

The Distributor

Baja California, Mexico



Doc Ingwersen supervises refueling procedure at Catavina Gas Station.

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President's Column

Greetings to all of you!

I hope you had a happy Thanksgiving. We are now approaching the Christmas season with great anticipation.

As you know this will be the last time I address you as your president. It has been a wonderful and challenging year. I want you to know how much I appreciate your help and cooperation this past year as I couldn't have done it without you. I want to especially thank all the board members and committee chairpersons for their assistance throughout this past year. You made my job easier.

During the past year we have experienced many challenges. However, through it all we did enjoy a very successful Pancake Breakfast, many tours, Technical Seminars, and the camaraderie we shared.

I urge you to give your new board the same support you gave to me in order to insure future success for our club.

Wishing you health and happiness throughout the Christmas Holidays and into the new millennium. Thank you again!!

Arrivederci!!

Greg Carcerano

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John and Gwen Riggs make the headlines in Mexico. Following is the English translation of an article written in the local Mulege paper (La Extra) about the club's visit to their town:

Great Caravan of Antique Cars in Mulegé

They will be in the Municipality of Mulegé until Monday and then return to California.

A caravan of 14 automobiles from the beginning of the century, but in excellent maintenance condition, staged a reunion in the municipality of Mulege according to the charming married couple of John Riggs and Gwen Riggs.

We interviewed the couple in front of the Santa Bárbara church where we found these unique original automobiles and we were told they come from Orange, California, arrived as far as the city of Mulegé and will return to their point of origin next Monday.

Among the Ford automobiles, mainly from early in this century, more or less from 1919 several of them but different models, came one automobile that in 1982 went around the world according to the information given us by the married couple.

All of the group, with the treatment they received here, could be magnificent promoters of tourism to our region, as much as these people are very representative of their state (California, USA).

It was explained that one of the group, there were 15, had problems in Guerrero Negro and had to leave their car there but the crew continued with the rest of the caravan arriving in Mulegé yesterday and will stay until Monday in this community.

All of the automobiles are in magnificent highway mechanical condition and each unit could cost much more than a late model luxury car.

In Santa Rosalía they caused a sensation and a good number of the community came close to observe all these museum-collection cars which are still capable of realizing great adventures.

OCMAFC Tour Planning for 2000

by John Knox

As in the past, we will do many one day and overnight tours. We discussed at the last board meeting how it would be a help if different people assisted our tour director in the hosting of each event. We would like your input as to which tour you would be willing to host or help host or what tours you feel we need to add.

Our annual one day trips are things such as: Christmas Light Tour, Poker Run and Progressive Dinner.

Our annual overnight trips are things such as: Palm Springs Follies and Santa Barbara.

Interclub events where one also could be a host for our club members: Wings and Wheels, Rim of the World, Tuscon, Central Calif. Regional and Henry Ford Picnic.

We will pass out a questionnaire at our December meeting for you to return, so we can get our 2000 calendar printed up early for better participation.

We especially need your input as to possibilities for more one day outings.

Schedule of Activities

December 1999

January 2000

NEW LOCATION & UPDATE

9, Thursday General Meeting

Christmas Party for the kids and grandkids at Me-N-Ed's Pizza Parlor, 6:00 PM. See map on back page.

16, Thursday Board Meeting

Will be held at Dick Church's restaurant in Costa Mesa, 7:30 PM.

13, Thursday General Meeting

Will be held at Santiago Elementary School, 7:30 PM.

12, Sunday Annual Installation and Awards Banquet

Don't Miss this event! It will be held at the West Cost Anaheim Hotel in the Tiffany Terrace room (map on page 9). No host cocktails at 5:30 PM. Dinner starts at 6:30 PM. Reservations are required and were due December 1st; but, you can still contact Jeanne Parrish. **Do it now!** The cost is \$25.00 per person and there will be a \$3.00 car parking fee. Call Jeanne Parrish if you plan on attending at (714) 535-8129 or Bev Marsh at (714) 373-9769.

