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*"This is what I call a Model A Road"*

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## The Open Hood Prez.



Thanks to all the club members who have made our meetings in the park such a success. As always the food was great and there was lots of it. It 's pretty informal, so there's lots of time spent talking with old friends and meeting our new members. Hope our new members feel welcome.

Left out of last months notes was the fact we had three couples spending their anniversaries in Reno on the dame day (picture of dinner in last months *Distributor*). Our congratulations to Vince and Joan Mariola, Pieter and Judi Dwinger, and Chuck and Peggy Bloom.

Joining our "28-A's at their birthday party were Marion Wavra and John Graves, also celebrating their birthdays. Dale and Kathie Mc Call also celebrated their 40th anniversary on the same day. More congratulations!

Our trips have been great thanks to Greg and he outdid himself with our cars 70th birthday party. Thanks to Leslie too for all her help. The tour (lady drivers), picnic, games, and golf were really enjoyed by all. How long since you played miniature golf?

There are lots of new tours on our agenda so check your *Distributor* for dates and if you need any other information call Greg. There is a great trip going south of Tucson to Green valley. This will be put on by Phoenix Clubs and should be lots of fun. Dates October 28th-November 1st. Greg has entries.

Gwen and I will miss the September meeting at the park as we will be in Big Bear at Rim of the World. Greg will be heading up the group and it will be a good meeting with good food. October we will be back at the school.

We hope to have some videos of past events to show (hope the machine works) at the next meeting at the school.

Don't forget we're still open for board members so don't be shy, call Vince Mariola.

Guess that covers most of the news from here.

*See ya!*

*O.H.*

# Board Meeting Orange County Chapter Model A Club of America

August 20, 1998

The August Board meeting was held at LampPost Pizza. Meeting called to order by John Riggs at 7:40PM. Members present were: John & Gwen Riggs, Diana Stewart & Bill Douglas, John & Alice Graves, Bev Marsh, Colleen Schmidt, Mike Kuester, Carl Erickson and Greg Carcerano.

**Secretary's Report:** The General meeting was held at Hart Park on Aug 13. John Riggs introduced two visitors: Dean Berto and his fiancée, Pam Todd. New member Ken Dierken is looking for a 1930 Model A pickup. The reluctant winners of the Hard Luck Trophy were again John and Alice Graves. It seems Clara found her way home from Solvang atop a flatbed. The Graves (driving a brand new Model A-new to them) and the Parrishes saw lots of beautiful scenery on their trip to Surrey, covering about 3,000 miles. People had their video cameras out taking pictures. Alice says their must be videos all over the country by now of them on their tour. The Johnsons will be going to Europe in September, visiting five countries. They will be meeting up with the Dwingers in their modern and other Model A Clubs. They expect to drive about 1,400 miles. Alice thanked everyone for their articles and pictures and reminded members that it is their *Distributor*. She and John need your continued contributions for the paper.

**Announcements:** Rim of the World-reserve your room at the Black Forest Lodge. Two groups will be leaving on Wed., Sept. 9, led by Dennis Griffin at 6:30AM and Vince Mariola at 9:30 AM. Lots of fun and activities planned.

**Treasurer:** No new members. The only expense for this month was the cost and mailing of the *Distributor*. Statement attached.

**Activities:** Coming events were reviewed. Don't

forget to reserve your room for the Palm Springs Follies. The budget for the progressive dinner scheduled for Oct. 3 was established at the July Board Meeting. Those who plan on coming must sign up and pay in advance, Adults \$7.00, children (3-12)\$3.50, under 3 free.

**Technical:** Mike Kuester is planning a working shop tour for Sept. 18 at Bengies Classic Car Restoration.

**Buttons, Patches & Logos:** Carl Erickson reported that the new T-shirts should be in by Fri. Aug 21. He plans on having a sale of all old items in stock. Look for a bargain at the next meeting.

**New Business:** Volunteers are still needed to run for office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

*Submitted by: Colleen Schmidt, Secretary*

## Such a Deal!!

### *Buttons and Bows*

#### CLUB STORE

- NEW ARRIVALS  
CLUB TEE SHIRTS--\$ 12.00 EACH  
IN COLORS WHITE AND ASH

- SALE  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
TEE SHIRTS  
ASSORTED SIZES  
\$ 10.00 EACH

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING--CARL



# Schedule of Activities

## September 1998

### **10th Thursday**

General Meeting  
Hart Park in City of Orange.  
6:00pm Potluck  
A-L bring main dish  
M-Z bring salad or dessert  
7:00PM meeting  
(See map on back cover)



### **11-13th Friday-Sunday**

Rim of the World, Leaving Wed. Sept. 9th  
Meet at Orange Mall, by Sears. Dennis Griffin will leave at 6:30 AM and Vince Mariola at 9:30AM

### **17th Thursday**

Board meeting  
at Bev Marsh's *new* home  
11478 Miscou Way  
Cypress  
see map for directions

### **20th Sunday**

Harbor "A" Antique & Classic Car Swap Meet  
7:00AM - 3:00PM, TRW parking lot in Manhattan Beach.

