hand controls and the automatic transmission which makes it possible for me to drive a Model A.

They asked my permission to publish some of this material in their magazine, which is circulated throughout Germany and parts of Europe. If published I would receive a copy, which I did about two months later. To my amazement and pleasure, my pickup made the cover!

Below is a copy of the article that was written.

Art Moore

(Thanks to Max Patterson for the help in translating the article.)

EDITORIAL

(From the German Magazine Domino)

Art Moore proudly opened up the hood of his 1930 Ford. Everything shined and glittered. I was in Santa Barbara, Ca. And on this weekend was a "not to be missed" Model A Club Meet. Art opened the drivers door and showed me the built in automatic and hand gas. He told me the automatic installation was the most difficult part.

I thought perhaps he had purchased the car in its present condition but no-he had built it from parts and pieces from everywhere. "Yes," said his wife "as time went on it became the car you see today."

Art did all the painting on the car and is its pilot. When not in the car he drives a wheelchair. Art had his dreams and wishes and ignored his disability. "It won't work!" and "You can't do that!" are not in his vocabulary.



Geliebtes Automobil



Thank You

(In case you wondered who was saying thank-you last month, this is it. In an attempt to put a nice rose above it the name dropped off!)

Thank you for the cards and flowers that were sent to me and my family upon the passing of my father. It is really wonderful to have great friends in the club who are so generous in their support during trying times.

Judi Dwinger and family

Progressive Dinner Mark Your Calendar

The very popular annual event this year will be held on Saturday, September 20th.

Tickets will be on sale at the sept. General Meeting or you can mail a check to:

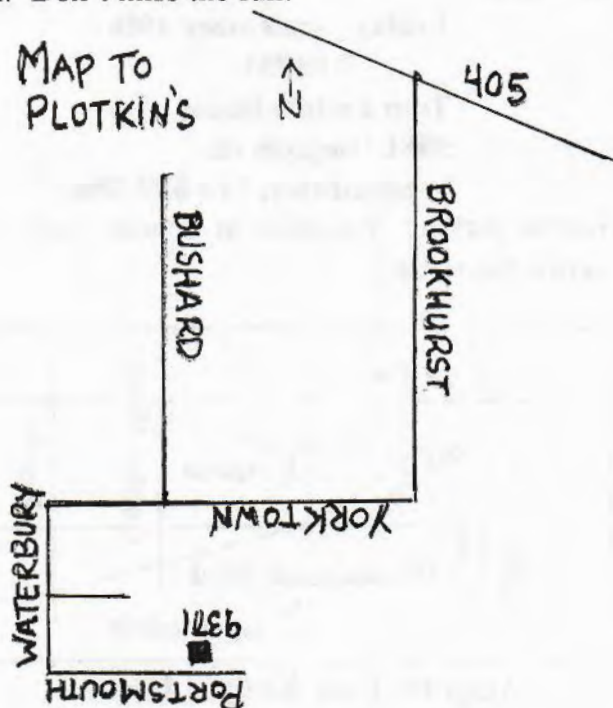
Mike Kuester
3142 N. Hearthside St.
Costa Mesa, Ca. 92627

The deadline for purchasing tickets is Sept. 11th. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 under 12, under 3 free.

There will be three stops. The first stop is for Hors d'oeuvres at Sheila Plotkin's home at:

9371 Portsmouth Dr.
Huntington Beach
(See map below)

Then on to the main course at Jim and Jo Nichols and finishing with dessert at Joe and Marion Wavra's. Many thanks go out to the Plotkin's, Nichols and Wavra's for going out of their way to make this special event happen. Thank you SO much! Don't miss the fun!



A Great Way to Celebrate! MAFCA Anniversary

The 40th Anniversary Celebration of MAFCA is going to be held the first week in Dec. (4th-7th).

There will be seminars, tours, an era clothing fashion show and dinner and a great Christmas Banquet.

This is all being held at the Buena Park Hotel and Convention Center. The schedule of events and registration forms can be found in the Restorer.

This will probably be the only Christmas National Meeting and Banquet that I'll get to attend because it is being held locally. I plan on attending many of the events and to stay at the hotel on or two nights.

This event is being put together by the 13 clubs of the Southern California Region and we definitely need the support of Orange County Model A Club members.

Join in on the fun and camaraderie. Hope to see you there.

Bev Marsh (Hotel Coordinator)



A very big thanks to the Sawdust Festival in Laguna Beach for making us feel so welcome, by providing parking spaces as well as entrance into the grounds on August 23rd. 🍷

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)

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/mental
covers, Kari Deen trunk, thermo-quail
radiator ornament, cut glass bud vaases,
ballanced and inserted B enging
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 runs and drives
like a modern car.