DATE CORRECTION & UPDATE

18, Saturday Christmas Light Tour

Starts 6:00 PM with hors d'oeuvres at Lou Spielberger's house, 2812 Serang Place, Costa Mesa 92626. See map below. Continues with a light tour in Fountain Valley. Finishes at Marion Wavra's home for dessert, 1834 Jamaica Road, Costa Mesa 92626. **Don't forget to decorate your car!** The more lights; the better.

Cars will be unattended; so, drive your modern if you are concerned.

NEW

14, Friday Technical Seminar

We will be rebuilding shocks at McMillan's home starting at 7:30 PM. See map on page 11.

NEW

15, Saturday So. Cal. Edison Substation

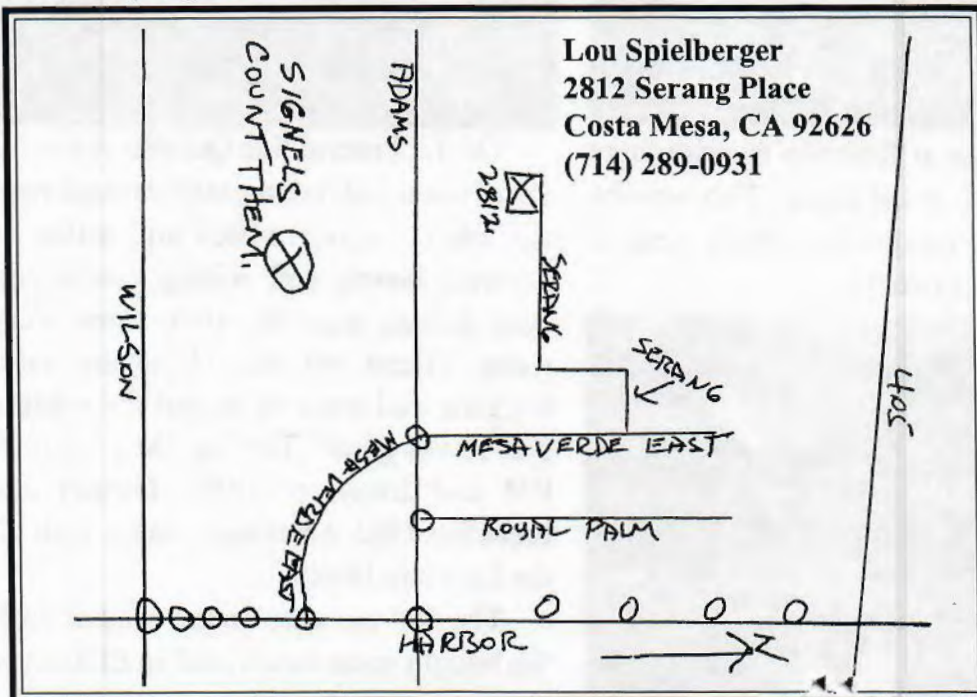
A very unique opportunity to visit a manned substation. We will depart the Sears Mall of Orange parking lot at 7:30 AM sharp!!

This is a freeway tour, 50 MPH minimum. The tour of the substation begins at 9:00 AM and we must travel to Hwy 74 and Menifee Rd. Fliers will be available at the December General Meeting (Children's Christmas Party). Hosted by the Cruisin' A's of Hemet.

NEW

20, Thursday Board Meeting

Will be held at McCall's home in Orange and starts at 7:30 PM.



iAlgo Anda Mal con el Carro! (The Graves Did It Again!)

by Alice Graves

Shortly after the 7.0 earthquake on the 16th of October, the Orange County contingent (Johnsons, Riggs, Ingwersons, Graves and to send us off the Dwingers) set out for San Ysidro to meet up with the tour group. We checked in at the Americana for the night.

At 9:00 the next morning, we met with our group to get our goody bag, insurance and reassurances that we would have no problems; however, it was always followed by an "if".

