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Model A's visit Mission San Xavier del Bac

Phoenix Club Meet (see article)

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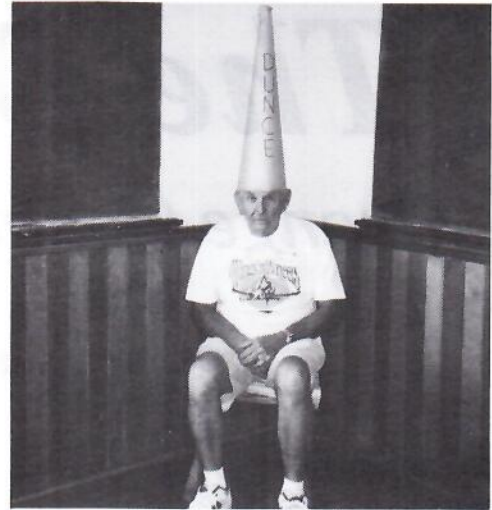
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The Open Hood Prez!



After some thought and two cups of coffee, I decided it was time to get this article written. There was also a little prodding from our retiring editors.

It has been a fun and rewarding two years for us. Lots of ups and downs but mostly ups. We have met lots of interesting people while representing our club and hopefully make lots of new friends.

There has been many outstanding tours, lots of eats, pit stops, more food, and even some breakdowns. Our club members were always there to help keep things going.

When it came time for El Nino and the Pancake Breakfast, the "worry stone" really got a workout. We came through it all with flying colors--a true club effort!

Then there were the meetings. I was told to follow Robert's Rules of Order. Any comparison to my meeting and Robert's Rules didn't exist, but we muddled through.

New members--don't be shy. Join us and see how much fun you will get out of being a member and participating in our events. Drive your cars and enjoy them as that is what they were made for.

Now it's time to move on and pass the gavel on. It's been a pleasure serving as your "O.H. Prez" and now it's time for the hood to be closed. You have a great new board and I'm sure you will all pitch in and help them.

Thanks again for all your support--it's really been fun!

Your O.H. Prez and the First Lady

BOARD MEETING

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

Nov. 21, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President, John Riggs at the home of John and Alice Graves. 24 members were present. Board members present were John & Gwen Riggs, Colleen Schmidt, Diana Stewart, Mike Kuester, Greg Carcerano, John and Alice Graves, Jeanne Parrish, Walter Deutsch.

Minutes were approved as printed.

Secretary's Report: The General meeting was held at Santiago Elementary School on Nov. 12, with approximately 50 present, including visitors: Herb Antrim, Bob Rose, Pete Pavidis, Dan & Sylvia Adelman, Lou Lewis, and Richard Jacks. Diana Stewart reported that membership dues are starting to come in and our CD will mature in three weeks. The Yorba Linda Merchants Association has invited us to bring our Model A's to "Old Time Christmas on Main Street" in downtown Yorba Linda, Dec. 3rd from 5:00 to 9:00PM. Special Events Chairperson, Lee Jackson, reviewed plans for next year's Pancake Breakfast scheduled for March 29. There will be an article in the "Restorer". Santa will be present at the Children's Christmas Party and General Meeting in December at Me and Ed's Pizza Parlor in Garden Grove. Jim McMillan reviewed gymkhana activities for next year's Western Divisional Meet. Following the evening's raffle, members were treated to a slide show of the Reno Meet and the Johnson and Dwinger European tour. Thanks Glenn.

Activities: 52 members have signed up for the Fillmore Train Tour. People are urged to get their reservations in early for Bakersfield and Wings and Wheels. See John or Gwen for forms.

Treasurer: Stop payment will be made on two checks lost in the mail and new checks issued.

A motion was made by Mike Kuester to reimburse

Richard Norden the \$25 membership fee as he was not added to the membership list for '98. The motion carried.


Old Business: New Member packets containing tour rules, badge, roster and by-laws will be compiled and distributed to new members.