\$17,500
Terry Lucas
12651 Overbrook
Santa Ana, Ca.
92705 (714)633-0390

For Sale: ford 1931 deluxe Tudor, Ground
up restoration, engine overhauled and
balanced, 24 miles since restoration, Le
Baron Bonney Mohair interior, New
Chrome plating, two tone green and black.

\$15,000 obo

Ken Palmer
17278 Flame Tree Circle
Fountain Valley, Ca. 92708
(714)965-3644

TECHNICAL SEMINAR

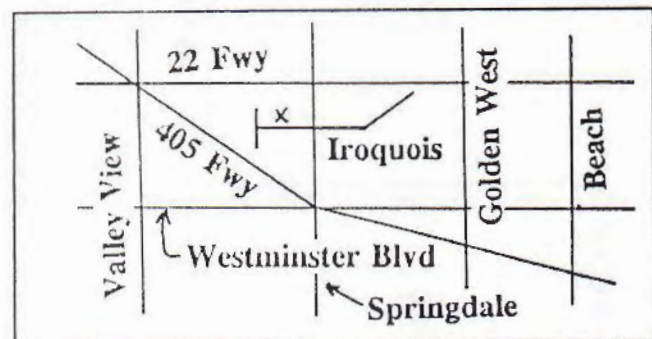
SEPT. 19TH

Tom Endy will demonstrate disassembly
of the Model "A" transmission,
identification of high wear areas, parts
replacement problems and proper
reassembly of parts. Safe handling and
repair of shifter tower will also be
discussed.

Friday, September 19th
7:00PM

Tom Endy's House
5881 Iroquois rd..
Westminster, 714-897-5861

(extra parking available in school yard
across the street.)



Map to Tom Endy's Home.

Schedule of Coming Activities

September 1997

11th Thursday

General Meeting
Santiago Elementary school
(see map on last page)

12th-14th

Rim of the World Tour

18th Thursday

Board Meeting 7:30PM
Mike and Robin Kuester's
3142 N. Hearthside St.
Orange Ca. (See map)

19th Friday

Technical Seminar
Transmissions
Tom Endy's
5881 Iroquois rd..
Westminster, Ca.
(See map)

20th Saturday

Progressive Dinner
meet at the Plotkin's at 5:00pm
(see article)

21st Sunday

Swap meet-Harbor Area MARC
TRW parking lot, Manhattan Bch. 7-3:00

28th Sunday

Swap Meet-Paradise Valley MAFC
Western little league baseball regional headquarters
San Bernardino, Ca. 6-3:00
Pancake Breakfast 6:30-8:30

October 1997

4th Saturday

Heritage Days
Kraemer Park, Placentia
Depart from Mall of Orange 8:00AM

10th-12th

Arizona Fall Tour
(If interested see the Riggs.)

11th Saturday

Conejo Valley Model A Swapmeet
Camarillo airport 7:00AM

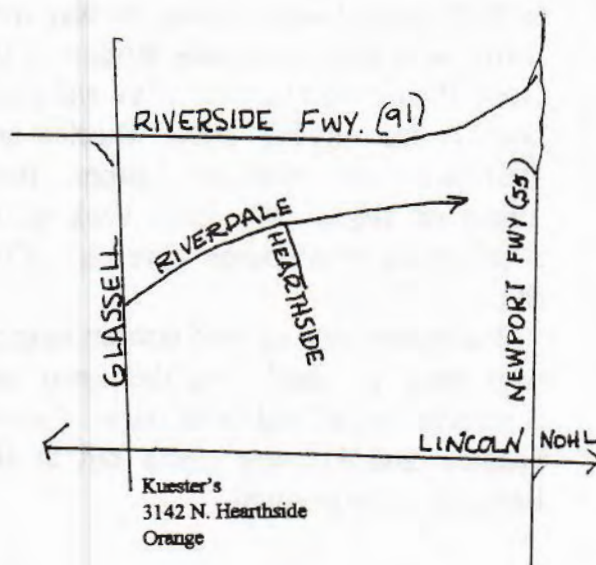
26th Sunday

Poker Run

November

14th-16th

Palm Springs Follies
(see article)



Notes on the Vancouver Washington Tour

We met the nine travelers from Orange County (Riggs, Mariolas, Nichols, Tom Endy and the Lindberghs) at Seven feathers Gaming Casino in Canyonville, Oregon. After a leisurely lunch, (the Casino seemed to do a better job of gaming than food serving) we all continued north for the last 200 plus miles to Vancouver and arrived shortly after 6 PM at the Regional Meet Headquarters.

Monday morning saw most of us at the Hill Climb about fifteen miles north of town. We watched some quick cars come up the hill. Competitive types had a chance to show off their stuff. Many Model A enthusiasts do not have a chance to see these cars at their fastest. A very nice ice cream social Monday night gave us the opportunity to renew acquaintances of past Pacific Northwest Meets.

