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A Tribute to Everyones Friend ... Joe Wavra

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The Open Hood Prez!



Here we go with a brand new year and I would like to welcome our new board members and chairmen. Colleen Schmidt will be our new secretary, Diana Stewart treasurer, Paul Steed technical co-chairman - our former "money man", Mike Kuester, will also be sporting a new title as technical co-chairman. Continuing as a board member but wearing a new hat, Lee Jackson will be special events, namely Pancake Breakfast chairman.

Walt Deutsch will join Gary Discher as raffle co-chairmen and Carl Erickson will take over Patches, Logos and paraphernalia. Joining us as refreshment chairman will be Peter Mastro, one of our newer members. Be sure and give him a hand.

Welcome back all the other chairmen and I am really looking forward to a great "98". If any of your officers ask for help or input, please don't hesitate to pitch in. It takes all of our participation to make our club a success.

I'm sure that everyone who attended our annual dinner enjoyed the lovely affair hosted by Pieter and Judi Dwinger. A special tanks to Jerry Valiquette for his entertaining Elvis impersonations. Congratulations to our Greg Carcerano for being voted outstanding member of the year and to Jim and Jo Nichols for winning the Jim Marsh Family Award.

It seems like a closing event but really the Christmas Light Tour and dinner hosted by Glenn and Sharon Johnson, is our first event of "98". We can't thank the Johnson's enough for sharing their lovely home with us and as usual they put on a really super event.

Looking forward to a busy "98", I remain your O. H. Prez.

John Riggs

Board Meeting Orange County Chapter Model A Club of America

December 18, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President John Riggs at the home of John and Gwen Riggs at 7:41PM. Club members in attendance were: John and Alice Graves, Mike Kuester, John and Gwen Riggs, Ted and Helen Loeffler, Lee Jackson, Greg Carcerano, Carl Erickson, Bev Marsh, Colleen Schmidt and Diana Stewart.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous Board meeting were reviewed and accepted as published in the *Distributor*. The 1998 Board of Directors are:

John Riggs, President; Colleen Schmidt, Secretary; Diana Stewart, Treasurer; Mike Kuester/Paul Steed Technical; Activities, Greg Carcerano; Lee Jackson, Special Events. Member of the year, Greg Carcerano. Marsh Family Award Jim and Joanne Nichols. John and Gwen Riggs were presented with the Kelly Craig award for attending all the tours during 1997. There were 77 members and guests who attended the 1997 holiday dinner at the O. C. Mining Co.

Treasurer: Our account balance is in excellent shape. See attached November month end account itemization. A motion was made by Bev Marsh to purchase a Certificate of deposit that would mature just prior to our annual pancake breakfast and was seconded by Mike Kuester. A brief discussion was held and the motion carried. Diane Stewart will compare rates with our current bank.

Technical: Mike Kuester is in the process of establishing a list of seminars and locations to present at the next General meeting.

Activities: January 10th, Antique Gas and Steam engine museum in Vista. January 18th Huntington Library. Considering having a tour in February to the Getty Museum. There will be a 70th "birthday" party in February for the 1928 cars in the club. More details

to follow.

Editors: Thanks to all members who send in articles and pictures.

Merchandise: Carl Erickson has stepped forward and will Chair this important club activity. (Thank you Carl)

New Business: Jeanne Parrish will chair the 1998 holiday dinner. It was suggested to consider a Sunday date which would also save us approximately \$100. Light tour will be December 20. There will be a pot-luck before the tour at the Johnson's home.

Old Business: Jon Heiland

Next Board meeting will be on January 15, 1998 at the home of Greg and Leslie Carcerano.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Submitted by: **Lee Jackson**



Is Now on the Internet

By Dan Simmons

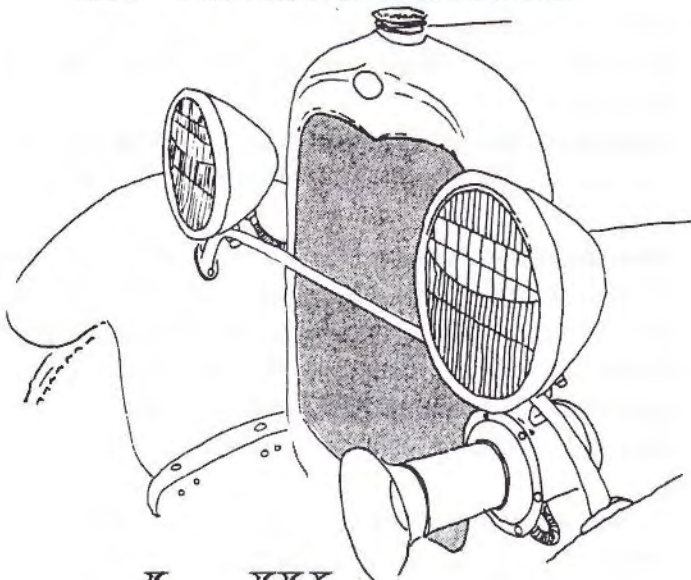
We now have a web site. Our address is:

<http://www.beachcombers.dom/cars/ocmafca.htm>

We are also listed on the national MAFCA site under chapters and SIG (special interest groups).