New Business: A motion by Colleen Schmidt to make a \$300 donation to Santiago Elementary School in appreciation for providing our meeting place was 2nd by Mike Kuester and carried.

Technical: There will be no Technical or Car of the Month for December.

Editors: Articles due Nov. 23.

Submitted by: Colleen Schmidt, Secretary

CLASSIFIED... 

SPECIAL MODEL A PARTS & ACCESSORY SALE

Parts collected over 40 years include engines, transmissions, starters, generators, one complete rear end, wire wheels, many accessories including driving light, float-o-motor, parade flags, Model A Ford books, 15 years of *The Restorer* and much more.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1999

7:30AM

606 Dahlia Ave., Corona del Mar

Two blocks south of MacArthur off Coast Hwy.

Wade Roberts

For Sale: Pump organ, made 1800's, all original, Mason and Hamlin (best quality) good sound.

Includes piano stool. Less than 1/2 of appraisal \$700. (Need the room)

John Graves

(949)497-3067

Keeping Up

Appearances

By Glenn Johnson



If your Model A has been restored for a few years, it may not look quite as good as it did when it was fresh. Driving them as much as most of us do causes dirt, grease, chips and other natural deterioration. In fact, even if your car just sits in your garage, dust and natural oxidation will eventually cause it to lose its sparkle. Here are a few tips and tricks I use to keep my Model A's looking as fresh as possible.

***Body and Fender Finish**

If you have a few chips you can touch them up with a small brush. Just touching them up will make them look better but if you really want to make chips almost disappear-try this: fill the chip with paint until it is above the surface of the original paint when dry. This may take 2-3 applications because paint shrinks when it dries. Allow at least 1 week for the built up paint to dry. Next using a small wooden block and some 1000 grit color sanding paper with mineral spirits as a wetting agent, carefully sand the built up paint down to the level of the original paint. During this process wipe the area dry often to see your progress. Next rub the area with #7 white rubbing compound on a damp paper towel until it shines. I wax my cars often with pure carnuba wax (no cleaners or abrasives) so I'm not removing any paint. If your paint is oxidized, try #7 white rubbing compound or Meguires #7 polish first applied and rubbed with a damp paper towel. The damp paper towel will absorb the dead paint unlike cloth rags that tend to deep the dead paint on their surface and scratch the finish. Change the paper towels often.

***Bright Work**

If your Model A is a 30-31 and the stainless steel was properly buffed when it was restored, it should clean up nicely with soap and water. Simple

Green works super. Never wipe the stainless steel with a dirty cloth. It will scratch. Bumpers and other chrome parts usually clean up with any brand chrome polish, but, if you are starting to deteriorate, try red rubbing compound. Don't forget to paint the depressed areas of your bumper clamps Ford Blue and the end bolts and spacers Gloss Black. If your 28-29 Model A has nickel plated bright work, try simichrome polish to keep that original luster.

***Wheels Tires and Lug Nuts**

When removing and replacing wheels, I never use the original lug wrench/crank. It's too hard to control and will chip your wheels. I use a socket with a short extension and a medium length ratchet handle. I cover the socket and the extension with a plastic bag so the socket will not make metal to metal contact with the cad plated lugs and the extension will not chip the spokes if it touches them. Clean unchipped glossy wheels make a big difference in the overall appearance of the car. If your lug nuts are a little shabby, spray them with a light coat of Krylon silver metallic spray paint and re-install them using the plastic bag trick. If you have whitewall tires, try Westley's Bleach White which also cleans blackwalls very well. Tire dressing will keep those blackwalls looking clean and deep black.

***The Radiator**

Radiators, because of their intricate surface, collect dirt and are hard to clean. After a while they start to look gray and blotchy and detract from an otherwise nice looking car. Once or twice a year I mask off my radiator shell with tape and newspaper to cover most of the front of the car, throw a sheet or blanket over the hood and front fenders and put some paper or cardboard behind the radiator. I spray the radiator with Krylon #1613 Semi-flat Black. A light coat of paint on the front of the radiator will not effect the cooling and will make it look new again.

