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**YANKEE DOODLE DANDY AND WIFE!**

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## The Open Hood Prez!



**Get ready Reno!** Here comes Orange County with ten "Model A's" and three moderns. We are planning on arriving on the 27th. Should be a great meet and we should bring home some great stories.

We'll just arrive home for the meeting and then fourteen or so cars will be heading for Santa Inez and Wings 'n' Wheels.

It's almost time to start getting our officers lined up for next year. Vince Mariola is our election chairman and we have several positions open. Be sure and consider taking a job and remember it's your club and it needs **you!** Give Vince a call and "VOLUNTEER".

The Progressive dinner will be coming up and there are still some courses available. So give Greg a call.

Glenn and Sharon Johnson are getting ready for the Model A Tour to Europe. Sounds like a great tour and I'm sure they will bring home lots of tales and hopefully pictures.

Don't forget July meeting at Hart Park with a pot-luck. Last names A-L bring a main dish and M-Z salad or dessert. August we will switch courses. Try to arrive around 6:00 for the dinner.

It was good to see Marion Wavra at the Henry Ford Birthday Picnic walking right along with her new knee. Piet Dwinger will be joining us in Reno so he seems to be doing quite well. Helen Loeffler has had her surgery and says she is feeling fine. Her right arm is in a cast and as she is right handed, Ted is really busy being a "Honey-Do". Hope we didn't miss anybody.

Well this is a little short for me but keep those A's running and enjoy them.

*John*

# Board Meeting

## Orange County Chapter

### Model A Club of America

#### June 18, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President John Riggs at 7:40 PM, at the home of Mike and Robyn Kuester. Other members present were: Gwen Riggs, John and Alice Graves, Diana Stewart, Colleen Schmidt, Lee Jackson, Carl Erickson, Bev Marsh, Piet Dwinger, Vince Mariola, Lou Spielberger, and Glenn Johnson.

**General Meeting:** The following is a brief summary of the General Meeting at Santiago Elementary School on June 11. Approximately 52 members present. John Heiland introduced new member, Mr. J Norton, who has a 31 coupe. Treasurer, Diana Stewart reported the all the bills from the pancake breakfast are in order. A statement is attached. Word is that the Palomar Observatory Tour was a great tour. Thanks to Diana Stewart and Bill Douglas for all their work and planning. Looking ahead; Greg announced that homes are needed for the Progressive Dinner. Sign-up sheets were circulated for the Palm Springs Follies in Nov. and the Vista tour June 20th. Thanks again from John and Alice Graves for articles and pictures for the *Distributor*. Deadline for articles is Friday, June 19. Car of the Month was Carl and Nancy Erickson's 1930 Fordor Sedan. If you want logo or patches on any articles of clothing, see Carl. An order for embroidery will be going out in the next couple of weeks. We had three competitors for the Hard Luck Trophy this month, but John and Alice Graves won by a landslide. Seems their drive shaft snapped and they had to be chauffeured home on a flatbed from Zuma Beach.

Announcements: On July 25, from 11:00 to 3:00, the Imperial and Rose Shopping center in Yorba Linda wants to showcase our cars. There will be a people's choice award. During the summer months, July, August and September, we'll be holding the General Meeting at Hart Park starting at 6:00pm with a potluck. In July A-L bring Main dish and M-Z salad or dessert.

**Board Meeting:** Minutes were approved as printed.

**Treasury:** Diana reported that two new members joined at the Pancake Breakfast. A deposit of \$250 has been made for the Christmas party. A check has been sent to ACC of \$402.00. The treasurer's report was approved. It was moved by Bev Marsh that the surplus money be put into a C. D. for 6 months. The motion was seconded by Alice Graves and carried.

**Activities:** Coming activities were discussed. The date of the Progressive Dinner was changed to Oct. 3 because of conflicts on the previous date.

**Special Events:** Lee Jackson moved that the 1999 Pancake Breakfast be held Sunday, March 28th (rain or shine) and the swap meet be held on May 1st, 1999. The motion carried.

He also said that the \$75 deposit check for Mission Viejo Rentals had not been cashed and the City or Orange owed us \$200 back on our deposits.

**New Business:** Vince Mariola is getting together a slate of officers for next year. Names need to be suggested and volunteers to come forward to fill the offices.

