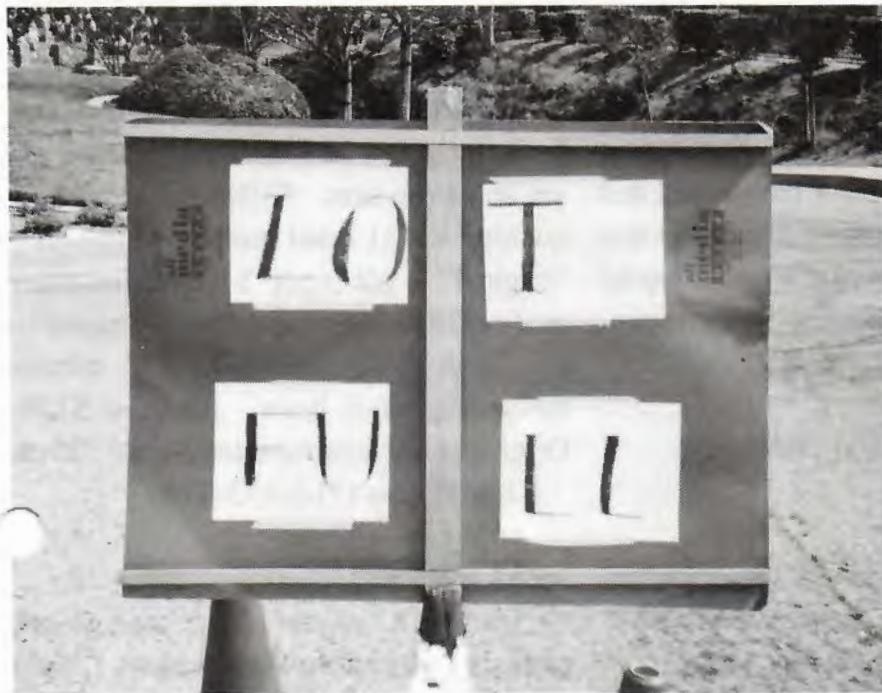


The Distributor

Pancake Breakfast



The event was such a success that the city declared the park full and made us turn cars away.

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President's Column

First, I'd like to say "Welcome" to all new members.

Many thanks again to all who contributed to our Annual Pancake Breakfast. This year proved to be, as most of you witnessed, one of the most successful events of any previous year. There were over 300 Model A's in attendance and so many more "Model A'ers" that I couldn't count them. Because of the wonderful turnout, our club is in sound standing.

GOOD NEWS! Keep your eyes open. Very soon now our club will have its own web site. Some of the benefits will include:

1. You'll be able to access club information right from your own home.
2. It will attract new members.
3. It will advertise new information and events to the computer public.
4. You may see a picture of your car on the web site.

Don't forget the activities coming up! Santa Barbara, Antique Nationals, Henry Ford Picnic and The Great Race Finish. Check the Activities Section for times and dates.

Surprise, Surprise!! Who said, "There ain't no free lunch?" The Orange County Model A Club will sponsor a "Special Day" for all members to enjoy. This will include all the fixin's for lunch in an outdoor setting. So come and enjoy some good food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the May General Meeting...or you can call Ken Zittler if you are not able to attend the meeting. Reservation deadline is June 10th at the close of the meeting. In order to organize this outing and provide the correct amount of food, an exact head-count will be necessary. **DON'T MISS OUT ON A FUN-FILLED DAY!** Make your reservations as soon as possible.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting or on the road. Arrivederci!!

Greg Carcerano

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For Sale

Mitchell Overdrives

Those interested in participating in a group purchase of Mitchell overdrives are requested to contact Jim Nichols at (714) 546-2969. Next purchase will be in July, 1999.

1930 De Luxe Coupe

Restored with rumble seat, stone guard, etched wind wings, motormeter, five white wall tires with left hand side mount. Dark brown over chicle drab with straw pin striping and wheels. Mitchell over drive, rebuilt rear end and transmission, new clutch and balanced flywheel assemble, leakless water pump, alternator and new timing gear. ASKING \$12,000.