***Upholstery and Tops**

If your Model A has fabric upholstery and has collected a grease spot or two, try K2R Spotlifter. It's available at most large drug stores. Long/short grain top material turns flat and gray with dirt and

It's available at most large drug stores. Long/short grain top material turns flat and gray with dirt and age. A scrub brush and some tire dressing will make it look new again.

***Chassis and Engine**

If your chassis is really dirty like my deluxe delivery was after the Europe tour, you may want to start your cleaning at the coin operated car wash. Once you're home, put the car up on four jack stands, remove the wheels and continue cleaning with soap and water and some solvent (Mineral spirits) applied and scrubbed with an old paint brush. Wrap the metal part of the paint brush with duct tape so it won't scratch your chassis point. Use the same process in the engine compartment until all the dirt and grease is gone. Next spray all chassis and engine parts with WD40 and wipe with paper towels. Finish wiping as dry as possible with old teeshirts or baby diapers and your engine and chassis will shine like new. I learned the WD40 trick from Dan Simmons and it really works.

***Glass**

If your cars glass looks a little hazy, try going over it with a "new" single edge razor blade to remove and road film, overspray or tar. Next clean with windex or any other glass cleaner. For super glossy glass, wipe with Brillanize Plexiglass Cleaner available at any plexiglass store.



Glenn Johnson and his "shining" Woodie.



Pieter Dwinger driving Rafer Johnson and party at the senior games.

ORANGE COUNTY SENIOR GAMES



Club members Pieter Dwinger and John Knox ushered in the celebrates for the Orange County Senior games Track and Field event on Saturday October 17. Pieter drove John's Model A Phaeton on to the playing field with 1960 Decathlon Gold Medalist Rafer Johnson. He also was the runner to light the torch and open the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

John drove the 1930 Rose Queen Holly Balthis in a 1910 Model T Ford owned by Mary Moody of La Habra. Holly is 90 years young and a delightfully sunny person. Any of us would be so blessed to look as good as she when we are (were) 75 years old! Holly is the oldest living Rose Bowl Queen and is still active in Laguna Beach and still very active in her church there, the United Methodist Church.

John Knox



CCRG Jamboree in Bakersfield

March 28

Pancake Breakfast

Start lining up those raffle prizes now.

July 16,17&18

Wings and Wheels

October 7,8 & 9

MAFCA Western Divisional Meet

Temecula

October 15-17

Back in Time, Yuma Ariz.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

December 1998

6th Sunday

Xmas Tree Train Ride

Antique Train Ride through Heritage Valley

Must Pay in advance.

Depart from Cocos (Valley View & 22 Fwy)

7:30AM

10th Thursday

Children's Christmas Party and General Meeting

Note: Starting time is 7PM!

At Me & Ed's Pizza Parlor in Garden Grove

See article under Children's Christmas Party.

13th Sunday

Annual Installation/Awards Banquet

5:30PM at Westcoast Anaheim Hotel

See article for details and directions.

14th Monday

First day of Chanukah

17th Thursday

Board Meeting 7:30PM

Don & Colleen Schmidt

5022 Woodcrest

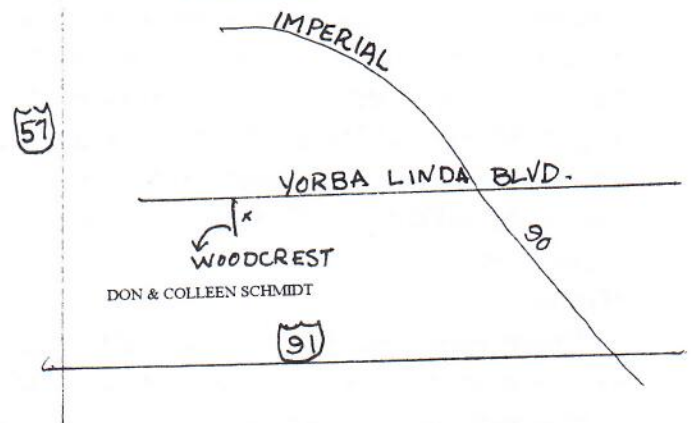
Yorba Linda, (714)524-2659(see Map)

25th Friday

Merry Christmas!