At 10:15 we left for the border and, as predicted, two motorcycle police escorted us through Tijuana. Then appeared a green patrol wagon containing our assigned green angels for the two weeks. Hey, so far, so good!



Lunch was at Rosarito Beach where we could park in the plaza. This was the first onset of margaritas, which were to follow us everywhere.



The Travelodge in Ensenada was our first overnight, arriving there at 3:30.

9:15 and we were off for San Quintin. Roads were narrow two lane but O.K. A ways down the road we picked a spot for a potty stop. It was a park in San Vicente but the bathrooms were about as bad as you can imagine. Suddenly, we were rescued by a man who took us across the street to the police station. It was only slightly better.

We passed a sign that said, "Winery tours, visitors welcome". Glenn did a quick left turn and we started down a long dirt road until we finally came to some buildings. No one in sight. Finally we found three guys who knew nothing about any tour. We refer to this as our "Non-winery tour."

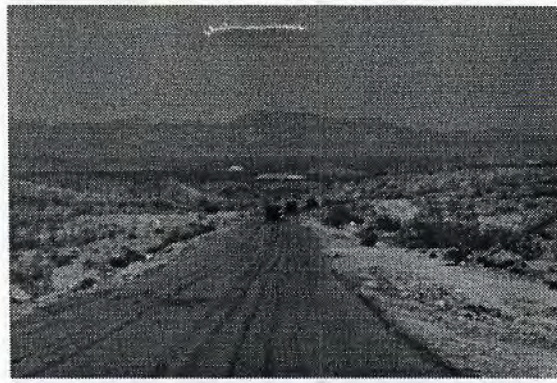


The La Pinta at San Quintin is a ways out of town and down a rather rough road but what a spot. Miles and miles of deserted beach, soft rolling waves and sand dollars were the view from every room. Glenn and John G. hit the water big time and some of us did the wading bit. It was great. The big "M's" at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00. Dinner and breakfast (full American) came with all the La Pinta Hotels.

The 19th we were on the road at 9:05. We bought some lunch stuff in El Rosario

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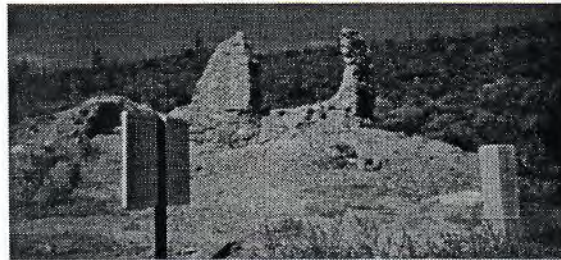
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and following the advice of John R. Took the turn off to Mission San Fernando Velicata, which had been built by Father Serra. Well, the road immediately became rock, boulders, and sand and had no resemblance to road. You can't turn around so we continued the 4 miles to find

The next morning we started early with the idea in mind we would go to Bahia de Los Angeles which was on the Sea of Cortez. Well, it was an 84-mile round trip on the worst paved road we had ever seen. The cars looked like the keystone cops as they swerved back and forth trying to miss the potholes. The beach was beautiful and we ate at a restaurant right on the beach. A good time was had by all. But then it was back on the pothole highway.

The road immediately became rock, boulders and sand



the mission was a pile of rocks. What do you expect, it was built in 1769. We did have our lunch stuff so a buffet was spread out on Glenn and Sharon's running board. The owner of the mission was there as well as the green angels, so we all ate together in the little shade we could manage to find. The green angels had found some cactus apples so we had them for dessert.



We could get gas via a 7UP bottle and a hose which a guy sucked to get started



Our stop for the night was Catavina. Very primitive spot. Boulders and cactus was all you could see. There were only long closed stores and gas station. We could get gas via a 7UP bottle and a hose which, a guy sucked to get started. The hotel was fine and we sat and talked around the pool.

