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*Model A Ford Club of America*

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## **Pancake Seminar !**

228 Model 'A's and who knows how many pancakes!

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## The Open Hood Prez



Well, here it is time for me to put my two cents in about past and future happenings.

The "Main Event", our Pancake Breakfast, will already be over by the time you read this. Good weather was forecast and we had lots of great raffle prizes both from our members and merchants. Remember to support our donors as they really make this raffle possible.

The club owes a tremendous thanks to Lee Jackson, our Special Events chairman, who almost single-handedly brought the breakfast home. As usual, our club members pitched in and carried us the rest of the way. Also a special thanks to all of our member clubs who supported us in spite of the postponement.

Several of us joined Glenn and Sharon Johnson in our Model A's to have dinner and enjoy a show of 20's music celebrating a special week-end in Fullerton.

Our swap meet was held May 2nd at Vintage Ford and was put on by Dennis & Judy Griffin and Larry and Gerry McKinney. They always have a good one.

Hope you all made it to Diamond Treads Fun Day. Greg spent a lot of time putting together a Gymkhana game and making trophies. Hope we had a good turnout.

Santa Barbara will be May 13-17. Hope you all have your reservations at Motel 6. Several departure dates are scheduled.

Bill Douglas and Diana Stewart are busy getting their tour to Palomar together. Be sure and keep May 23 & 24 open. Congrats are in order. I hear Diana has a new job in Engineering.

Sounds like lots of good Model A events on hand for the summer, so get your "A" running or shine up your modern and get these dates on your calendar.

Greg will be heading the May meeting as we hope to be in Santa Barbara.

*Safe Motoring-Open Hood Riggs*

# Board Meeting

## Orange County Chapter Model A Club of America

April 16, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President John Riggs at the home of Carl and Nancy Erickson at 7:42PM. Members present were: John and Gwen Riggs, Diana Stewart, Mike Kuester, John and Alice Graves, Lee Jackson, Bev Marsh, Carl and Nancy Erickson, Peter Mastro and Colleen Schmidt.

**Secretary's Report:** The following is a brief summary of the General Meeting at Santiago Elementary School on April 9. There were approximately 68 members present. Visitors were introduced by Greeter Jon Heiland. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the *Distributor*. Due to bad weather, the Pancake Breakfast was rescheduled for April 26, replacing the 70th birthday event. A sign-up sheet for the Palm Springs Follies scheduled for Nov. 14, was circulated. Art Moore's 1930 Roadster was car of the month. See Jim Nichols or Tom Endy re: Plasmeter cast iron brake drums for May Technical seminar. The summer tour to British Columbia is scheduled for Aug. 4-8. We now have a Club Historian. Deena Peterson, a Creative Memories Consultant, was introduced by John Riggs. Smile pretty for the camera everyone.

**Treasurer:** Current balance includes returned checks from pancake breakfast cancellation. Most of the bills for the breakfast have been paid. See attached statement.

**Activities:** John Riggs reported on coming events in the absence of Greg Carcerano who is recovering from knee surgery. Bring a picnic lunch to share to Swap Meet on May 2 and Fun Day on May 3. Don't forget your chairs. May 23 tour to Palomar Observatory will be a two-day trip.

**Technical Seminar:** See article for time and location of May 9th seminar on installing cast iron

brake drums.

**Special Events:** Last minute details for the rescheduling of the Pancake Breakfast were discussed. Everything is falling into place.

**New Business:** after a discussion on the increased cost of sending flowers in the event of illness or death, and the high cost of monthly Sunshine expenses, a motion to purchase flowers for immediate family only (spouse or children) in cases of bereavement, was made by Bev Marsh. Motion carried. It was also discussed that cards be sent in lieu of flowers in the event of illness or hospitalization to help reduce monthly expenses. The next Board meeting will be May 21st in the home of John and Alice Graves.

Submitted by Colleen Schmidt



## British Columbia Tour

In the beginning stages, the tour looks like a two week tour, beginning on July 30th. The destination is the MAFCA Northwest Regional Meet in Surrey, British Columbia. The dates of the meet are August 4-8.