1999

March 12,13 &14



Important Notice

The annual

Installation/Awards Banquet

Sunday, Dec. 13th WestCoast Anaheim Hotel

No host cocktails 5:30PM

Dinner 6:00PM

Don't miss this event!

\$25.00 per person

If you wish to attend call Jeanne Parrish

(714)534-8129 or Bev Marsh (714)373-9769

Today!

Hotel is located on Harbor Blvd. South of

Katella Ave. Turn west onto Convention Way &



Arizona, 3rd Annual Fall Tour

The Riggs and the Mariolas departed from our home at 9AM on October 28th. The trip to Yuma was uneventful, as "Open Hood" only had to open his hood once for a little water pump grease, after that he began to have a smile on his cherry cheeks. Anytime we have to stop, Gwen has time to either work on her crossword puzzle or play solitaire, so she is happy also. Around 1:00PM, we stopped outside of San Diego for lunch. John and I had one of the best malted milkshakes we have ever had. We were on our way again and arrived in Yuma around 5 PM. We decided to order a Pizza, so we just relaxed with a few adult beverages, pizza and an order of buffalo wings which we didn't order, the pizza parlor told us to keep them.

On day 2 we had breakfast in Yuma and then waited till 9:15AM for the McCalls, who were driving in from Yorba Linda to meet us, there was a time change, so we thought, possibly, they would be an hour late, so we headed for Green valley. Not much longer after that we heard a horn honk and a car passed us. It was the McCalls, they had missed us by minutes. We stopped for gas and hellos and hugs were exchanged and we were on our way. We continued on our way to Green Valley, which is a long trip for the Model A's and a longer trip for the McCalls who had to drive the long distance from home. We arrived at our destination around 3PM. We were greeted by the very friendly Phoenix Club members. We received our goodie bags with some valuable gifts, such as badges, pens, 401 samples, etc. Friday AM we took a tour of the Mission San Xavier del Bac, a very old and a very beautiful mission that is still in use. Friday PM we took a tour of the Titan Missile Site, very interesting but a lot of steps. Friday evening we went to a hamburger fry put on by the

Phoenix Club. Everything was delicious.

Saturday was another busy day, we toured the Tumacacori Mission and the Tubac Historic site, where John got to sit in the corner of the old country school with a dunce hat on. I wonder why they choose him? Just kidding John. John and I also had a good malted milkshake at the Dari-Queen on the way back to Green Valley from the tour. Saturday night we attended a Halloween party at the Palms Restaurant, which is in the Best Western Green valley Hotel. It was a fun time, not stuffy and time consuming with a lot of unnecessary speeches. The buffet was one of the best that Joan or I had ever had at such an occasion. They had prime rib, chicken breast and pouched salmon and of course all the goodies that went with them.

Sunday morning we started out around 9AM heading homeward. Kathi and Dale toured with us to the Phoenix turn off, headed for Mesa where they were going to see their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. We traveled on to date Land where we stopped for gas and guess what else, a date malted milkshake. John, Joan and I had a malt that was fantastic and Gwen had a bowl of soup. We then got on the road again and waddled on to Yuma. We arrived there around 4PM, settled in, had a few adult beverages and went to the Cracker Barrel Restaurant for dinner. Joan and I were pleased to see the restaurant, as we have visited them all across the South and the East. Good food.

Monday morning we headed out again for home, stopped for lunch in El Cajon and then on home with no problems. We arrived home around 5PM, tired but happy to have had such a wonderful time, thank to the Phoenix Club. Hope you all plan to go to their tour in Yuma next year.