When we got back to Highway 1, John G.'s car started to make those usual "I'm a Model A Ford and I'm sick" sounds. It was limp time back to Guerrero Negro where "Hank" was left behind and the Graves joined the Riggs for the rest of the trip. A call to John Knox and he agreed to come and pick us up. (We call him St. Knox).

On the 21st we hit a military checkpoint and had to prove we were "distinguished visitors" or we would have to pay \$16 each. It took awhile, but with the help of the green angels and Lee Chase

I'm a Model A
Ford and I'm sick



they were convinced and we finally started across Baja to the east coast. The next night was at San Ignacio. We were there in time for lunch at a restaurant in town, which was very good, then to the hotel where Glenn beat us all at poker.

The whole town
came out to see
the cars

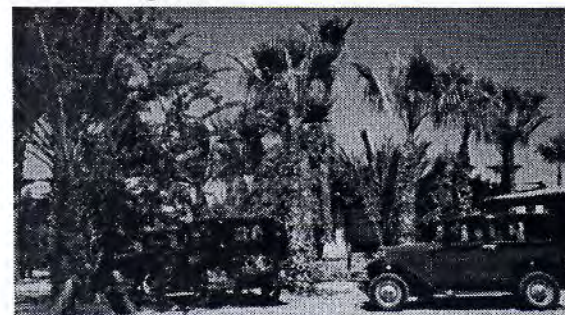


The next day we reached the Sea of Cortez and came to the rather large town of Santa Rosalía. We drove the cars to the church, which was built by Eiffel in Paris and shipped to Santa Rosalía in 1898. As we lined them up, the police started directing traffic around us with their whistles blowing and arms waving. Then, it seemed the whole town came out to see the cars. John and Gwen were interviewed for the newspaper. They were very interested in the engines. I'm sure they thought they would be new engines. We bought some of the best bread you could imagine at a bakery there. It was a wonderful experience. Only 40 miles to Mulegé where we were to stay 3 days. Our hotel, the Serenidad, was far out of town. We got our room key and

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room



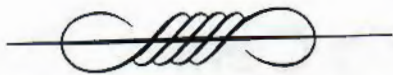
were told where it was with a wave of a hand. After a good deal of wandering, we found our room 'Tabasco'. We were right next to the airstrip, but not much activity only private planes. Riggs locked their key in the room and John G. said, "here try ours" and it worked. A quick check of other keys proved they were all the same. So much for security. The Serenidad looked like it had grown like topsy. Not much rhyme or reason to where the buildings were, but a beautiful palm tree spot. The pool was large and beautiful where you could sit at the bar at one end. Sharon and Darlene really got into those Mango Daiquiris in the 8" diameter glass!



On Saturday night was a pig roast and a mariachi band. The place was crowded, but a good time.



While in Mulegé, we hit the Laundromat and an ice cream lean-to.



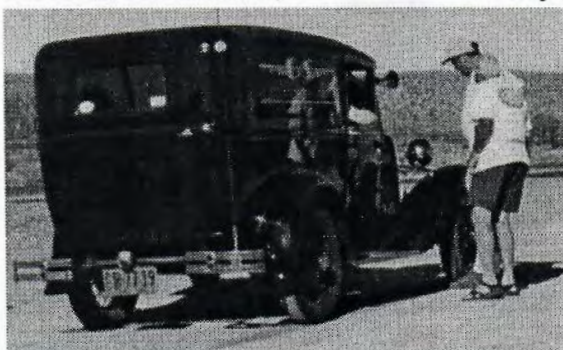
Great ice cream! The Orange County bunch went into town the last night and had a seafood dinner. It had everything on it and was good. Ask Glenn about his margarita.

On Sunday, we went about 30 miles below Mulegé to a very secluded beach. It was called Requeson and had clear water, no waves and lots of shells. On the way back we had crab quesadillas.

On the 25th, we left Mulegé and stopped in Santa Rosalía for breakfast at the French Hotel. We caused another stir in Santa Rosalía.