Some of the preliminary plans include: a stop in Snohomish, Wa., which is the Antique Capital of the Northwest, a side trip to Samish Island (can drive there) to see clam beds and scenery, Pike Place Market in Seattle, and Ivar's for Fish in Seattle. None of this is etched in stone yet, so if you are going and have input, let us know.

If you are interested, contact the Riggs for an application. We will be getting together for planning with those who will be on the tour. Also you can call the Graves' but don't ask hard questions!



## *Pancake Breakfast News*

It could not have been a prettier day if we had ordered it! Early in the morning things were being moved into place and all the faithful members were busy. Not a hitch was seen as cars arrived and breakfast was started. The raffle was great thanks to wonderful items and a great M.C., Terry Lucas. The Coker Tires were won by Paul and Carol Rehm who were visiting from Las Vegas. Check the list of contributors and be sure and patronize them if you can.

The endless line of Model "A"s is always exciting to watch as they come down the hill. The count this year was: 238 Model A's and 18 Vintage cars.

A good time was had by all, even if we didn't win the tires! That good time was the result of a lot of hard work by our club, a lot of great raffle prizes, and the faithful participation of other Model "A" Clubs.



**Car Winners and Trophys.**



**The Judging of the Era Fashions.**



**The Coker Tire Winners**



**They went that-a-way.**

# Donations for Pancake Breakfast 1998

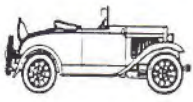


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Special thanks to our sign painter:  
John B. Geddes





# A 1928 Roadster!

by Tom Endy

## Curbside Appeal!

The membership may remember the really sharp 1928 roadster that I once owned. Today the car belongs to club member Paul Lindbergh, who now lives up near Santa Margarita. I owned the car for about four years. During that time it traveled to the Tacoma National in 1994, it went to Death Valley, Las Vegas, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and up along Highway 49 on a summer tour. It was a fun car to drive, except when it was cold, or especially if it rained. I loved that car, but when "Miss Vickie" beckoned it was time to move on to the virtues of an enticing car, one that was closed to the elements.

## Terry Lucas Takes No Prisoners!

Club member Bill Shaner first spotted the advertisement in the Orange County Register. He looked at the roadster, but ended up buying a sedan instead. He brought a picture of the roadster to a club meeting and it immediately generated a great deal of interest. The club's Model A Ford aficionados from far and near immediately descended upon the car. Club member Terry Lucas negotiated in earnest. He beat the price down. Legend has it that the poor owner was a beaten man when Terry was through with him. It is said that they were within \$400. of a sale, but it didn't happen. I saw the picture of the car after all the dust had settled. I contacted the owner and asked him if he would sell me the car for the price Terry had beat him down to. He would and I did. Thanks Terry!

## A Striped Past!

When I purchased The roadster in February 1991, I learned that it had a rather a colorful past, at least the last ten years of it. It seems that the person who owned it in the early 1980's, and who had caused the restoration to happen, sold it to a man who owned a string of motels. The new owner was a car collector, and did little with the roadster while he owned it. The story goes that the new owner took out a loan on his business and offered his car collection as part of the collateral. Then he promptly departed with the cash, leaving his wife to deal with the unpaid mortgage. As a result of this action the wife was forced to default and the cars were confiscated and eventually sold at a sheriff's auction. One of the tow truck drivers, who towed a number of the cars when they were confiscated,

told his retired father about the up-coming auction and suggested he buy several cars and sell them at a profit.

## "McSpeed" To The Rescue!

The day I bought the car was a cold, windy, February day, threatening rain. I was also suffering from a cold. I had driven the car around the block when I first looked at it and it ran very well. As I started up the 405 Freeway from Mission Viejo, the car continued to run very well. Four miles up the road it started coughing, backfiring, and generally running poorly. It finally conked out for good in Fountain Valley. I did not have any tools with me and it also began to rain. I phoned club member Larry "McSpeed" McKinney and he immediately responded. I am indebted to Larry to this day. He showed up with a tow bar and we hooked it up to the front bumper of the roadster. When he pulled out only the front bumper followed him. The repo bumper bracket bolts had immediately stripped all the threads off and fell out into the street. We finally got the car home safely to my garage. For the next week I tried to recover from the near pneumonia I caught during the ordeal.