### **26th Saturday**

Club Tour to Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific  
Depart from Coco's (Valley View and 22 Fwy)  
10:00AM



## October 1998

### **3rd Saturday (first sat. Of the month!)**

Progressive Dinner  
Cost is \$7.50 adults, \$3.50 12 and under and under 3 free. The first stop is at Sheila Plotkin's home at 3:00PM (note earlier time). You must make reservations and pay ahead. Sign up at the September meeting or call Greg Carcerano at (949) 645-2254

### **4th -Sunday(first Sunday)**

Frazier Park

### **10th Saturday**

Placentia Car Show, Kraemer Park. \$15 fee to enter your car. Call (714) 993-8232 for info.

Conejo Valley Model a Club (plus V-8 Club) Swap meet at the Camarillo Airport. Admission \$2 opens at 7am.



### **28th Wednesday**

Leave for Phoenix Model A Club & Restorers Club of Arizona, Southern Arizona Fall Tour. Return Monday Nov. 1st. See Greg for registration forms and details.

## November 1998

### **7th Saturday**

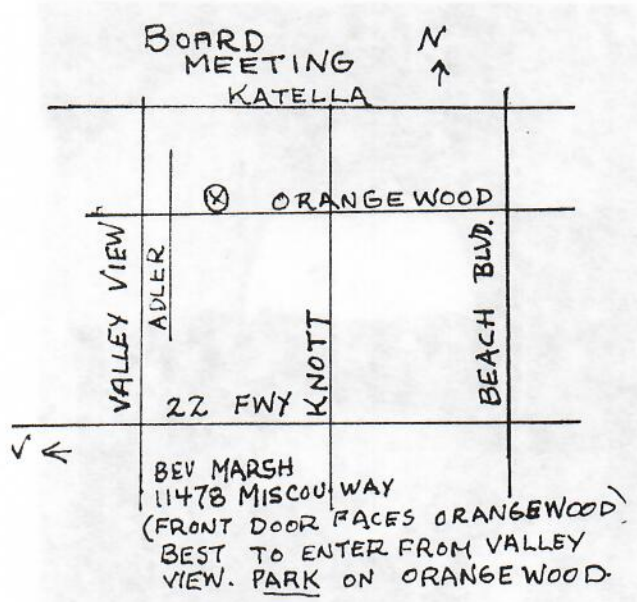
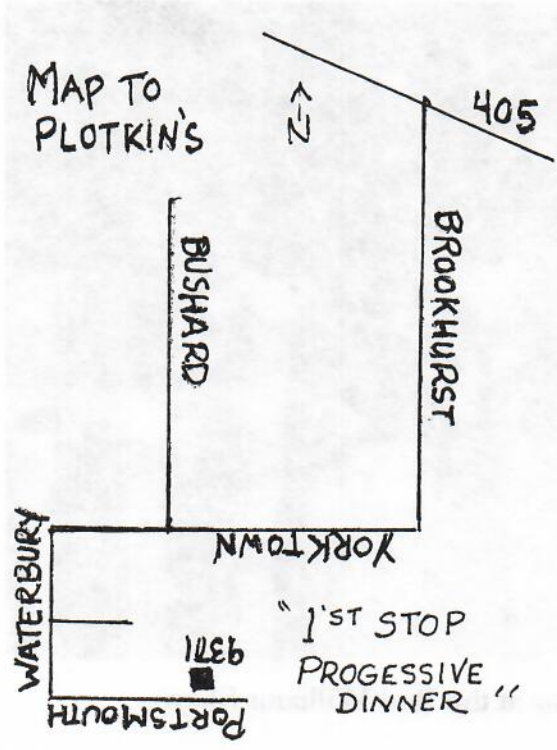
Diamond Tread Parts exchange  
6:00-2:00 Vintage Auto Parts in Stanton

### **8th Sunday**

Bates Nut Farm, Tour and Craft Show

### **13th-15th Friday-Sunday**

Palm Springs Follies. Motel Reservations must be made by Oct 15th, Tele.#(760)327-4200. Tell them OC Model A Club for discount. Call Greg if you want to be on the waiting list to go.