Vince also brought up the discussion of the year-end trophies. Many felt that it was not necessary to have a name attached to the trophy, and that the names were unknown to most people. Alice Graves made a motion that the names of Kelly Craig and Jack Peyton be removed from the awards and that they be called the "Member of the Year" and "Most Tours Attended" awards, with no names attached. A memorial page would be included on the last page of the Roster. The motion was seconded by Bev Marsh and carried. After some discussion, the Board decided that the original intent of the Marsh Family award was not that it be given annually, and that it be given at the discretion of the Marsh Family for noteworthy participation by a family in the club.

A donation to the school to be discussed at the Next meeting. Adjourned 9:30.

Submitted by Colleen Schmidt, Secretary.

## *Classified...*

### **For Sale:**

1928 Fordor Leatherback Sedan: Light and dark brown, Black fenders, orange stripe. Trunk. Ca. Registration 1928 vintage plates. Very nice car, drives beautifully. **\$11,500.**

**Wade Roberts**

**(714)675-5457 (Corona del Mar, Ca.)**

### **For Sale:**

Used Model "A" items for sale:

Generators, starters front axles, headlights and flywheels, Plus **Many** misc. Engine parts, some NOS.

"AA" chassis less engine, 131 inch wheel base with ring and pinion rear end, **make offer.**

Car trunk, Marquette all metal extension trunk, excellent condition, twin locks with key. Glossy black finish with chrome trim. **\$250.00**

1930 Model A two door sedan. **\$8,500.00**

**Jim Nichols**

**(714)546-2969**

### **For Sale:**

1930 Model A Ford (Murray) Town Sedan, Elec. Volvo overdrive, 12 volt Alternator system, 1939 Tranny, Aluminum High compression head, insert bearings (oil pressure), Mallory dual point ignition, V-8 water pump, Weber progressive linkage two barrel carburetor w/aluminum intake manifold, Jet hot coated inside and out (Since new) header, hydraulic brakes, 1955 Ford truck steering box, Original Kari-Keen trunk CB radio, oil pressure and water temp gauge, eye level brake light, YOM license plates-Ca. (3z-91), bud vases, wind wings, Maroon/black. **\$18,000.00**

**Dan (714)968-7466**

**Dan@beachcombers.com**

Location: Huntington Beach

### **For Sale:**

1947 Ford Convertible, runs, needs minor work. interior very nice-all original.

**Call: David Plotkin (562)429-5105**

### **For Sale:**

Model "A" engine with 1000 miles since a COMPLETE overhaul. Includes transmission **\$500.**

Also a Weiland finned aluminum flat head for sale.

**Jud Palmer**

**(714)538-5507**

### **For Sale:**

1930 Deluxe 5 window coupe, Black, same owner for 25 years. 2 sets of wheels, 16" & 19".

"Driver"

**Debbie Gruse**

**2222 E. Walnut**

**Orange, ca. 92867**

**(714)538 -5569**

## ***Elections are Coming...***

There are offices to be filled for 1999. Please talk to Vince Mariola if you would help out the club in this way. This is a great club because of its members and it is a really great club because those members make it happen. A little extra time each month spent by those on the Board and Committees makes the club what it is. Be one of those who will keep the club great in 1999! *Volunteer! (Vince Mariola @530-1632)*

# Schedule of Activities

## July 1998

### **4th July**

Independence Day

### **9th Thursday**

General Meeting

Hart Park in City of Orange

6:00PM Potluck

A-L bring maindish

M-Z bring salad or dessert

7:00PM meeting

(See map on back cover)

### **9th-11th Thurs-Sat.**

Wings & Wheels

See the Riggs for registration forms.

### **16th Thursday**

Board meeting

### **23rd Thursday**

Copy due to editors.

### **23-24-25 Friday-Sunday**

Vintage Vehicle Parts Exchange

much more! Starts 1:00pm Fri

Cerritos College, Norwalk

### **25th Saturday**

Mall car show, Yorba Linda

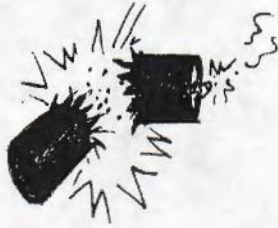
### **26th Sunday**

Poker Run

Depart from Koo Koo Roo 9:30AM

El Toro Rd and 5 Fwy. (So of Fwy)

Rear Parking lot.