I invite you to submit anything you would like to see published on our site. Check it our, I'm in the roster or you can E-mail me at: dan@beachcombers.com.

In Remembrance



Joe Wavra

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Joe Wavra but it is also a time to celebrate the way he contributed to the lives of the members of the Orange County "A"s. His memorial service on Dec. 27th was well attended by the Club and over 20 Model A's were lined up in the parking lot. A tribute to a very special person.

Remembering Joe Wavra!

By Tom Endy

It was with great sadness that we have all learned of the recent passing of our fellow club member and friend Joe Wavra. My earliest memory of Joe was at the time of the 1990 MAFCA National which took place in San Diego. Joe suffered a stroke just shortly before. At the time he was very active with the club and was part of the committee planning the National. On the day the club's tour departed for I-5 at a restaurant. There were 22 Model A Fords in the tour group. After breakfast the group formed up in a line and drove the short distance to the hospital where Joe was. Marion brought him to the rear of the hospital in wheel chair. There was a circular drive where all the Model A's circled around past Joe and parked. Everyone got out of their car and came over to see him, shake his hand, and wish him well. I was new to

the club and didn't know many people, but I remember thinking what a great gesture that was and how much Joe appreciated it. During the middle of the next week, Marion brought Joe down to San Diego for the day. He was still in a wheel chair, but he was able to enjoy some of the events. In the years since, I have observed that Joe's enthusiasm for the club and his enjoyment of the Model A Ford has never wavered. You would see Joe at almost every club event, greeting people and participating. Joe was one of the finer gentlemen the club was privileged to have as a member. We will remember him, and we will certainly miss him.

Goodby to Joe!

By Vince and Joan Mariola

Almost twenty years ago a great kind hearted person joined the Orange County Model A Ford Club. A person who was instantly liked by all, a person who did so much for the Club and the people in it.

Actually he did too much, but he never complained about it.

He liked to kid a person, but if he thought he had offended that person he would apologize to them that evening by calling them on the phone and telling them that he was sorry if he had said the wrong thing to them. I would tell him that I was sick and tired of him apologizing to me for calling me a Wop, etc. and that he couldn't hurt someones feeling if he tried.

I regret that I hadn't known Joe Wavra forty more years.

But I do regret that he changed me from the rowdy, drinking, insulting person I used to be, into the kind loving clean complimentary person I am today. I just thought I'd throw that in for you Joe, I know that you are looking down on us and you'd get a kick out of this. Goodbye old friend.

Much love, Vince and Joan

P.S. The Club is the fine club it is today, because of a few dedicated men like Joe Wavra.

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On the Road With Joe!

By Cory and Valerie Simmons

We are saddened by the passing of Joe Wavra, I remember many things about Joe. I remember Joe would always be willing to volunteer for just about any job the club needed done and most of the time this meant the jobs that most of us would shy away from doing. I think one of my best memories of Joe was on a club tour to Lilac Oaks for two nights of camping. Now I was not a camper and even balked at going on this tour but Valerie said we would have a trailer to stay in, so I said O.K. We got to Lilac Oaks and it wasn't or maybe I should say it was what I expected (didn't look good). Needless to say I spent a lot of time complaining to Valerie. The evening rolled around and we started to gather around the Wavra's area. Well I could not believe how organized they were, I mean they had all the comforts; a large gas grill to cook on, chairs, lamps, etc. and the food, man did they have the food. I started thinking hey, maybe this camping thing isn't going to be that bad after all. We all ate, and then sang around the campfire, life was good. I watched as Joe started to systematically put all the gear away. I'm thinking, wow this guy knows how to camp. Joe finished packing and it was then that I knew Joe really did know a lot about camping for it was then that Joe waved Good-night as he pulled away from Lilac Oaks taking he and Marion to the closest motel for a good nights sleep!

Valerie and I will miss you Joe.

The Hearst Castle Memory..