We then were back in San Ignacio and ate at the same place for lunch. John ordered chicken and we saw a guy come with a chicken in a plastic bag and were sure that was his lunch. That afternoon, Doc took us all at poker! We had no TV in Mulege and the other hotel we had HBO.

Back to Guerrero Negro, it was very cloudy and a little rain. We got to G.N. before noon, but our luggage was on the back of the green angel truck and they were among the missing. In the luggage were the keys to the A. So no chance to look at the engine. The angels arrived at about 8:00 PM. They had a flat tire and had to call the green angels for help. In the afternoon, John and Dorothy Knox arrived. The next morning, the A was loaded onto the Knox's trailer, along with our luggage. So now we were in the comfort of a suburban and on our way back to Catavina. Catavina was still boulders and cactus, but now add windy.



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The 28th we just got started when the Johnson's A got an upset stomach. The green angel to the rescue and in about ½ hour we were on our way. We stopped at Mama Espinoza's for lunch and that was rip-off city. \$12.50 per person for lunch. It was so called lobster burritos, but it was about three bites of lobster and a tortilla. After pushing Glenn out of the parking lot, we were on our way to San Quintin. What a change! The wind was blowing and it was chilly. Night brought out a lot of long pants and even some jackets. It was still a beautiful spot and the waves were huge. The Minister of Tourism came to the hotel and wanted an individual picture of each Model A and passengers and told us to come to his office the next morning.

We arrived at about 9:00 AM at the tourist office and the pictures had been placed on glass plaques etched with the words "Distinguished Visitors" the date and that we were promoting tourism in Baja. As each was presented with their plaque another picture was taken. Quite an event!

Then we were back in Ensenada and said goodbye to the angels and hello to a Travelodge with real television and lots of shopping! The last night was the farewell banquet at a French restaurant and quite upscale.

At 8:45 we were ready to leave Ensenada and getting ready for a stop in Rosarito Beach. The wind was blowing quite hard and was like a Santa Ana. Rosarito Beach was great for shopping, in fact next time we go back I expect a statue to be erected in honor of the Johnson's spending.

It was then time to cross the border. It took awhile, but it was a snap. John and Dorothy towed us to San Clemente where we got a flat bed to bring us up the hill to home.

Sharon and Darlene really got into those Mango Daiquiris in the 8" diameter glass!

Johnson's A got an upset stomach

Eight Gifts that Do Not Cost a Cent

from McCalls

1) THE GIFT OF LISTENING...

But you must REALLY listen.

No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response.
Just listening.



2) THE GIFT OF AFFECTION...

Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds.
Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family
and friends.

3) THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER...

Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories.
Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."



4) THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE...

It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet.
A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime,
and may even change a life.



5) THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT...

A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," "You did a super job"
or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.



6) THE GIFT OF A FAVOR...

Every day, go out of your way
to do something kind.



7) THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE...

There are times when we want nothing better
than to be left alone.
Be sensitive to those times and give the gift
of solitude to others.



8) THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION...

The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, really it's
not that hard to say Hello or Thank You.





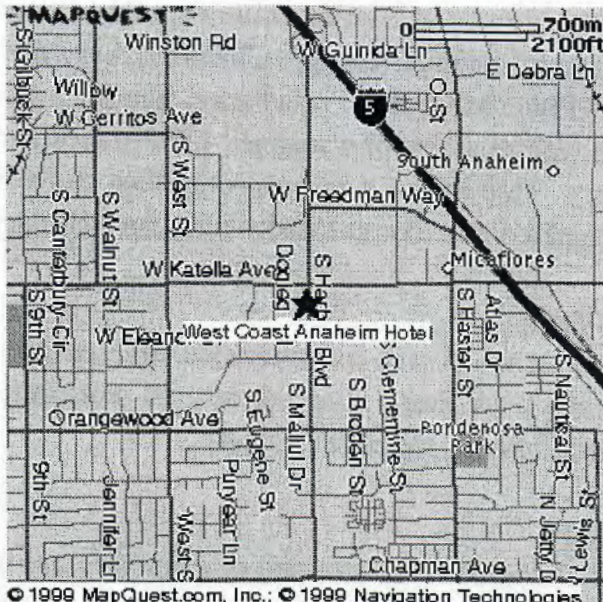
In the News

Glenn R. Johnson

Glenn was recently featured in the Orange County Register newspaper. The SHOPTALK article in the Monday, November 8, 1999 edition is an interview with Glenn about his career as an architectural scale-model builder.