## August 1998

### **4th-8th Tues - Sat.**

Leaving July 30th for tour to the MAFCA Northwest Regional Meet in Surrey, British Columbia. See Riggs for details.

### **22nd Sunday**

70th Birthday picnic & Min. Golf

Womens Driver Tour! (Men too)

## September 1998

### **11th-13th Fri.-Sun.**

Rim of the World Tour

### **20th Sunday**

Harbor "A" Antique & Classic Car Swap Meet

7:00am-3:00pm, TRW parking lot in Manhattan Beach

## October 1998

### **3rd Saturday** (this means the first Saturday)

Progressive Dinner

### **4th Sunday**

Frazier Park

## November 1998

### **7th Saturday**

Diamond Tread Chapter-Parts Exchange

6:00-2:00 Vintage Auto Parts in Stanton

### **8th Sunday**

Bates Nut Farm, Tour & Craft Show

### **13th-15th Fri.-Sun**

Palm Springs Follies

## ***Technical News:***

It was a warm, beautiful evening as the great minds of the Model A world assembled at the McCall home in Orange to put Humpty bank together again (aka Dale's Murray fordor). Supervisory assistance was plentiful as everyone lent a different opinion as to what was wrong. Comments ranged from "is this a Model A?", to "will the doors on a Briggs fit a Murray?". Unfortunately we couldn't convince Carl to let us pull the pins on one of his rear doors to find out. After 2+ hours of intensive pulling, pushing, tugging, shimming and cussing, we are proud to say that we succeeded in getting one rear door to almost fit perfect. At least everyone agreed that the wheels looked great and the garage floor appeared to be level. Thanks Dale for letting us show you how it's done!

*Mike*

## ***July Technical Seminar:***

Due to busy schedules and vacations, there will not be a seminar in July. Happy and safe motoring to all the members.

## ***Car of the Month:***

There will be no car of the month for July.



**What some people will go through to get the Hard Luck Trophy!**



**There's less wind noise if the doors close.**



**Calculating years 'til it's on the road.**

## ***And a Good Time Was had by all....***

Four Model A's were able to join a special day at Beverley Manor in Seal Beach. It was an open house and the cars were on display, not only for the residents but for the visitors. The cars were supplied by the Spielbergers, The Riggs and the DeLeons. They were treated to Pizza and much more. Everyone was able to tour the facility. were impressed with the many upgrades.

# Henry Ford Picnic

Just another beautiful day for a fun tour. 11 Model A's took off from coco's with 3 moderns holding up the rear. We arrived at Wilderness Park all in one piece. The weather was perfect. There were several Model a. Clubs present which made it nice to see so many Model a People enjoying a great Model a event.

The park was beautiful with lots of big trees for shade. The Vidals came equipped with all the gear and tried their luck at the fishing pond. Kevin was the only one who didn't come up empty handed. I heard he pulled up an old tire. If there are no other submitted entries this month, this could very easily qualify for Hard Luck! We'll see how the members vote.

The BBQ was good. After we all stuffed ourselves (as usual), Larry McDonald brought out his secret weapon, Bocci Balls. When the Godfather heard the work "Bocci Balls", he immediately woke up from his nap, jumped out of his chair and proceeded to show us why he was top ten on tour in his day! Once again it was a fun tour enjoyed by all. Model A tours are a great way to meet new friends and have a lot of fun. See ya on the next one!

*By Greg Carcerano*

## Announcement.

Jim and Jo Nichols wish to announce the birth of their newest granddaughter, *Tiffany Brianne* born to Rick and Marlene Nichols on June 5, 1998. Jim and Jo wish to thank Marlene for having *Tiffany* early so they can attend the MAFCA National Meet in Reno at the end of June.