## The Four Mile Fault!

When I finally recovered, I set about to figure out what was ailing the roadster. I replaced the distributor, which I found had been sloppily converted to modern points and condenser. I drove it up to the end of the block and back. It was about a four mile round trip. It ran fine, until I was almost home, then it would conk out and I would just make it coasting back into my garage. I fooled with the car for two weeks inspecting and changing things. It was always the same, four miles up the road and back, and barely making it back into the garage.

## What Was It All About?

After much frustration, I found that the repo ammeter was not properly insulated. One of the posts was within a half a light wave of shorting out. About four miles was all that was needed for the current drawn through the ammeter post to heat and expand it until it shorted out. Once the ammeter was replaced, and a number of other bugs worked out and an over drive installed, the roadster became a very reliable car. Paul Lindbergh says it's a fun car to drive, except when it's cold, or especially if it's raining. ☺

## TECHNICAL NEWS:

We had a really good turnout (about 20 people) for the Carburetor Seminar held at Dennis & Judy Griffin's home on Friday, April 10th. Several models of the trusty Zenith were on display and the various types were discussed. One was dissected and the inner workings were scrutinized in detail. A wide variation of jet sizes was discovered, especially among the "after market" parts. The evening was made even more special by being inside the "Griffin Ford Museum" the whole time. Judging by the "Oo's and Ah's", it looked like everyone had a great time.

### May Technical Seminar:

May 9th beginning at 8:00am is the Plasmeter brake drum replacement seminar at Tom Endy's. Enough orders were placed for the drums to enable those folks getting their money to Jim Nichols on time, to receive the 25% discount! This is a super opportunity to improve the braking of your Model A for very little money and effort. No doubt this seminar will be one of the best, so come early!

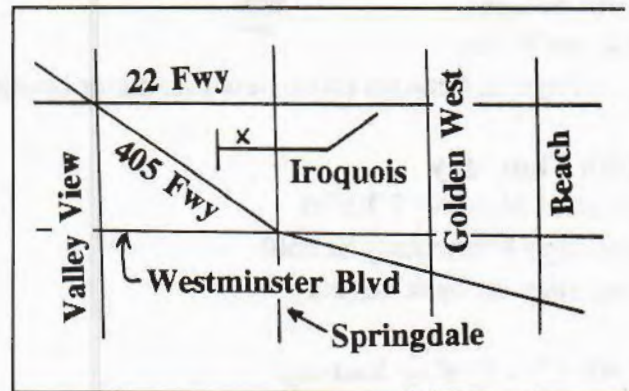
*The Tech Guys*

### Car of the Month:

May's Car of the Month will be Peter Mastro's '31 Deluxe Coupe.



Mike shows us how a Carburetor can be used Like a Saxophone.



Map to Tom Endy's

5881 Iroquois Rd, Westminister- 897-5861

## You Need to Attend Seminars if.....

1. Any plants around your exhaust have been put on the endangered species list.
2. Neighbor's call the bomb squad whenever you start your car.
3. The government has superfund money set aside to clean up your driveway and garage floor.
4. You stop at every gas station to fill up the oil and check the gas.
5. Anyone traveling behind you has to put detergent in their window washer.
6. Everyone in the car starts dozing off after the first 15 minutes.
7. You like to have a good time with friends.

# Schedule of Activities

## May 1998

### **9th Saturday**

Plasmeter Brake seminar  
8:00AM at Tom Endy's  
(see map)



### **10th Sunday**

Mother's Day  
(hope she enjoys those new Plasmeter brakes)

### **14th Thursday**

General Meeting 7:30PM  
Santiago Elementary School  
(See map on back cover)

### **15th-17th Friday-Sunday**

Santa Barbara Tour

### **21st Thursday**

Board Meeting  
John & Alice Graves'  
970 Summit Dr.  
Laguna Beach (see map)

### **23rd-24th Saturday & Sunday**

Palomar Observatory  
(see Information Article)

### **25th Monday**

Memorial Day

### **27th Wednesday**

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## June 1998

### **14th Sunday**

Annual Henry Ford Day Picnic  
Wilderness Park in Downey, Raffle, Car Judging

much more, surprise Menu. Bring Chairs.  
Meet at 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 & Wheels  
See the Riggs for registration forms

## August 1998

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

Leaving July 30th for tour to the MAFCA  
Northwest Regional Meet in Surrey, British  
Columbia. Registration forms at meeting. See  
Article on page 3.

