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We Love a Parade!

The Patriot's Day Parade at Laguna Beach.



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The Open Hood Prez!



By the time you read this a lot will have happened. You can really say March Madness has come and gone. Starting with El Nino, John and Alice Graves lost a small part of their garden, The Laguna Founders Day Parade was threatened and lots of house fever.

We had a beautiful day for our whale watching, saw lots of whales, big turnout, but only three Model A's.

Reedley Jamboree was next on our agenda and we went from ten Model A's to six due to various "A" ailments. We also lost the Collings and their "A" due to Terry's illness. We really missed them. We believe our Kazoo band was a big success-however, we were told they hope to see us next year at Bakersfield-and we have a whole year to practice. It was good to have Paul and Carolyn Lindberg join us in our band and also Doc and Darlene Ingwerson on their first Orange County tour. Thanks to Ted and Helen Loeffler for a wonderful back road tour. A couple of U-turns and no breakdowns.

The get your car ready seminar was held at Dave and Stefani Plotkins with a very small turnout but a lot accomplished. Our treasurer really got low down and greasy.

April looks to be busy and lots of fun. Hope you have your entries in for Laughlin and save money to keep Laughlin green. We always have a good time and thanks to our Pomona hosts I'm sure it will be another great event.

We have been having great turnouts at our meetings, the raffles have been great and lots of B.S..

Hope to see you all at the Next meeting.

Open Hood Riggs

Board Meeting

Orange County Chapter

Model A Club of America

The meeting was called to order by President John Riggs at the home of Mike and Robyn Kuester at 7:30pm. Members present were, John and Gwen Riggs, Colleen and Don Schmidt, Diana Stewart, Mike Kuester, Greg Carcerano, John and Alice Graves, Lee Jackson, Bev Marsh and Carl Erickson.

Secretary's Report: The following is a brief summary of the General Meeting at Santiago Elementary School on March 12. There were 62 members present. Minutes were approved as published in the *Distributor*. Treasurer, Diana Stewart, will balance the account at March month-end after all expenses for the Pancake Breakfast have been submitted. We were treated to another "roasting when Greg presented John and Alice Graves with their 500 mile patches. He announced that a tour to the Palm springs Follies has been planned for Nov. 14. Pieter Dwinger announced to those present to see him if they would like to purchase an antenna for their CB radio. He will be placing an order within the week. The May Technical Seminar will be on installing cast iron brake drums. Members from other clubs may participate. Alice graves displayed a poster from the La Playa Family Center thanking us for our participation in the Patriot's Day Parade in Laguna. We're sorry to report that our Hard Luck Trophy found a home this month with Diana Wierman, who threw a rod on the way to the parade. Alice is still looking for articles on 1928 cars, fashions, pictures, etc.

March car of the month was Elmo, owned by Diana Stewart. Pancake Breakfast T-shirts are on sale for \$13/ea or 2 for \$25. A public service film on disposing of oil was shown following the raffle.

Treasurer: Membership dues are still coming in and checks are going out for expenses related to the Pancake Breakfast. So far we're in good shape.

Activities: Greg reported on coming events. The

Vista Steam and Gas Engine tour has been rescheduled for June 20, and we've been invited to have two cars participate in the parade. There will be two departure times for the Laughlin tour in April.

Editors: Articles for the *Distributor* are due March 26. Rosters that were not picked up at the March meeting will be mailed to members. A second roster may be purchased for \$1.

Special events: Last minutes details for the Pancake Breakfast were discussed. We will have a crew out to clean up the area Sat. Afternoon in preparation for Sunday morning. It was suggested that the last Sunday in March be designated as the traditional day for our Annual Pancake Breakfast.

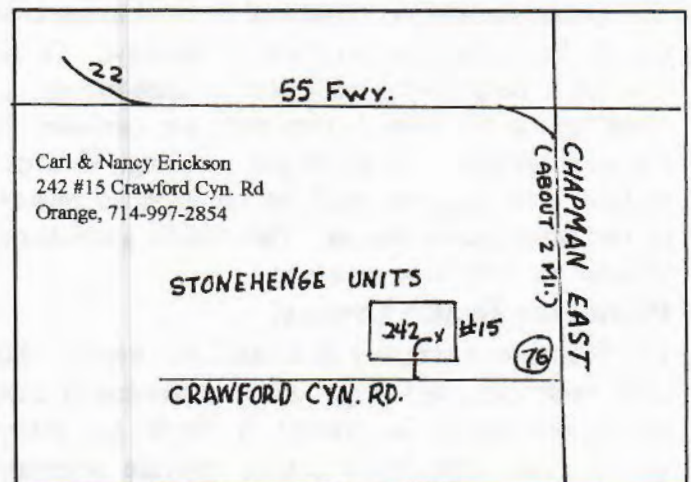
Old Business: A motion by Bev Marsh to reimburse John Riggs for a door prize donation of \$25 to the Reedley Blossom A's was carried.