Tuesday saw us off on the Grand Tour along the Columbia River Scenic Highway to the Cascade Locks. Along the way were many waterfalls, overloads Bridge of the Gods, Bonneville Dam, etc.. We had a two hour cruise on the Stern wheeler and afterwards an excellent Salmon Bake dinner on shore. We drove back to the hotel on the Washington state side of the river.

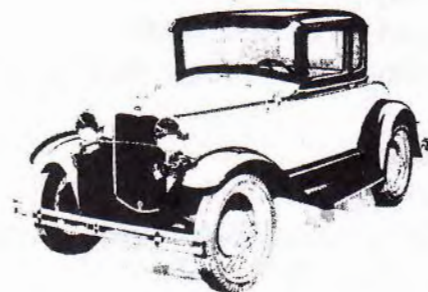
Wednesday was car and fashion judging with time to check out the town and schmooze with old and new friends. Fashion awards were given out at the Banquet in the evening.

Thursday found us touring to the Allan Schurman Iron Ranch to view a very sizable collection of tractors, old cars, steam equipment, bicycles, logging equipment and many things mechanical. Car games took place at the same time and were well attended. Our hosts, (the Volcano "A"s) served lunch and generally make the event one of the highlights of the trip. There was also a well attended demonstration of Pouring and Boring Main Bearings on a Model A engine. Thursday evening there was another Banquet for the Car awards and final goodbyes.

On the road again Friday. Som O.C. members left Thursday, others Friday for the Coast route home. We traveled with two Azalea, Oregon cars and luckily for us they were there when the timing gear decided to part with half of its teeth. A two mile tow and a flatbed hauler which arrived in the rest stop two minutes after we did, was fortunate timing. We were on the hauler and on our way in 25 minutes. The timing gear fix turned out to be a job that would have kept us in the rest stop until late that evening. This was a fix for under the trees and out of the 96 degree heat. We were running by noon the next day.

Breakdowns notwithstanding, these regional meets make many good memories.

Ted & Helen Loeffler





The Tour Begins



Schwartzenegeer's twin brother.



Isn't it Romantic!



A coupe, 4Door & 2 Door



Cruzin



The Salmon Bake

Wings and Wheels 1997

For almost a whole week before the tour I spent an hour or so each evening lubing, cleaning, polishing, changing oil, checking tire pressures and generally making my 28 Tudor ready for the weekend tour. On Friday morn, tour day, we packed up the car and left before 7AM so we would have plenty of time for a leisurely breakfast at Coco's before tour time. About a mile from home we got in line on the metered on ramp to the 57 freeway and inched our way up to the light. When the light turned green I let out the clutch and crunch, the overdrive broke. Sharon and I pushed the Tudor over to the side of the on ramp. Sharon then took her two favorite Model A tools out of her handbag. The cell phone and the AAA Emergency Road Service card.

The flatbed showed up in about 20 minutes and loaded up my very shinny, always dependable, go anywhere, tour ready Model A for a short ride back home. We pushed the Tudor into the garage and after transferring out stuff into our 34 Packard, left home again headed for Coco's.

We arrived at Coco's in time for a muffin and half a cup of coffee before it was time to tour. 10 Model A Fords, 1 old original Packard and a couple of Moderns left Coco's about 9AM and headed north on the always crowded 405. The first casualty happened at about 50 miles out. Mike Wierman's 30 coupe got very hot and steamy and didn't want to go any further. They had it towed home and joined us later. When the Wierman's coupe broke some of us stopped to help and the tour got separated, so we didn't all have lunch together. Our group had lunch just a little north of Santa Barbara at the Brown Pelican. The food was just so-so but the ambiance (right on the beach) was terrific. After lunch we continued on to Solvang where after checking in to the Anderson's Pea Soup Hotel, we all toured out to the Santa Ynez Airport. Several antique airplanes had already arrived and were flying around in formation, landing and taking off again. They sure were a beautiful sight against the clear blue smog free sky.

Friday evening most of the group gathered for dinner at the Anderson's Pea Soup Restaurant where we all feasted on pea soup, pot pies, roast beef and ice cream sundaes.

Saturday morn it was back out to the airport where

we met the airplane owners and lots of other antique car people. About 50% were all makes, models and years from horseless carriages to classic Packard. About 10 AM all the car people and air plane owners got into the cars and we began a tour on some of the most beautiful calif. back roads I've ever seen. We stopped for a snack at a charming little town called Los Olivos and then proceeded on to the lunch stop. After a great lunch, lots of tire kicking and picture taking, we drove our airplane owners back to the airport and went back to the hotel.