Jim Nichols (714) 546-2969

Parts

Complete set of 1948 rear hydraulic brakes, with extra parts \$100. Starter, rebuilt, never used \$60. Muffler, new \$40. Emergency brake handle, new \$50. Original Joe Lokey Model A engine stand, low miles \$35. Set of 4 Model A shocks \$20. Rear fender brackets, sedan \$15. Hood prop, chrome \$15. Rear space tire mount, sedan \$15. 4 blade fan with pulley \$25. Speedometer cable housing & cable \$15. Generator and cut out \$15. Pinto 2300 cc engine, 4 speed trans, etc. \$250.

Ron Smith (562) 425-5231, Lakewood

1931 Victoria

Good condition, interior and body. Great running conditions. 6 Volt electrical system. Turn signals and seat belts added. Green color. Looking for loving home. Price is \$14,000.

Marilyn or Gary Chambers
(714) 540-6332 or (800) 927-3311

Enclosed Trailer

Built in 1975. Solid condition. 14' long to fit Model A or T. Dual axle. Electric Brakes. Equalizer hitch with swaybar. \$1,800 OBO
Glen Johnson (714) 528-0891

Parts

Set of 4 new Goodyear whitewall diamond tread tires 450x21". These have been stored in a dark cool environment and are still fresh tires. \$300/set. Mint-show quality '30-'31 quail radiator ornament - "original" - not repop \$400. Mint-show quality '29 radiator ornament - "original" - not repop \$400. '28 Model F.M. convex cover Model A horn - restored \$150. Original, mint condition perch bolts \$25 ea.
Terry Lucas (714) 633-0390

1931 Victoria

Inserted 'C' engine blown head gasket, chassis mechanically rebuilt, body unrestored, new top wood, needs top, 3-54 rear end, cruises at 60. \$5,500
Bud Lacey (714) 990-0750

1931 Slant Windshield 4 Door

Restoration in progress. Chassis parts restored and painted, bodywork done and in primer, have body paint Elkpoint and Kewanee Green, 'C' engine needs rebuild, woodgraining done, new safety glass, LaBaron Bonney interior Mohair kit, no missing parts. \$6,500

Bud Lacey (714) 990-0750

Hydraulic Press

American made "Lincoln", 16 ton hydraulic press. Price at \$200.
Jim Nichols (714) 546-2969

Schedule of Activities

May 1999

13, Thursday
General Meeting
 Santiago Elementary School,
 7:30 PM

NEW

15, Saturday
Technical Seminar

How well does your Model A stop? John McMillan will be holding a break adjustment seminar at his home at 9:00 AM. Bring jack stands if you have a set. See page 11 for map.

UPDATED

20, Thursday
Board Meeting

Shakey's Pizza, Costa Mesa
 7:30 PM. See page 11 for map.

21-23, Friday-Sunday
Santa Barbara Weekend

HQ at Motel 6; call (805) 564-1392. The hotel is booked. If you have a reservation and are not going to attend, please contact Greg Carcerano as there is a waiting list.

June 1999

5-6, Saturday-Sunday
Antique Nationals
 Palmdale

10, Thursday
General Meeting
 Santiago Elementary School,
 7:30 PM

13, Sunday
Henry Ford Birthday Picnic
 Downey

17, Thursday
Board Meeting
 Location TBA, 7:30 PM

19, Saturday
End of the Great Race
 We're trying to get involved as a club somehow; work in progress.

UPDATED

27, Sunday
Membership Party
 Free lunch and fellowship. Sign up at May General Meeting or call Ken Zitterer before June 10th.

July 1999

8, Thursday
General Meeting
 Hart Park, 7:00 PM. (Pot Luck at 6:00 PM)

15, Thursday
Board Meeting
 Location TBA, 7:30 PM

16-18, Friday-Sunday
5th Wings 'N Wheels
 Santa Ynez

August 1999

12, Thursday
General Meeting
 Hart Park, 7:00 PM. (Pot Luck at 6:00 PM)

19, Thursday
Board Meeting
 Location TBA, 7:30 PM

Wanted



Looking for gasoline, oil or automotive related signs. Will trade for Model A parts, accessories or pay cash.
 Dennis Griffin (714) 832-4112

1928 AR Fender
 Right front NOS or excellent condition preferred.
 Glen Johnson (714) 528-0891

Board Meeting

Orange County Chapter Model A Ford Club of America

April 15, 1999

by Colleen Schmidt, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Greg Carcerano at the home of John and Alice Graves. Other members present were Rick and Deena Peterson, John and Jean McMillan, Carl Erickson and Colleen Schmidt.