New Business: The first in a series of four medallions commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Model A are available for \$15 each. This year's medallion features the 1928. See John Riggs-Supply is limited. A motion by Alice Graves to send a \$25 door prize donation for the Diamond Tread Henry Ford Picnic on June 7 was seconded and carried.

Our next Board meeting will be held April 16th at the home of Carl and Nancy Erickson (Map to Follow).

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Submitted by: Colleen Schmidt





Spring Brake!

by Tom Endy

A Brake Seminar!

The Orange County Model A Ford Club will be sponsoring a brake drum replacement seminar. The seminar will be held beginning early on Saturday morning, May 9th. Jim Nichols and Tom Endy have organized the project. Jim Nichols has arranged for a discount price on Plasmeter cast iron brake drums. The drums normally list for \$96. each. The drums will be available for \$74. each provided that we order at least three sets (12 drums). The total cost to replace all four drums will be \$296. plus \$12. for 20 new lug bolts (.60 ea), plus the cost of shipping. You must install five new lug bolts in each drum. The shipping cost will be divided up according to the number of participants we have. There is no state tax.

Call Jim Nichols! (714-546-2969) (Days)

If you would like to be included in the seminar, contact Jim Nichols and order your drums. Payment in advance will be required. The only other thing you need is to bring your old drum assemblies to the seminar (remove the roller bearings in the rear drums). You may also do less than four drums if you wish. We can accommodate any number of people, as long as we are able to order the minimum quantity of 12 drums.

At Tom's House! (714-897-5861)

The seminar will be held at Tom Endy's house. It will begin at 8:00 A.M. There will be two heavy shop presses available. One will be used to remove the old lugs, the other to press in the new. There will be a de-greasing tank and a bead-blaster to clean up the old hubs before they are mounted to the new drums. The proper holding fixtures, tooling, and expertise will be on hand to ensure correct professional results. This will be a hands-on seminar for everyone involved.

Plasmeter Brake Drums!

The Plasmeter Company is located in Oregon, and have been manufacturing quality replacement cast iron brake drums for Model A Fords for many years. Cast iron brake drums provide superior braking with less fading than the standard steel brake drums. By now many of the original Model A Ford brake drums have been turned out past their limit, further reducing their braking power.

The Technical Plan!

Hubs will be removed from the old drums by first undercutting the swedged shoulder of each lug. The assembly is then placed in a holding fixture and the old lugs are pressed out. The old drums are then discarded. If you hate to throw away old Model A parts, they make excellent pots for plants. The hubs are then de-greased and bead-blasted to bare metal. A grinding tool is used to clean up the countersinks on the rear hubs. Using new lug bolts, the hubs are then swedged to the new Plasmeter cast iron brake drums. This operation requires the use of a 20 ton press.

A Turn For The Better!

After the new drums are mounted to the hubs they must be turned to eliminate any difference in concentricity between the hub and the drum. Plasmeter manufactures their drums to be .020 under the standard 11 inch inside diameter. This allows for machining to the full 11 inch standard size. There are two local shops that have the capability of turning a Model A Ford brake drum. Not all shops are equipped to turn a rear drum. The addresses will be provided at the seminar. The cost to turn a drum is about \$10. each. This is something you definitely want to follow through with. However, Plasmeter recommends not having the area for the emergency brake shoes in the rear drums turned, as this will weaken the structure of the drum.

Arcing The Brake Shoes!

The brake shoes should also be arced to fit the new drums. It has been against the law in California for a number of years for commercial shops to arc brake shoes. The reason being the health hazard caused by the asbestos dust created during the arcing process. There does exist some speak-easy's where brake arcing can still be done. It is somewhat clandestine, and you have to tell them "Joe sent you". You can also do them yourself with a file and a feeler gauge.

The Paint Job!