West Coast Anaheim Hotel

1855 S. Harbor Blvd.
Anaheim, CA 92802



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Hotel is located on Harbor Blvd. south of Katella Ave. Turn west onto Convention Way, turn right into parking lot and look straight ahead for Model A's at the Tiffany Terrace Room (same as 1998).

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Missing: *The Distributor*

by Rick Peterson

It has recently come to my attention that the club does not have a complete archive of *The Distributor* past issues. Below is a list of the missing issues. If you have some of them, please consider donating your originals or a copy.

- 1999 None.
- 1998 None.
- 1997 None.
- 1996 None.
- 1995 None.
- 1994 None.
- 1993 None.
- 1992 October, May and April.
- 1991 December - January.
- 1990 December - January.
- 1989 December - March and January.
- 1988 January.
- 1987 December, November and September - April.
- 1986 None.
- 1985 December - October and August - January.
- 1984 December - July, February and January.
- 1983 December - January.
- 1982 December - May and March - January.
- 1981 October - January.
- 1980 September, July, June and March - January.
- 1979 December - August and June - February.
- 1978 December, November and June - January.
- 1977 November - July, May, February and January.
- 1976 None.
- 1975 September and August.
- 1974 October, March and February.
- 1973 December, August, July and May.
- 1972 December and May.
- 1971 None.
- 1970 June.
- 1969 September.
- 1968 January.
- 1967 September.
- 1966 September.
- 1965 March and January.
- 1964 July.
- 1963 December - October, August - March & January.
- 1962 December - January.
- 1961 December - January.





Board Meeting

Orange County Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America
November 18, 1999
by Colleen Schmidt, Secretary

The meeting was held at the home of John and Alice Graves. Members present were Greg Carcerano, Colleen Schmidt, Alice Graves, Ken Zittler, Rick and Deena Peterson, John Riggs, Lee Jackson, John and Jean McMillan, Glenn and Sharon Johnson, and John Knox.

Secretary's Report

The November General Meeting was held at Me-n-Ed's Pizza Parlor in Garden Grove and called to order by Greg Carcerano at 7:35 PM. Among our visitors were Lee Jackson's father, Bill Jackson, and Bo Burton, Submarine Veterans of W.W.II. Mr. Burton presented a plaque and a check to the club in appreciation of our participation in the Veteran's Day Parade in Long Beach. Money has been set aside for T-shirts and buttons for the annual pancake breakfast. Alice Graves reported the new web site has been successful in helping to cut the monthly cost of our newsletter and is paying for itself. December events were reviewed by Ken Zittler. Correction to Distributor Scheduled of Activities: The Christmas Light Tour will be Saturday, December 18th. The Palm Springs Follies tour will be the last mileage tour for 1999. Mileage tours for the year 2000 will begin with the Christmas Light tour. Bev Marsh will be in charge of Children's Christmas Party. John McMillan reported that Marion Wavra's pickup is currently in running condition and thanked those who helped out. A break overhaul seminar was discussed for the month of January. Rick Peterson provided hard copies of the web site article, "The Autumn Tour!" by Tom End, for those who did not have access to a computer. A listing of the membership was available for corrections. Please check your listing in the Roster and contact Rick or Deena Peterson if you need to make changes. Annual fees are now due. The Hard Luck Trophy went to John and Alice Graves who developed

problems while on the Baja tour. However, they did travel 470 miles before calling John Knox to tow them home.