By Larry & Gerry McKinney

We met Joe and Marion Wavra in early June 1981, we had just joined the Orange county Model A. Club in May. Larry came home with the *Distributor* and I said let's go on the tour to Hearst Castle.

The morning of the tour, we introduced ourselves to the other 6 or 7 cars and explained this was our first run with the car. Joe said not to worry, he'd be running "back door" and help take care of any

problems along the way. We had so many problems that when we got to each appointed stop everyone would cheer! Little did he know what lay ahead of us on that first trip. We had 17 incidents during the next four days and 600 miles and every time Joe was in my rear view. Our coupe, which Ger called the police car because of it's color, was not very interested in the trip, not nearly as excited as she was seeing the sights from a Model A Ford.

From that very first day our friendship grew with Joe and Marion over the last 16 ½ years. They even were the first to be invited to our wedding in Yuma, another fun filled trip in the Model A Ford.

Joe was a very kind, loving and generous man and we'll miss him.

Sincerely,

Larry & Gerry McKinney



**Joe & Marion with the Parrishes at Los Olivos
On a recent tour.**



Schedule of Coming Activities

January 1998

8th-Thursday

General meeting 7:30PM
Santiago Elementary School
(see map on back cover)

10th-Saturday

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum (Vista)
Depart from sears (South Coast Plaza) 9:00AM
Bring Picnic lunch to share
Fast and slow group freeway tour.
(See article)

15th-Thursday

Board Meeting 7:30 PM
Greg and Leslie Carcerano
2094 Monrovia Ave.
Costa Mesa, Ca
645-2254
(see map page 11)

18th-Sunday

Huntington Library, Art Gallery and
Botanical Gardens (surface street tour)
Depart from Coco's (Valley View & 22 Fwy)
9:30 AM Eating facility on premises.

24th-25th Sat and Sun.

Turlock Swapmeet

February 1998

8th-Sunday

1928 Model A 70th Birthday Picnic and round of
miniature golf.
Bring picnic lunch to share and if you wish, bring
a wrapped present (not over \$10) for a 1928 owner.
You may say who it is from but don't designate
who it is to.
Depart from Sears (South Coast Plaza) 11:00AM

14th-15th-Sat. and Sun.

San Diego Swapmeet



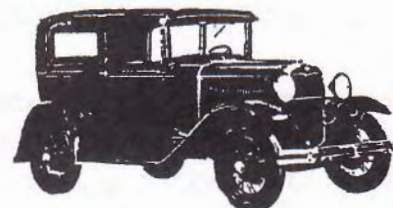
Wings and Wheels 1998

July 8,9,10,11 in Solvang

We have reserved 30 rooms at the Royal
Copenhagen, located in the heart of Solvang.

If you wish to take one of these rooms, please call
ASAP 1-800-624-6604 to reserve your room, in
your own name. Tell the group reservations that
you are taking one of the rooms reserved for the
Orange County Model A Ford Club.

Room costs are; Wed. & Thurs. \$65.00, Fri. &
Sat. \$75.00.





Happy Birthday

1928

Model A's

This is the 70th birthday for all those 1928 Fords. Henry Ford had been perfectly happy with the Model T but progress was taking over in the name of General Motors. Edsel was instrumental in getting "Dad" to agree to update the car. The A was due to be born! Model A had actually been the first car for Henry and it was chosen for this new model, but not at the very beginning. It was referred to as "the New Ford."

Here are some of the new prices:

Phaeton	\$395
Roadster	\$385
Chassis	\$325
Coupe	\$495
W/rumble seat	\$550
Tudor sedan	\$495
Fordor sedan	\$570

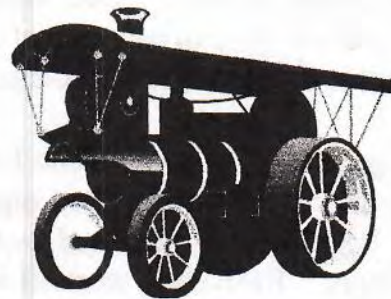
These first appeared on the showroom floors in December of 1927. But the big push for sales began in January 1928. Police had to be called out to control crowds. The crowds at Madison Square Gardens broke all attendance records. It was like that all over the country. Ford spent something like \$2,000,000 for five days of intensive advertising.

What the Model A brought to the Ford car was: a choice of four colors, some seventeen variations of body style. Standard equipment for the new model included: hydraulic shock absorbers, four-wheel brakes, standard gear-shift, battery ignition, theft proof ignition lock, automatic windshield wiper,

stop light, water pump, gas gauge, foot throttle and speedometer. It was also the first in any price class to include safety glass in the windshield as original equipment.