Vincent "The Godfather" Mariola



GREEN VALLEY TOUR



Was there any food left in Green Valley when this crew left?



The old Tumacacori Mission on a picture perfect day.



They're in there drinking malts and all we get is gas!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



The kid's Christmas party will be held on Dec. 10th, immediately following a short general meeting at "Me N Ed's Pizza Parlor". It is located on Garden Grove Blvd. Between Haster and Harbor in Garden Grove.

The meeting will be at 7 PM.

The club is providing pizza and sodas for the kids.

Marion, Gerry and Gwen are working on "treats" for the kids. Thanks ladies!

Bring a \$5(or less) gift wrapped and plainly marked with the child's name.

We need someone to organize a pinata and/or a game or 2. Give Bev Marsh a call if you are willing to help make the party a success.

Let Bev know (714)373-9769 if your child, grandchild, or family friend will be attending.

Santa will be there!

Bev

(See map on back cover)



Veteran's Day Parade. Lee Jackson & John Riggs drove submarine vets in the parade.

Services December 3rd.



It is with great sadness that we report of the recent passing of our dear Pearl Spielberger. For so many years she had been, with her husband Lou, a faithful member. The name Spielberger is synonymous with Model A Club of Orange County.

Our sympathy, love and prayers go out to Lou.

The services will be at:

Pacific View Cemetery

3500 Pacific View Dr.

Newport Beach, Ca.

3:00PM-Those who can, drive your
Model A.

In Remembrance

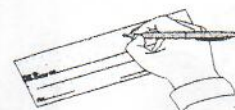
Joe Eatherton, past president, passed away November 17th. Joe and Betty with their two sons, Joe Jr. and James, along with Betty's mother, had been very active in MAFCA since 1959 and Joe was the second president of our chapter. Betty had also served as secretary. Even though will health had prevented them, in recent years, from active participation, they still retained their membership in our chapter. We offer our condolences to Betty and family.



Bates Nut Farm tour was the first good rain of the season. It was a beautiful "Model A Road" tour, even in the rain.



Palm Springs was perfect weather. A relaxing time was had by all/ The Graves lost a timing gear this trip. Love that Hard Luck Trophy!



Don't forget to pay your dues.

\$25 a year.

Thanks to all!



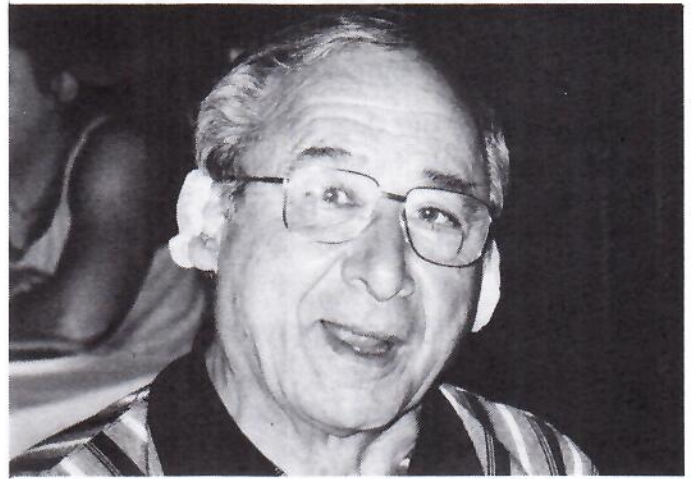
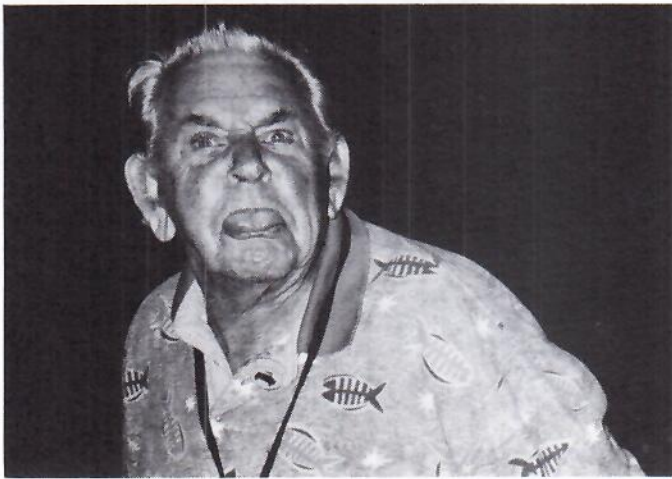
This is the last newsletter we will put together. Two years ago we took the giant leap and said "yes" to the Godfather. We're sure that the members were as unsure as we were that we would ever get those newsletter out each month, but, with the guidance of Tom Endy and all the help from the members, we are "putting our last one to bed", and you got one every month!