In the hotel parking lot John Riggs was tinkering with his engine trying to make it run on all four. Several of us joined in and after much speculating and some wagering we removed the cylinder head to discover a blown head Gasket. With 75-80 Model A's in town, we soon located a new head gasket and had a great time putting it all back together. Isn't it great fun when somebody elses Model A breaks down?

Saturday evening we all toured back to the airport where everyone, car and airplane owners, enjoyed a wonderful Bar-B-Que dinner.

Sunday morn back at the airport we all had breakfast. After breakfast it was time for antique airplane rides. For several hours the airplane owners took off, flew around for about 15 minutes and landed so that everyone who wanted to got a ride. Thanks to John Riggs even those of us who were too shy to step up and ask for a ride got to go up in a biplane. What a thrill!

In the early afternoon we started for home. We had a late lunch in Santa Barbara where some of our group decided to stay over until Monday morn. Dwinger's, Knox's, Diana Stewart and us got back on 101 headed for home but we were soon inching along in a massive traffic jam. After about a half hour we had traveled less than 3 miles. The Packard was running HOT and suddenly stopped. After it cooled down, Peit Dwinger's ingenuity got it running again and we limped it back to the motel where the other half of our group was staying. With a few adjustments, the Packard was cool and running fine again but the 101 was still jammed. We decided to have a nice dinner and spend the night. Monday morn the traffic had cleared so we had a good breakfast and headed home. What a great weekend!

If you like antique cars, antique airplanes and gorgeous countryside, don't miss this tour next year!
Glenn Johnson.....



A birds eye view of a Packard Problem!



The WILD blue yonder.....

Palm Springs Follies

Update by Greg

Don't forget you must make your own motel reservations by Oct. 9th. Motel # is 1-619-327-4200.

The person to talk to is Julia Raffri. Don't forget to mention you are from the Model A club to receive a discount. You must pay for the follies show tickets by Oct. 9th also. Tickets are \$30 per person. In last months article I stated that checks be made payable to me, this was an error, checks should be made to "Orange County Model A Ford Club(O.C.M.A.F.C.)". Please note on your check "Palm Springs" so we will know where this money goes. You can pay for tickets at the Sept. General meeting or send your checks to Greg at 2094 Monrovia ave., Costa Mesa, Ca. 92627.

Any questions contact Greg.

The Open Road

Americans too to motoring like the proverbial ducks to water. By 1923 the automobile had become a necessity and everybody regardless of social or financial position had to have one.

It was a petting parlor for the young, an errand runner for the housewife and an escape hatch for the restless.

If one could afford an elegant Pierce-Arrow or a luxurious Cadillac, so much the better, but for just \$290 (\$5.00 per week on installment plan) the country cousins could get there just as surely in his Model T runabout. And get there he did-to beaches, mountains, parks and choice picnic spots, to city haunts and rural dines.

America was on the move and the flivvers ruled the road.

Roulede McGann

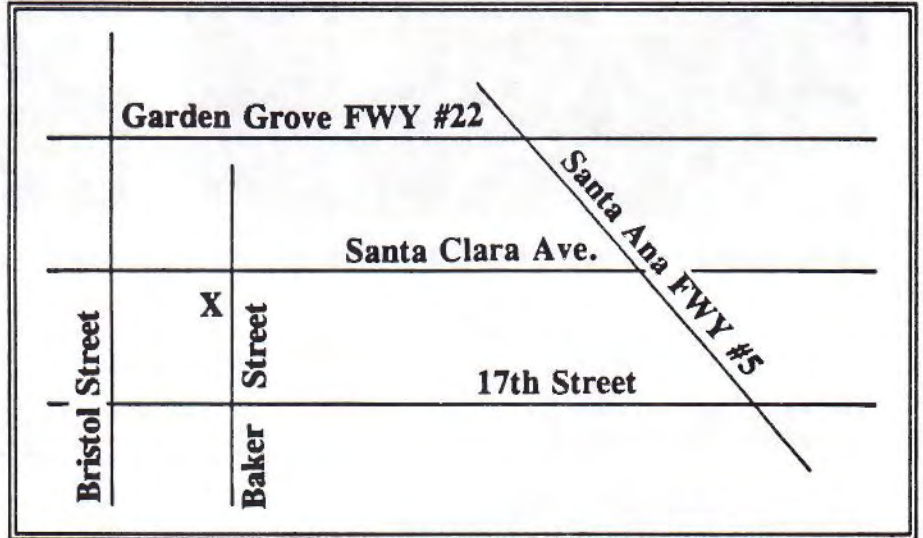
(Stay tuned as we roll into the 70 year anniversary of the Model A.)

GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

September 11, 1997 @ 7:30 P.M.

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



First Class Mail

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Santa Ana, CA 92711