**Don't Forget!**

Recently the 1999 renewal membership applications were mailed out from MAFCA. The amount is \$30. which means you will continue to get the *Restorer*. Don't forget to return your dues to them and vote for 5 directors. These must be postmarked by Oct. 15th, 1998. If you need an address let the editors know.

**CLASSIFIED**

**For Sale:**  
 Borg-Warner overdrives, as found \$150 each or \$250 for both  
**Also**  
 1956 Ford Pickup steering boxes, good, tight. \$295 each, Conversions to fit Model A \$425 each.  
**Roger Sowersby**  
 (714) 871-5849 eves.

**For Sale:**  
 1931 Victoria , Green with Black fenders, 6 volt alternator, Mallory distributor, Weber Down draft carburetor, Electric fan. \$14,000.00  
**Marilyn Chambers**  
 (714) 540-6332  
 Santa Ana, Ca.

**For sale:**  
 30 Delux Roadster. 900 miles since restoration.  
 Stock. **\$15,000.00 OBO**  
**Terry Terrel**  
 (714)754-0737

**For Sale:**  
 1929 Fordor Phaeton, completely original, 63,000 original miles. Balsam Green and Black. Ex. Condition. Antique Auto Club American Senior Winner Preservation Award. \$16,000.00  
**Ben**  
 (310)329-1650

**For Sale:**  
 Model A Engine. Complete Rebuild by Egge, bored .30 over. New everything with adjustable lifters. Completely assembled and adjusted, painted and ready to install. **\$1150.00**  
 Restored Model A horn-Mint condition. **\$165.00**  
 '30-'31 sport light, nice original, complete **\$100.**  
 Bell Housing-new shafts & Bushings**\$35.00**  
 Heavy duty engine stand, holds engine from real and allows full rotation for repairs to bottom of engine **\$40.00**  
**Terry Lucas**  
 (714) 633-0390

# Technical News

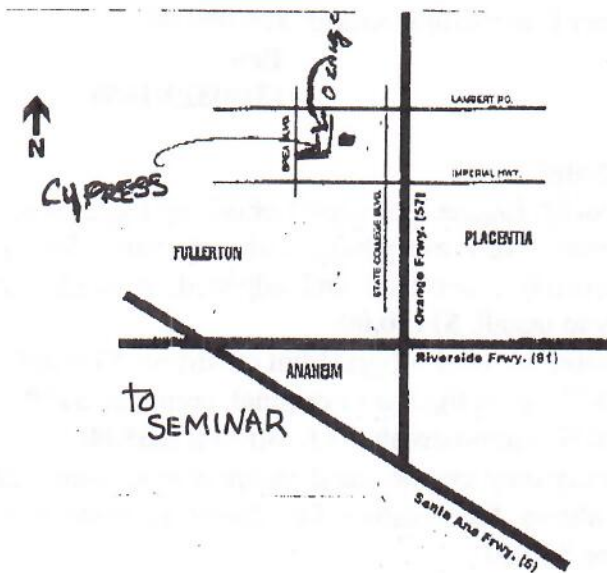
## Vintage Auto Body & Paint

By Mike Kuester

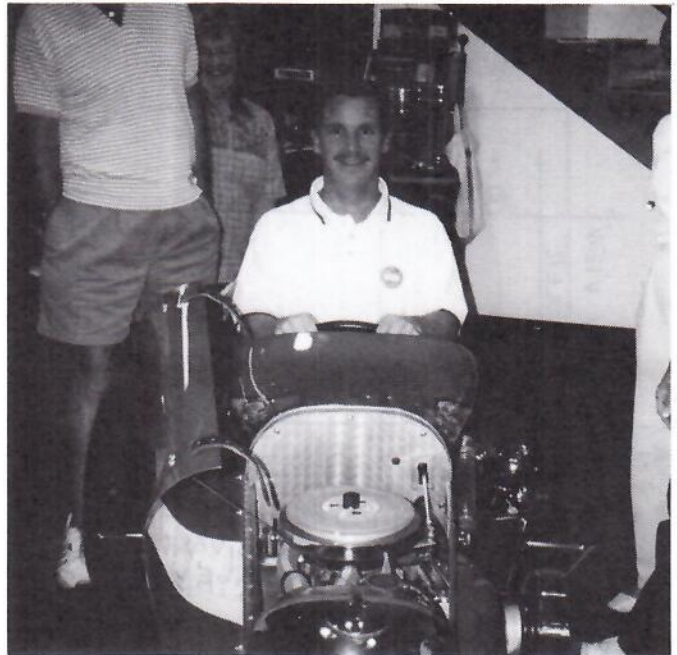
Our next monthly technical meeting will be an Open House at John Hesford and Frank Oddo's complete vintage restoration facility in Brea. This is a complete repair and restoration shop. John will give us a complete rundown on the special challenges involving the restoration of antique automobiles, classics, motorcycles and street rods. We've also lined up a special guest representative from a specialty paint company who will talk to us about the newest products available (maybe we can talk him into a club discount?) Our special thanks once again to Carl Erickson for helping to arrange this event.