So this is the start of what draws us together the second Thursday of every month as well as keeping our hands greasy.

Do you have any 1928 stories or info to share, or something interesting about your "28". Send them to the Editor. It would be nice to have at least one a month for the 1928 year.



Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum Tour

The museum depicts farming and industry during the period from 1849-1950. It is a working collection. 95% of the collection is still operational. The museum sits on 40 acres, much of which is actively cultivated with traditional early California crops. The tour will lead you to the following locations: a sawmill, harvest equipment, blacksmith and wheelwright shops, a tractor tow, a museum building, steam tractors, a steam engine tow, a railroad, a gas engine row, and a farm house. Cost is \$2 per person. We will have our picnic lunch on premises. If it is raining that day the tour will be canceled and rescheduled due to the grounds will become muddy. This is a freeway tour with a fast and slow group. Don't miss the fun. Hope to see you there! Any questions contact Greg.

A Job Well Done

By Bev Marsh

It took lots of hard work to make the recent MAFCA'S 40th anniversary Banquet a success. I got to see a lot of the "behind the scenes work" and believe me, it was an awesome task to undertake! One of our Orange County members, who was not afraid to take on the task was Doc Ingwerson. He is one of the hardest working men I know. He worked for almost two years on this meet besides having a busy dental practice. Doc make sure things ran well and was there to take care of details, large and small. He and Bob Trousil (co-chairman) did a great job.

Thanks, too, go to Piet Dwinger, Glenn Johnson, Dennis Griffin and Bob Ferazzi. They organized the great tours. Everyone was impressed, especially the "out-of-towners". Everything went off without a hitch. Believe me it was a large group of people that had to be pleased and these men proved to be up to the task!

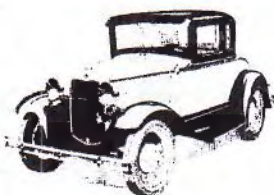
Thank you...

Dear Model A Club Friends,
Thank you so much for the lovely plant and cards sent us upon the passing of my father. Your thoughtfulness and csring is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again.

Love,

Helen Loeffler & Family



A Real Winner!

It may have been a surprise to Bev Marsh but not to the Club that she was a recipient of the MAFCA Service award.

She has been a member since 1962, serving on the Chapter Board many times, even taking on the job of President. There is nothing that Bev doesn't help the club accomplish. Everyone knows "Bev can get it done". She not only works on our events but she also is our Regional Representative to MAFCA.

Bev is a familiar sight on our tours driving her 1928 Phaeton. Also familiar are her four children -at least one will go on the tours and are usually at the meetings.

Bev is not only an inspiration but a friend to everyone. The club is proud of *Our Bev Marsh!*

Don't Forget

Dues are due!!!!!!

See that the editors get any changes to the Roster for 1998



REGISTRATION _____

OFFICE ONLY

~ 20th ~
MAFCA

National Meet & Convention

JUNE 28TH THRU JULY 2ND 1998 ~ RENO, NEVADA

HOSTED BY

THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL GROUP, INC.

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Spouse	_____	_____	
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Child under 18	_____	_____	Age _____
Address	_____	City _____	State _____
Country	_____	Zip _____	Phone () _____
Email Address	_____	Chapter _____	
FAX #	_____		

Will you bring your Model A to the meet? Yes _____ No _____ More than one? _____
 Will your Model A be judged? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like to be a Car judge? Yes _____ No _____
 Would you like to be a Fashion judge? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like a M.A.F.C.A. Youth Driving Award entry form? _____
 Would you like a Hill Climb entry form? _____
 Would you like Model Car / Hubley Derby entry form? _____
 Would you like information on indoor swap space? Yes _____ No _____
 Would you like information on selling Era fashions? Yes _____ No _____

LODGING: Reservation cards will be sent with your reservation confirmation, for the Reno Hilton or the Reno Hilton RV Park. No reservations will be accepted without the reservation card. Hotel _____ RV Park _____

To participate in any meet event you must be registered. Please be aware that some events are limited, so may not be available at a later date.

I hereby release and hold harmless MAFCA - NCRG - The Super Committee, all participating chapters and members from any and all liabilities. No registration will be granted or confirmed without the submittal of a signed registration form, which shall constitute acceptance of this release, signed on behalf of all family participants.

Name _____ Date _____

NOTE: AN UNSIGNED REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE RETURNED.