Secretary's Report

Due to the closure of the school for Easter Vacation, a quick decision was made to hold the April 8th General meeting at "Me and Ed's Pizza" on Orange Thorpe Blvd. There were approximately 50 people present. Jon Heiland introduced visitor Ben Wilber. Alice Graves reported the Pancake Breakfast was an outstanding success with a show of over 300 Model A's. A big thanks from Greg to all those who helped make it so. We have three new members for a total of 141. Ken Zittler reviewed coming events and encouraged people to participate in the Regional Ford Fun Day in May. Sign-up sheets were circulated for the Laughlin Tour. Volunteers were asked to promote "The Great Race" by displaying their Model A's at the Anaheim Farmers Market for one day during the month of May. Several drivers volunteered. John McMillan is seeking volunteers to provide space and time for technical seminars. Please contact John if you can help out in this area. Thanks from Rick Peterson to Kathy and Dale for the "Dust Bowl" article and all those who contributed pictures. Deadline for articles is April 26. Club Rosters were distributed. If you would like an extra copy, the cost is \$1. Carl Erickson reported that he completely sold out all merchandise at the Pancake Breakfast. He is now taking orders for embroidering logos. Bring your caps and jackets to the May meeting.

Treasurer

Alice Graves submitted the treasurer's report and reviewed anticipated expenses for the remainder of

the year. Our account balance is in excellent shape. A motion to purchase two CD's, one for 3 months and one for 6 months, leaving enough in our account to cover expenses was seconded and carried.

Activities

April 25, Empire Railway Museum. May events: Vintage Ford Swap Meet, Ford Fun Day and Santa Barbara weekend. June 27, appreciation party for club members.

Technical

There will be a technical seminar on break adjustment Saturday, May 15, at the home of John McMillan. It will consist of a short seminar with handouts, followed by a hands-on workshop. Jo' will supply the tools, but bring a jack stand if you have one. He will be demonstrating a handy adjustment tool.

Merchandise

There will a bargain table at the May meeting of old merchandise still in stock, mostly small sizes. Carl still has three "1929 Medallions" for sale for \$15 each.

Editors

The cost of maintaining a club web site was reviewed. A motion by Rick Peterson to spend a specified annual amount to establish a club web site, to be maintained by Rick, was seconded by John McMillan. Motion carried.

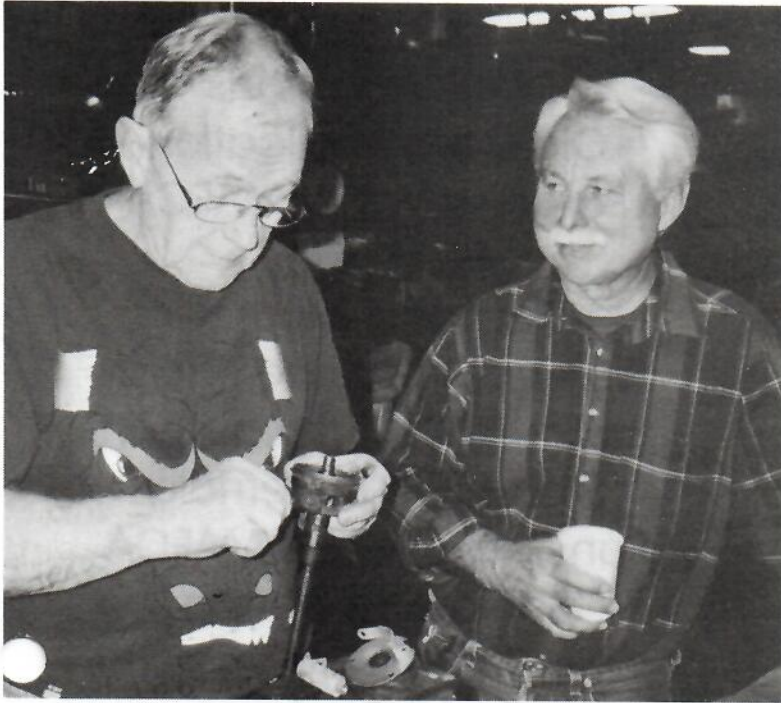
New Business

Deena Peterson to investigate a centralized meeting place for the monthly board meetings.