Treasurer

Alice Graves reported that we are in good financial shape and ready for year-end expense and the pancake breakfast. Annual dues will soon be coming in. Our CD has matured and a motion by the board was carried to roll it over for another six months.

Activities

Ken Zittler reported everyone had a terrific time at the Palm Springs Follies. Lou Spielberger was the lucky winner of a free ticket. "An awful lot of fun" was had on the Bates Nut Farm tour. The Christmas Light Tour will begin at 6:00 PM at Lou Spielberger's for appetizers and end with dessert at Marion Wavra's. Our December meeting and annual Children's Christmas Party will start at 6:00 PM at Me-n-Ed's Pizza Parlor. Santa is expected. There will be a tour of a manned Edison substation in January. This will be a freeway-only tour. John Riggs proposed a 4-day tour to Death Valley for February.

Technical

No technical will be scheduled for the month of December. A shock absorber rebuild workshop was requested for the month of January.

Editors

Rick Peterson was notified of a rate increase for the cost of printing *The Distributor*. This will be the first increase since 1995.

The December board meeting will be held at the Dick Church's restaurant in Costa Mesa. Map on next page.

In Remembrance

Alta Peterson by Rick Peterson



On November 28 my grandmother, Alta Peterson, passed away. She and her husband, Joe were very active in the Model A community. They were members of Queen Mary MAFCA and San Diego MARC/MAFCA. She held the title of Editor Emeritus for more than 20 years of service as the Quail Call (San Diego) Editor and Certified Fashion Master Judge for MAFCA.

My grandparents regularly judged (fashion and cars) at Orange County Round-Up's and enjoyed attending our Pancake Breakfast events. I have many fond childhood memories of going with my parents to Knott's Berry Farm to meet my grandparents.

Many of you may have known Alta. For anyone wishing to attend, her memorial service will be held 2:00 PM Friday, December 17 at Fort Rosecrans Naval Cemetery in San Diego.

Death Valley Revisited

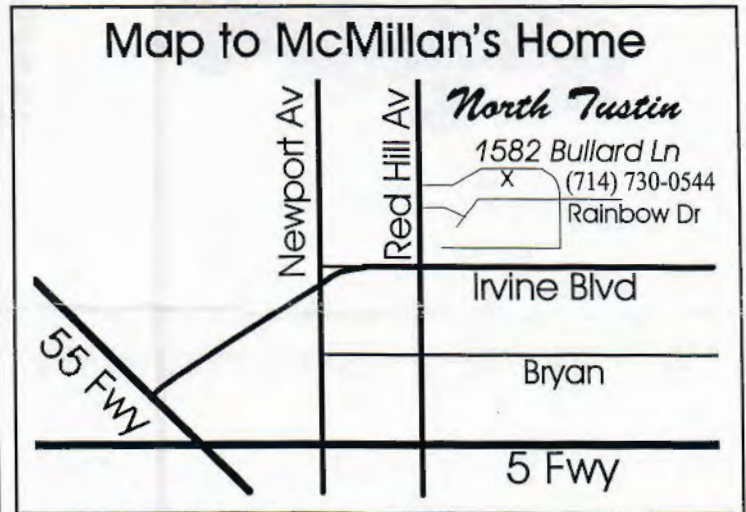
by Joan Mariola

We will be going to Death Valley, February 17-19, returning on the 20th.

We will be staying at the Furnace Creek Ranch. Reservations are under Orange County Model A Club. Phone (760) 786-2345 and ask for Max. Rooms are \$124.00 plus 9% tax, 48 hour cancellation.