### Mark the calendar!

The date is September the 18th, beginning at 7:00PM. Refreshments will be provided. The shop address is 300-A N. Orange St, Brea (see map below). If you get lost, the phone number is 714-256-1940. This will be a great evening, so don't miss it!



Our hosts at the Bud Williams Shop



"You will have to pry my cold dead hands from this before I'll let go

August's seminar was a tour of Bud William's Shop in Anaheim. There was a great turnout to drool over a Cobra, Pantera, midget racer and more. Quite an evening. Even tours of the bathroom were conducted!

# Model A 70th Birthday Picnic Tour

By Greg Carcerano

Sunday, August 23rd was the Women's Driving Tour. We met at South Coast Plaza. The weather was beautiful, as the ladies (men too!) took off. The tour took them down Pacific Coast Highway through Main St in Huntington Beach and to Central Park, Where we all shared a wonderful picnic lunch. The 1928 owners told stories about their cars and received Birthday Gifts. Everyone enjoyed playing a Model a word scramble game, in which the first place award (an original Model A ad) went to Janice and Calvin Shook. The Riggs took 2nd place and received a free round of golf. After the picnic the ladies (men too) then drove a few more miles where we stopped and played miniature golf. Everyone had a great time playing golf and cheered on the ones who got a hole in one, or the giggles came out when somehow someones ball would end up in the water. All in all it was a lot of fun. All the ladies did a great job driving and showing true Model A Spirit! After all that is what this club is all about. Thanks for a fun tour ladies and hope to see you all on the next one!



Will "2 holes in one Jannice" rub off on their clubs. NOT!



People with a 100+ score are not supposed to smile, Colleen



Being short on tables didn't slow us down.

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# NW REGIONAL MEET

By Richard & Jeanne Parrish

The expected delegation from our club dwindled to 2. Then on the way home from Wings & Wheels, Graves car "Clara" Broke another overdrive. My car seemed sluggish and a compression check showed it needed a valve job. So then there were none. *But we were determined.* In the week before departure, I ground the valves and the Graves bought the Simmons car complete with overdrive and every performance option known to the western world.

Day one the Parrish's arrive late. Thirty miles out of town the message is dire. Graves overdrive is jumping in and out. A quick crimp of a lug and the problem is fixed. Lunch in Buellton and a good nights sleep at the Paso Robles Inn.

Day two through five, a pattern sets in. Cruising at 62mph with bursts to 65 or 67. Every hill ends with Graves in the next county and Parrish's in the weeds. The weather was cool, the scenery gorgeous and both cars running great. Every person at every stop at one time had either a 28 Tudor just like ours or a 30 Town sedan just like the Graves. What a coincidence. Near Seattle, we were traveling at our customary speed when, Whoosh, a 14ft wide mobile home passes us hanging over 2 feet into each side land. Right after it two lumber trucks race by spewing bark and chips everywhere. LA freeways are tame by comparison.

The NW Regional Meet, as usual, was outstanding. Cool weather, nice hotel, great country road tours, car games, banquet, and a visit to their clubhouse. Doc and Darlene Ingwerson drove their new modern car and we spent a day on Victoria Island with them while the Graves stayed with "Hank", their new car, for the car judging. Before this story gets blown completely out of proportion, I would like to say I must have *Misled Doc*. I said "this looks like the right road" and we ended up at some obscure border crossing back to the US at 11PM.