## 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

## November 1998

### **7th-Saturday**

Diamond Tread Chapter-Parts Exchange  
6:00-2:00 Vintage Auto Parts in Stanton

### **14th Saturday**

Palm Springs Follies





# Classified.....

## Garage Sale:

All Model "A" stuff! Lots of parts and accessories; Men's & Women's clothes and shoes; Books; much misc.

Saturday May 30th--8:00am-2:pm

No early-birds please!

Bob & Karyn Sitter

18242 Timberlane

Yorba Linda-(Corner Lakeview & Timberlane)

## For Sale:

1929 Special Coupe. Excellent restored condition. CB radio, orig. trunk, gas and oil cans.

Many accessories. \$8,500.00.

Bob & Karyn Sitter

(714)535-5592 days

(714)777-2486 eves.

Call for appointment to see and/or further information.

## For Sale:

1928 Fordor Leatherback Sedan-Light and dark brown, black fenders, orange stripe. This car has a new engine, telescoping rack with trunk, seat belts, CB radio, a heavy duty car cover and is registered with vintage '28 California plates.

(See telephone # below) \$11,500

## For Sale:(same owner)

1928 Sport Coupe: With frame, front end and rear end restored. Very nice body and fenders, etc.. Car is complete and ready for an easy restoration.

\$3,500 or take both cars for \$13,500

Wade Roberts

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

## For Sale:

Borg-Warner overdrive.

\$350 Mel Collings

(714)970-719

## For Sale:

1928 Phaeton-Rebuilt engine, early V8 trans,overdrive, Hydraulic brakes, 12 volts, rebuilt radiator, dual side mounts, battery included.

\$7,000.00

Gordon H. Kenwood

(714)526-7584

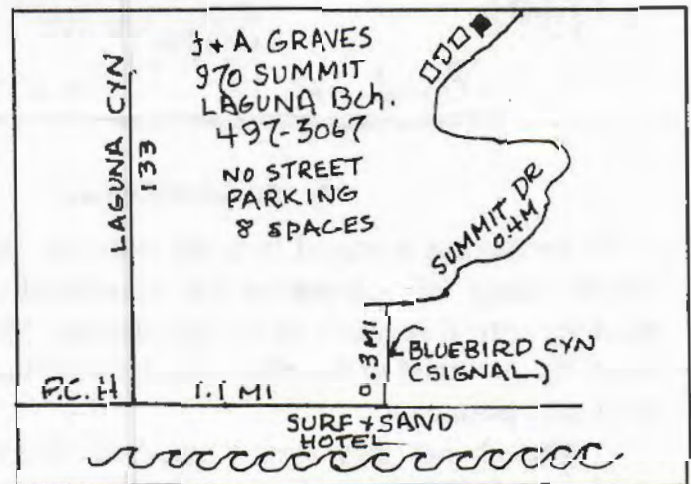
## For Sale:

'29 Briggs 4 Door body, partially restored, all parts, chassis nearly completed, body needs finishing. \$3,800.00 OBO

Christopher Laubach

Home-(909)-596-2207

Work-(626)852-0023, ext.327



## Thank you

To the members of OCMAFC,  
Thank you so much for the lovely flowers the  
club sent in memory of my mother.

Gerry McKinney

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23 R B4018 Flesh

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*Fashions*

*By Louise McCann*

As the thirties emerged from the twenties, the physical shape of womankind was remodeled to meet the critical demands of the new decade. Her waist was returned to the place where nature had originally planned it.

Although her legs almost vanished behind descending hemlines, she was once again permitted to have hips of normal contours.

Her corsege assumed new prominence (occasionally, it was said, mountains were made of mole hills.)

Her hair was allowed to grow again, and the tight helmets (or cloches) of yesteryear were replaced by rakishly tilted or slouched head gear that amply framed her hair. Her feet were refashioned into new silhouettes.