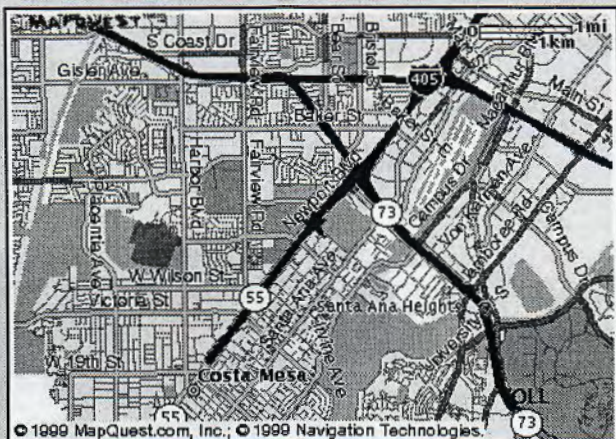
Glenn Johnson will be leading the tour as we hope to have the "Old Timers" from 5 years ago and lots of "New Timers".

Information: Glenn Johnson says it's going to be a good one. Don't miss it!

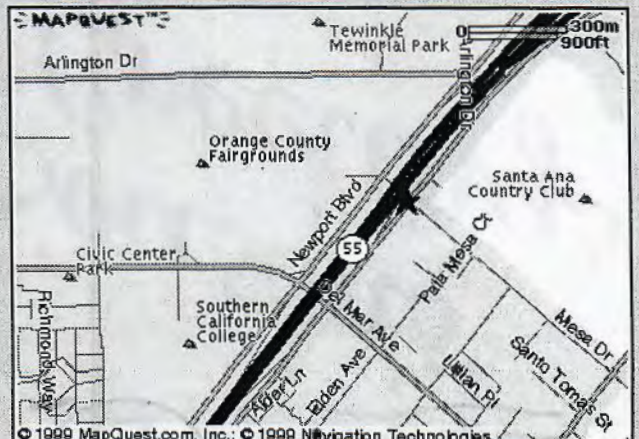


December Board Meeting

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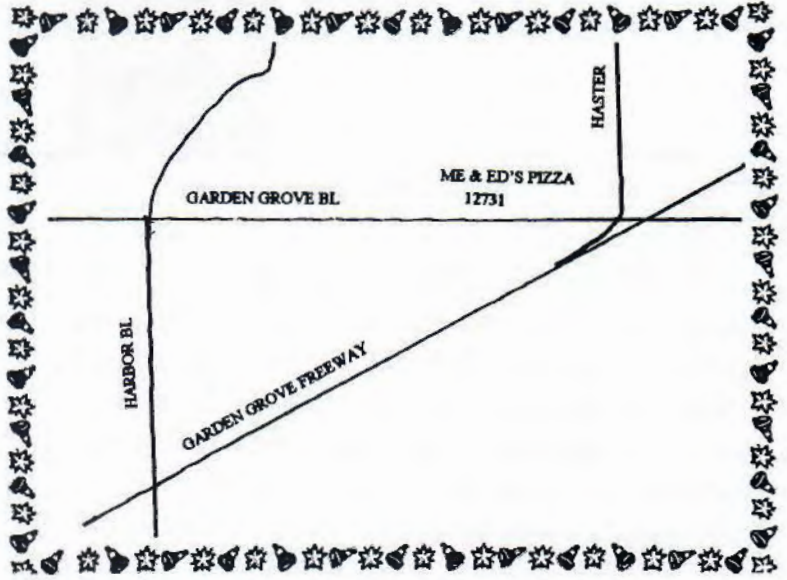
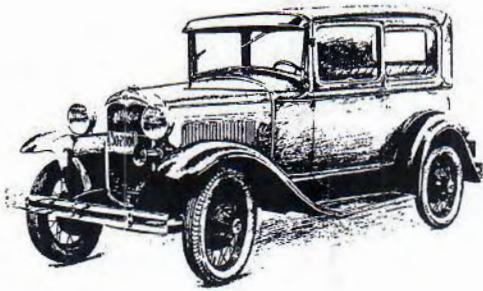
City Map



Street Map

General Meeting Location
[Second Thursday of every month]
December 9, 1999 @ 6:00 PM

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



Season's Greetings

First Class Mail

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