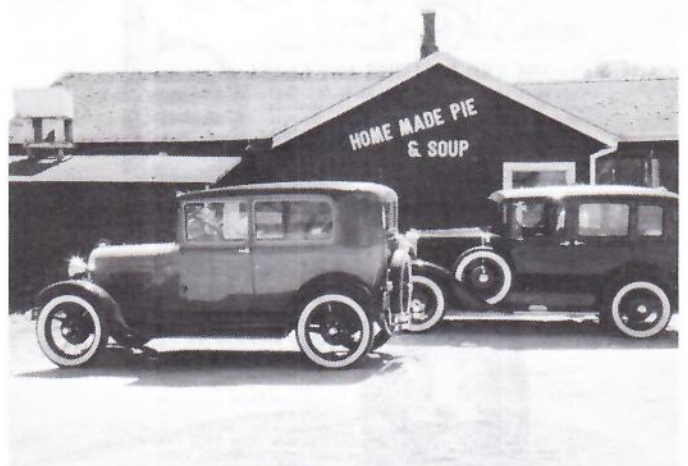
The trip home was even more scenic. We took the coast route from central Washington to South of Eureka. An hour or so later we hit the heat. North of Willets we stopped when the temperature reached 106 degrees. We agreed to leave at 6AM in the dark with the "attack" lumber trucks. We turned off on hwy 250 through Calastoga, Geyser and other neat wine

country towns and arrived at Santa Nella where we stopped early at 107 degrees. We agreed to leave at 5AM. Everything went fine with the temperature rapidly going up. Finally on the Ridge Route grade, I was permanently separated from by leaders only 130 miles from home. We both make it safely home our separate ways.

Would anyone out there like to join us on an 8 week "Circle the US" tour next year? Maybe include the MARC national meet in Pennsylvania and 30 or 35 states?



First night and still smiling



Stopping at the best restaurants



## WE WENT TOO!

John and Alice Graves

The week before we were to leave for Surrey, after exhausting many attempts to make "Clara" well, we sat eating lunch. Alice in her eloquent way, said, "I'm really bummed out! I had really counted on this trip." It was our first BIG trip and plans were in the works and money paid. Not only that, people were scheduled to vacation in our home for two weeks and dog sit. Being somewhat familiar with the *Distributor*, Alice mentioned that there were some "For Sales" in this months issue. Now, it usually takes John 10 trips to the store to decide on a can of soup, so, it was somewhat a surprise that within 5 minutes he was on the phone, we were in the car and headed for Huntington Beach to see "The Wonder Car"!

Folk tales had been told about this car around many campfires. Shall we say-it was somewhat modified. One look and we knew that this car should go anywhere short of the moon. After deciding to spend our children's inheritance, we drove it home and readied it for the Surrey trip.

True to predictions, it was a real driver and was affectionately named Hank.

We drove just under 1500 miles to Surrey and because there was no distance trophy, we entered her in the judging without a clue of what we were doing. But we met people and learned a lot. There were only two cars in the modified group, and we didn't make the grade. We really didn't expect to as we really didn't know about modified judging standards.

One nice thing, the Canadian dollar kept falling while we were there and made things cheaper than expected! The Canadians were not happy about the drop. Richard, I am not going to say anything about your midnight trip to the border.

Coming home, as Richard said, we had a beautiful trip and except for the last two days, pleasant weather.



Cars at attention at Fort Langly B.C.



Still stopping at best restaurants



Hank presents a judging problem!

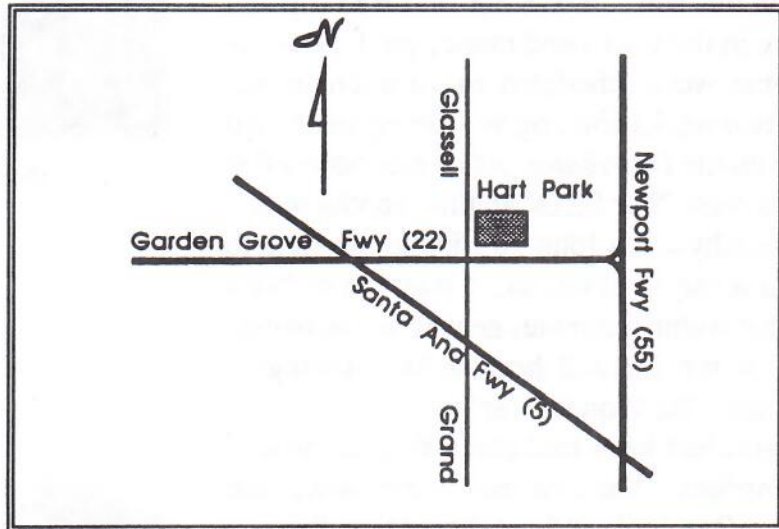
# GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

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

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

Hart Park  
22 FWY & Glassell Street  
City of Orange



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