**Z is 1st! Ken Zittreer wins 1st at the Ford Picnic.**



**Richard shows us how to skip rope.**



**Laz'n in the shade...Bring on the food!**



**Henry, Clara, Henry II, and the Grandfather of the Model A.**

## *Another History Lesson*

It was the night of October 21st, 1929. During that year 1,851,000 Fords had been sold—that was 34% of the industry total and far ahead of Chevrolet's 20%. The company was stabilizing itself and tonight Henry Ford would finally realize his dream by opening the Edison Institute and the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. On hand was President Hoover to preside over the ceremonies. It was the 50th anniversary of Edison's invention of the light bulb and it was to be celebrated by dimming lights across the country. Edison was 82 years old and had to be pleaded with to come into the crowded banquet hall but finally did on the arm of his best friend, Henry Ford.

At this time, cars which had been ranked 21st among the industrial indicators in 1909, now ranked first. It was felt they had an unlimited future. But, three days after the grand party to open the museum, etc., came the infamous ***Black Tuesday!*** The stock market crashed and everyone's world as well as Henry Ford's was to change very suddenly. About one third of the automakers went out of business, as well as many suppliers and wholesalers.

One month after Black Tuesday, President Hoover summoned leading industrialists to the White House. In the midst of doom and gloom Henry announced he was raising wages to \$7.00 a day, so that the working man would have more buying power. This raise did last for two years. In 1929- 5,294,000 cars were manufactured and were valued at \$3.7 billion, but in 1933 -1,848,000 were built at a value of only \$1.1 billion. In Detroit, one third of all wage earners had been totally or partially unemployed for four years in succession. Ford's wage fell to \$5.00 a day, and then to \$4 a day

Henry was not ready to admit that the auto industry had contributed to the depression in Detroit. He had not contributed to the cities "Community Fund" since 1924, but he did have some rather unusual solutions. One was that all employees had to have their own vegetable garden. If they didn't have room where they lived, they would be assigned space on Henry's farm. Which was about 10 miles from most of their homes. They were nicknamed "Shotgun Gardens".

Another venture was the commandeering of the village of Inkster. It was home to about 500 Negro families. It had no electric lights and no police protection as well as extreme poverty. Ford turned this around and almost overnight it became a flourishing community. But, in return the men were hired by Ford and of the \$4 a day, \$3 went to the rehabilitation of Inkster. Leaving the wage earner \$1. This lasted from 1931-1933.

The Ford Motor Co. survived and was looking at that new V-8 as the depression wound down.



# TOWN AND COUNTRY



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This dress is cut to your size from that new flannel with a fascinating under-color in the weave. The tucking for ease, the fan pleating for style at the front are both completed. The tailored pocket is set in. The attractive buttons and buckle and pique' trim are included--and so are complete instructions for assembling.

No. 28-9-50 comes in all wool flannel, sizes 34-42. Colors, green brown, red, or navy. \$7.95. (From Modern Priscilla-Sept. 1928)



We all look forward to the Progressive Dinner and need at this time someone to take on dessert.

Contact Greg if you'd like to volunteer in helping make this event successful!

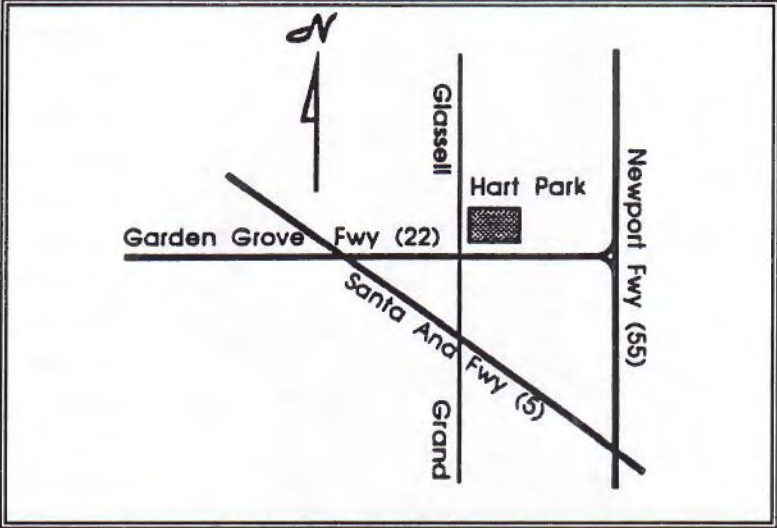
# GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

**July 9, 1998 @ 7:00 P.M.**

(Pot Luck @ 6:00 P.M.)

**Hart Park  
22 FWY & Glassell Street  
City of Orange**



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