Plasmeter recommends that the area where the hub joins the drum be left unpainted. It is recommended that any painting be done after the drums have been turned. Then only apply a light coat so as not to inhibit heat dissipation. ☺

NEWS FROM THE TECHNICAL GUYS:

Technical News:

Our "gettin ready to tour" tune up seminar was held on Saturday, March 21st at the Plotkin's in Hawaiian Gardens. The sun was shining bright as several Model A's showed up to get tuned up. Wheel bearings were packed, brakes adjusted, points replaced, horns tuned up, etc. Over 25 items were checked on each car. It turned out to be a very productive day as everyone got involved and left ready for some major touring. Thank you David and Stefanie for providing us with a great location to get together.

April/May Technical Seminars:

"Fine Tuning The Model a Carburetor" will be the topic of our next seminar and will be held on Friday, April 10th at 7:00pm at the home of Dennis and Judy Griffin, 18081 Santa Clara Ave., Santa Ana. On display will be the inner workings of several different models, including how to recognize some after market parts that can cause real problems. Bring your old "coughing carb" to the meet and we'll give it a MRI (major restoration investigation) or a RIP.

The May Seminar will be on the installation of the Plasmeter Cast iron brake drums. Tom Endy will host the event and graciously agreed to install the drums for anyone attending. Be sure and call Jim Nichols well in advance to reserve your set of drums and/or wheel lugs. If enough people order, we can get about a 25% discount! Be sure and check next month's *Distributor* for the final date and time.

*Mike Kuester
Paul Steed*

Car of the Month:

April's car of the Month will be Art Moore's beautiful 1930 Roadster Pickup.



Are you sure this micro-chip was standard equipment?



Elmo gets a grease manicure...

Pancake Breakfast Lives Again!

Lee was able to reschedule the Breakfast to April 26th. All the other details are the same. Pass the word along!!!!!!!!!! Call Lee at 714-521-3240 if you have questions.

Schedule of Activities

April 1998

5th Sunday

Daylight Savings time (Spring ahead!)

9th Thursday

General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Santiago Elementary School
(See map on back cover)

10th Friday

Fine Tuning the Model A Carburetor Seminar @ 7:00PM
At Dennis & Judy Griffin's
18081 Santa Clara Ave.
Santa Ana (714) 832-4112
(map below right)

16th Thursday

Board Meeting
Carl & Nancy Erickson's
242 #15 Crawford Cyn. Rd.
Orange, Calif (map page 3)

17th-19th Fri-Sun

Laughlin Tour (Depart from Mall of Orange 7:00a.m. if you are going to Mitchell Caverns-8:00 if you are going straight to Laughlin)

19th Sunday

Classic Car show at Knott's Berry Farm

26th Sunday

Pancake Breakfast.. 8:00am to 11:00am at Hart Park (Glassell and 22 fwy in Orange) Car & Fashion Show, Trophies, Raffle. Breakfast \$3.50, Kids \$2.00. For additional information call Lee Jackson at (714)521-3240.

May 1998

2nd Saturday (that's Saturday May 2nd!)

Orange County Model a Swapmeet

15th-17th Friday-Sunday

Santa Barbara Tour

23rd Saturday

Palomar Observatory

June 1998

7th Sunday

Henry Ford Picnic
Wilderness Park

14th Sunday (Note the change of date!)

Fun day! Cost \$6.00, Gymkana, Prizes, Raffle
Santa Fe Dam Rec Area
Depart from Coco's (Valley View & 22) 8:00am

20th Saturday

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum

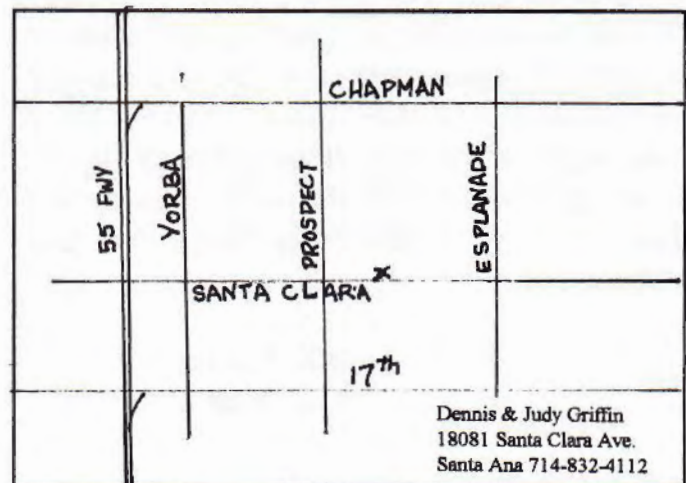
28th Sunday

2nd Annual Meet at Reno

July 1998

9th-11th Thurs-Sat.