A whole new species had been created

Henry Ford's problems were not over when the "New Ford" came out. The factory overproduced and the dealers were given more than they could sell. Dealers automatically received cars and as a result, even though sales were brisk, they were going out of business.

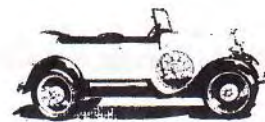
The same pattern emerged as with the Model T. Henry was very unwilling to make changes. On the showroom floors by the end of 1928, appeared the Chevrolet "6". Advertized as a "six for the price of a four". In truth, it was a little more expensive but new styling also made it appealing. This began to make its toll on profits for the Ford Co. very obvious.

Also, waiting in the wings, was Walter Chrysler. While the Model "A" was still in production, Chrysler came out with a new car called the Plymouth. It had many innovations, and Walter Chrysler, to add insult to injury, drove Plymouth #3 to Dearborn to show Henry and Edsel. After a short "test drive", he gave them the car and took off in a taxi.

Just around the corner sat October 1929. More about this in a subsequent article.

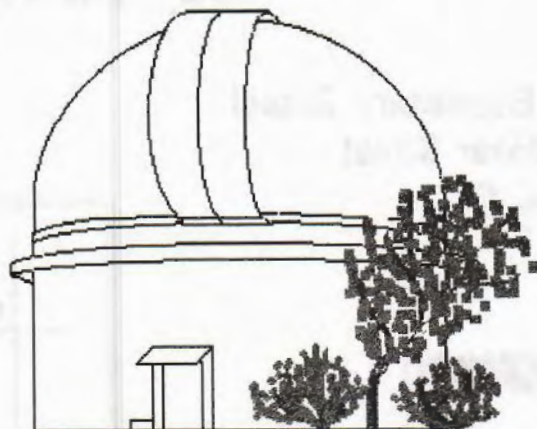
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For road and weather conditions along highways in California, call (800)427-ROAD(7623). You must have a touch tone phone to access info.



OCMAF CLUB Presents a trip to :

**The  
Palomar  
Observatory**



on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 1998.

We will leave Orange Mall at 8 am with:

Full tanks of gas  
Extra radiator water  
Picnic lunches  
Really good breaks!!

We will climb about 5000 ft and there is no food at the top so be prepared.

Since this is a long trip in our Model A's please feel free to make reservations for Saturday night May 23<sup>rd</sup> at:

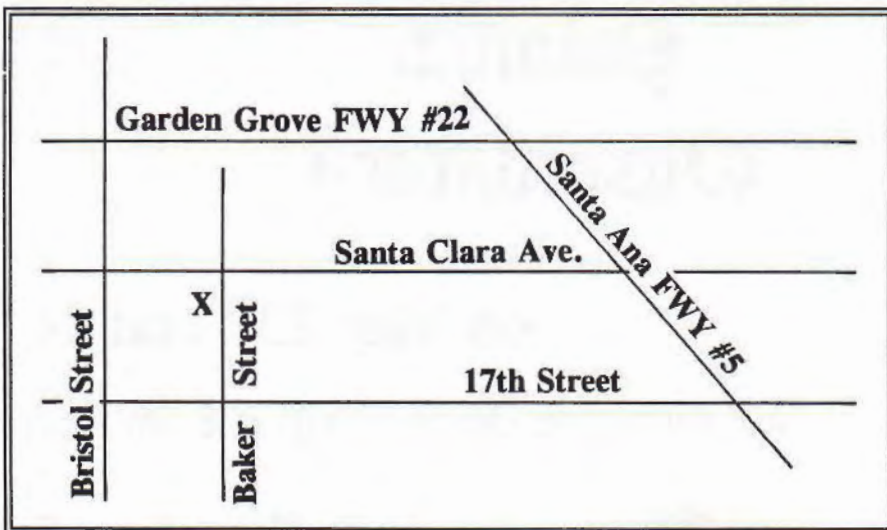
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| or                     |                  |
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| or                     |                  |
| Temecula's Comfort Inn | (1-800-228-5150) |

# GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

May 14, 1998 @ 7:30 P.M.

Santiago Elementary School  
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