Our Busy December

The month began with the MAFCA National Meet, followed by our Christmas meeting at Knott's Berry Farm.

With our finery on, we gathered at the Orange Mining Company to eat, drink, be entertained and honor a few. Congratulations to Greg Carcerano, member of the year and to Jim and Joanne Nichols for being chosen for the Jim Marsh Family Award. No one was surprised that the Riggs got the Kelly award. They never miss a tour. Richard Parrish passed on the worry stone to John Riggs who never had a worry in his life. Right John? The old board said goodby and the new board were still able to smile. Look on page two of the *Distributor* for the list of New Board members and New Committee members.

As with every event there was a great turn out for the Christmas Lights Tour which began at Glenn and Sharon Johnson's home in Placentia. Bartender Piet Dwinger got everyone in a party mood as we all enjoyed an unending source of hors d'oeuvres. After the abundant potluck dinner we began our tour. There were 17 (maybe more) Model A's and a fine following of moderns. We were able to see some of the outstanding Christmas lights in Orange County.

A room had been reserved for us at Polly Pies where we ate even more. How can we possibly do that! Thanks to the Johnson's for all the work they put into a great evening.



The old Board Guys.



The NEW Board Guys.



A quick break for the Johnson's



**Christmas Party bunch who were too smart to
Get on the Board.**



**The Marsh Family Award
Jim and Joanne Nichols**



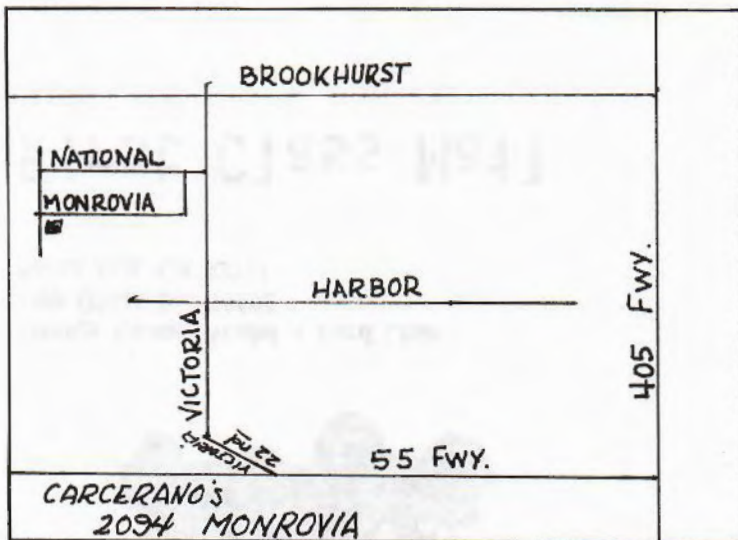
**Christmas Light Tour-on bathroom steps
(Things were crowded)**



**Member of the Year
Greg Carcerano**



Where did Piet get the idea for that mustache?



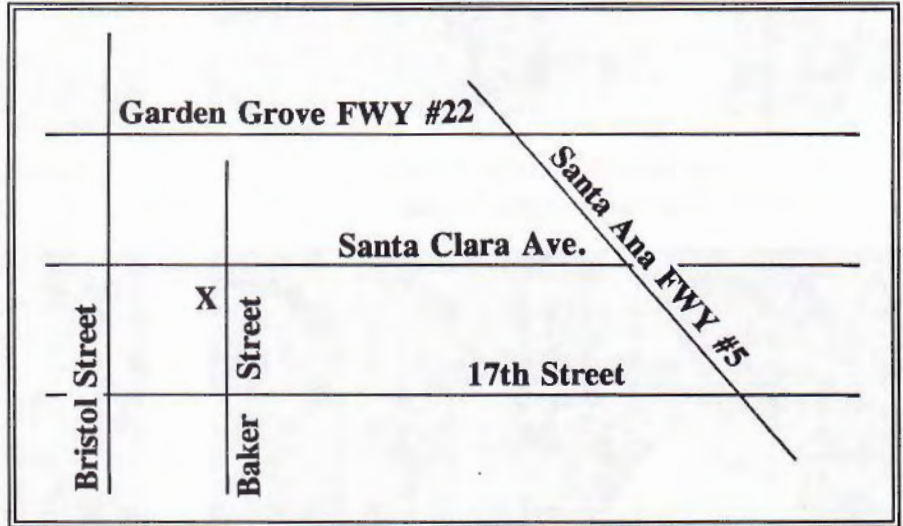
A Decorated Model A Winner!

GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

January 8, 1998 @ 7:30 P.M.

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



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