Wings and Wheels



Parade Time

On a beautiful day in Laguna Beach, our club participated in the annual Patriot's Day Parade. We helped by having families from the La Playa Family Low-Income center ride with us in our cars. We were all decked out in flags and banners.

What started out as a 5 car contingent, became a 3 car showing. Diana Wierman threw a rod on the way and The Godfather had head gasket problems. The afternoon was spent hammering on the Phaeton engine as it did not like the idea of separation. The Graves driveway became a seminar in crowbar technology.

The Center called to say how much everyone enjoyed us and our cars and sent a thank-you poster to the Club.

John and Alice Graves would like to thank John and Gwen Riggs, Don and Colleen Schmidt, Vince Mariola (you tried!) and Diana Wierman who received the Hold Luck Trophy because of this.



Wedding Bells

Doug Marsh and Sandie Stephens were married in a private ceremony on March 6, 1998. They were wed at the "Trees of Mystery in Klamath, Calif. *Best Wishes to the new couple!*

LISTEN UP!

The rosters were just mailed out when the news came out that half of Orange County area codes will be changing in April. Just be informed that after April 18 the area codes for South Orange County (generally-Costa Mesa-Irvine south) will change from 714 to 949. This is due to start on April 18 but 714 will still work until Oct 16 when you must use the new area code.

Ford Fun Day

Model "A" Activities for the Whole Family

Sunday June 14th

Santa Fe Dam Rec Area

9:00am-2:30pm

Bring a Picnic lunch.

Cost \$6.00

Classified*****

For Sale: Pair of restored 1930 CA License Plates (4F-25-99). I still have the rights to this number and will surrender the right to the new owner.

\$150.00, Call: Dan Simmons (714) 968-7466

For Sale: Homemade 4'x51/2' box trailer built in 1932, with drop axel and coil springs. 6 lug Chev. wheels with early Chev. axel hub caps. 6.00x16, 4ply B/W tires. \$250 obo.

John Knox 562-697-2545 (Brea) Fax 562-697-2878

For Sale: AC-DC Lincoln, ARC Welder, 225amp \$250.00, Bill Rich 714-535-3202



THE BLOSSOM TRAIL JAMBOREE

By Gary and Sandy Wilson

The recent trip to Reedley sponsored by the Blossom Model A Club was great fun. Orange County Model A Club had good representation with 6 Model A's and 4 moderns.

We all met at the Citadel at 8:30a.m. and headed North on I-5. Our first official stop was for gas and then for breakfast at a restaurant at the bottom of the Grapevine. It started raining lightly after breakfast, but soon stopped. We headed North again and then East on 43 which was interesting and definitely not a straight run to Reedley. There were quite a few stops and changes of direction. We again stopped for gas in Cocoran and almost left Marion and Kathy behind. Vince and Joan had to turn around and go back to the service station to find them.

We arrived in Reedley at about 3:30p.m. and headed for our respective motels. We had a very nice reception sponsored by the Blossom Trail A's waiting for us at the Edgewater. In addition to food and refreshments, we each received a crate of goodies that were either grown or made locally. We all got together for dinner that evening at a local restaurant.

The next morning the seminars started at Kings River college with the men attending the engine and paint seminars and the women attending the quilt seminar.

All the seminars were will received and informative. After a box lunch at the school, we took the tour along the Blossom Trail with two scheduled stops along the way. We stopped at the "Corny's" Broom Factory to see demonstrations on how brooms are still made essentially the same as years ago. The next stop was to an antique race car museum which had not only a collection of old race cars, but a vast array of model cars, farm equipment and other memorabilia. After the tour

there was a Gymkhana and car show.

The grand finale was the evening banquet. Entertainment followed dinner with each club participating in a talent show. The highlight of the evening was the Orange County Model A's Famous Kazoo Band. Alice Graves was at the piano, Ted Loeffler was on the banjo, and the rest played their kazoo's in perfect harmony. John Riggs was our spokesman along with playing the kazoo. After two songs, we tried to sing "Henry Made a Lady Out of Lizzie". After one chorus of singing along with the recording, we all escaped back to our seats and left John on stage alone playing the rest of the song. He was enjoying it so much that we almost needed a hook to get him off stage. Lucky Colleen won a beautiful framed picture of the Blossom Trail in the raffle that followed.

Next morning we all met at 8:30a.m. and headed for home. A great time was had by all. Many thanks go to Ted and Helen for leading the trip and for John and Gwen for organizing the details and our great Kazoo Band.