Granted, it is a lot of work, but it also is a very satisfying job that we will miss in some ways. This is a great club and they help you to do the impossible. Keep those articles and pictures coming to the new editors, Rick and Deena.

Thanks again for pictures, articles and encouragement.

John and Alice

Our Distinguished Members



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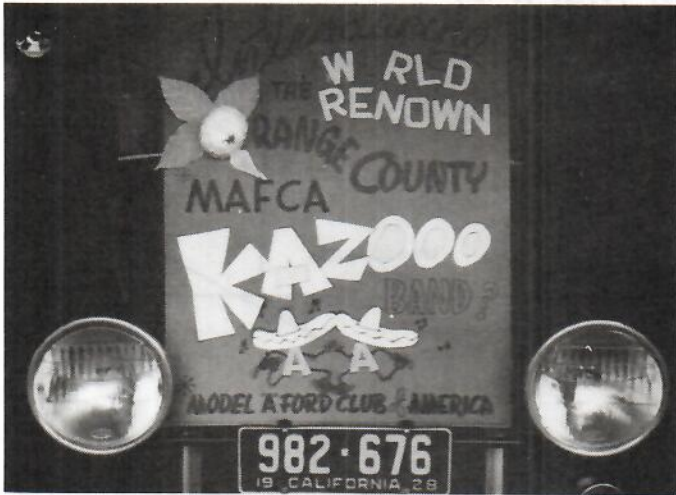


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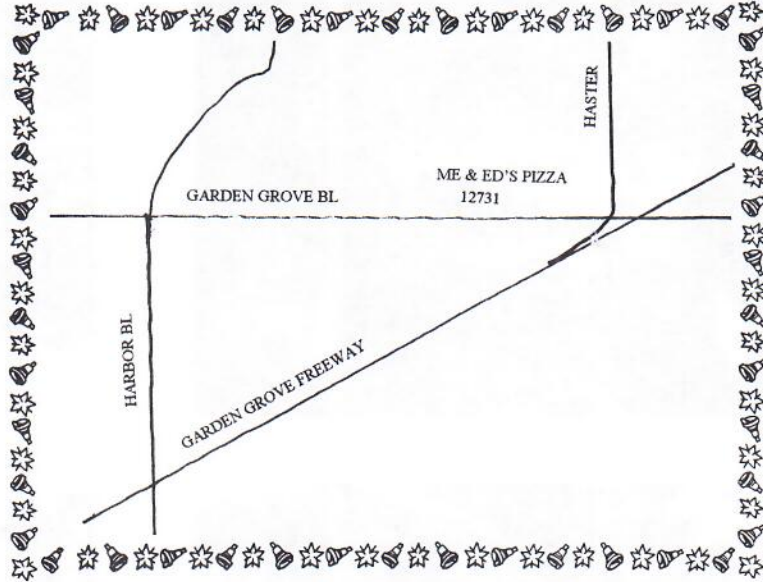
GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

[Second Thursday of every month]

December 10, 1998 @ 7:00 P.M.

Me-N-Ed's Pizza
12731 Garden Grove Blvd.

(Only for the December meeting
Back to the school in January)



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

First Class Mail

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