Editors note: Ask the Loeffler's and the Nichol's about the wonderful breakfast they had at their beautiful *Bed and Breakfast!*



Our Usual Unruly Group.

THE TRIP TO REEDLEY

Our first tour with the Orange County Model A Club was to the Central California Region Jamboree-March 13-15.

Departure was from The Citadel, Six A's-four moderns, led by Ted and Helen Loeffler. Up I 5 to Hwy 43 to Reedley Ca., just northeast of Fresno.

Reedley Junior College was the site for Saturday's activities. The men's seminars covered engines and paint, and for the women, a "Quiet Lady" who told a story about each one of the quilts she brought to display-possibly thirty in all. She was a truly enjoyable speaker.

After a box lunch, the Blossom Trail A's toured the group past beautifully blooming orchards to former Indy race driver Milt Jansen's museum, and then to a broom factory which must have given everyone a new appreciation of brooms, which are mostly handmade!

The Orange County Kazoo Band of Renown performed so well-they have been invited for next year's Jamboree in Bakersfield!

To sum up, it was a great weekend.

Darlene and Doc Ingwersen



Mr. Open Hood "Kazoo" Riggs is Serious



Our Usual Unruly Group.



Doc Practices his Kazoo.



A New Broom Sweeps Clean

Whale Watching Tour

The night before our Whale Watching Tour we heard the prediction of light showers and overcast skies. Instead we were blessed with a perfect day. We met in the parking lot of Sears at South Coast Plaza. Three Model A's and 12 Moderns formed the tour. We all took our Dramamine (just in case).

We drove along the coast to Peters Landing. Our tour guides were very friendly and informative, and we not only saw whales but close ups of a Blue Heron and their large nests and Sea Lions enjoying the warm sun.

The whales were close enough for us to see their barnacles. This was totally amazing to me, The only other time I've seen a whale was from Alice and John Graves' balcony last year!

It was great being out in the fresh air, relaxing with our Model A family and friends. After "Whale Watching", we walked across the street to Woody's for lunch on the patio.

By Leslie Carcerano



They gave us a *seal* of Approval.



Honest-Somewhere out there is a whale



Is the Dramamine Working ?

O.C.MAFCA
SWAP MEET

SATURDAY MAY 2, 1998

6 A.M.-1 P.M.

VINTAGE FORD PARTS

11318 BEACH BLVD. STANTON

2 MILES NORTH OF THE 22 FWY

4 MILES SOUTH OF THE 91 FWY

FOR MORE INFO CALL:

LARRY (714) 963-2724... DENNIS (714) 832-4112

PRE-REGISTRATION \$10:00 OR DAY OF MEET \$15:00

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

NUMBER OF SPACES _____ @ \$10:00 EACH

**MAIL TO: O.C.M.A.F.C.A. C/O LARRY MCKINNEY
18103 FIRESTONE COURT, FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA 92708**

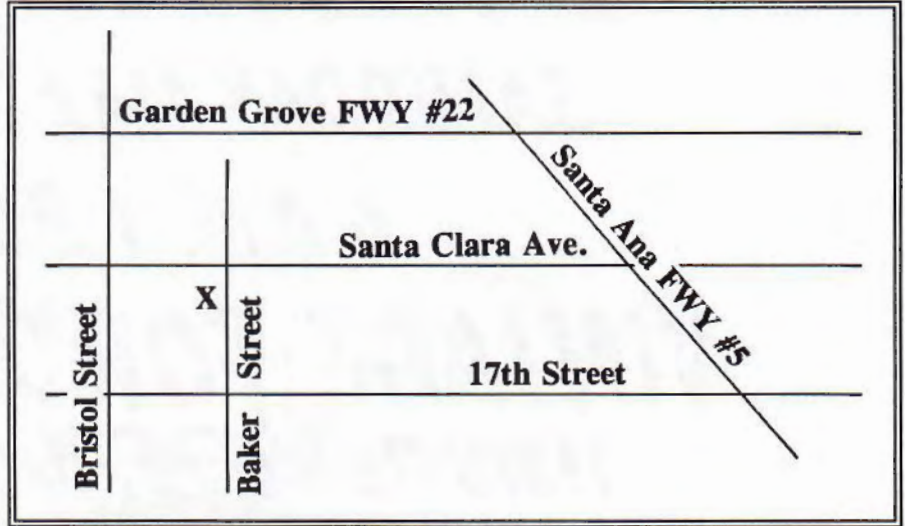
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GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

April 9, 1998 @ 7:30 P.M.

Santiago Elementary School
2212 N. Baker Street
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