The April Board meeting will be held at Shakey's Pizza in Costa Mesa. See page 11 for more info.

April's Technical Seminar

Work on rebuilding an old distributor took place in the garage...



...while volunteers assembled buttons for the Pancake Breakfast in the dining room.



Jean McMillan, Mary & Dennis Ashburn and Deena Peterson.

Pancake Breakfast Donors

"Sam's"

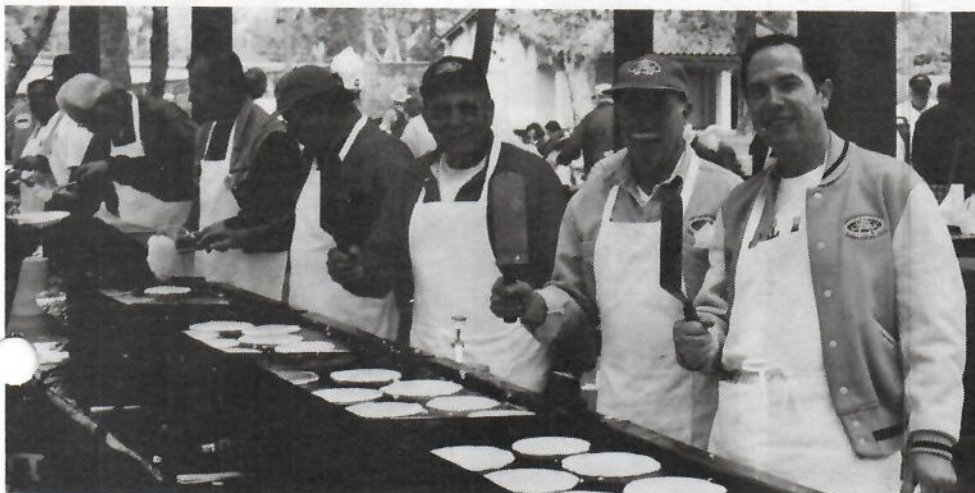
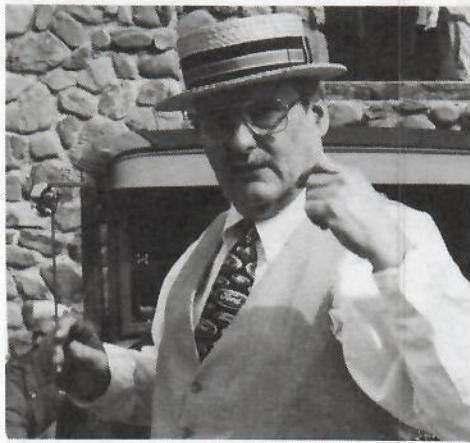
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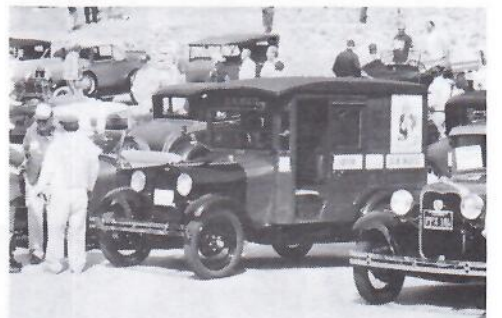
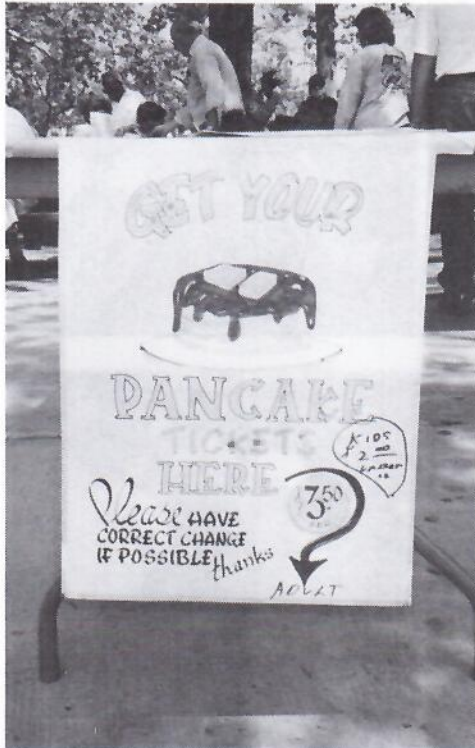
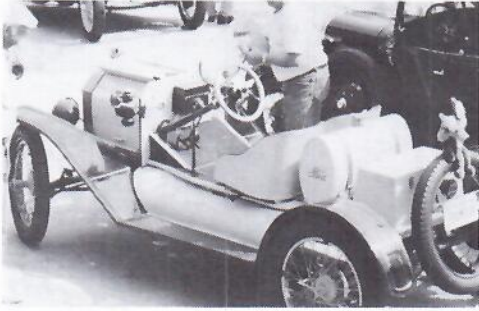
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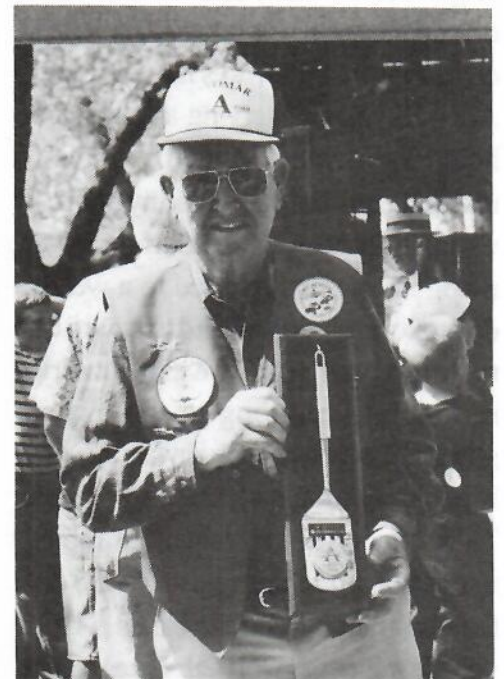
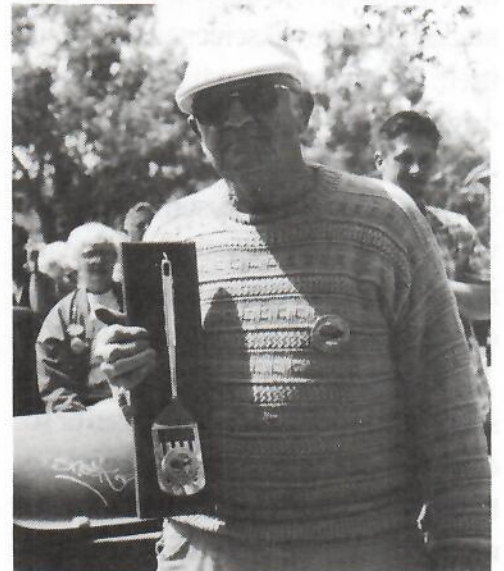
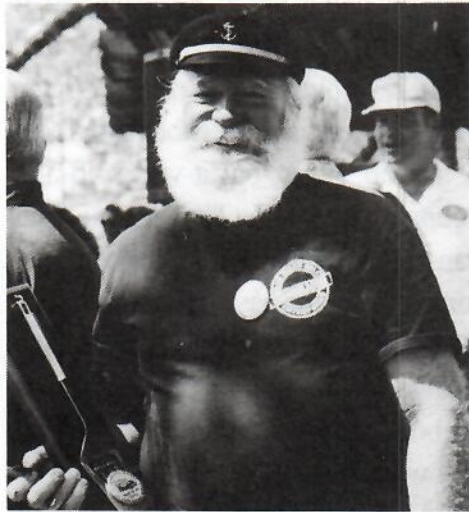
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Carl & Nancy Erickson
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Larry & Carolyn Romaine
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Ted & Helen Loeffler
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Hal & Sue Brand





People's Choice Trophy Winners



The Distributor

Early AR Oddity

by John McMillan

The photo shows the doorsill of a 1928 AR Tudor sedan that I restored in the late 70's. When I removed the stamped Ford script plate, the Ford script and decorative fore and aft dashes were silkscreened on the sill itself. The script was white against the original blue color of the car. In an attempt to bring out the detail from the original color photo to something that would print in our newsletter, I heavily retouched the picture, so the script looks dark against a light background.

Having never seen the silkscreened script on the doorsills of the dozen or so other A's that I've restored, and knowing that Ford Motor Co. wouldn't waste money by silkscreening a part, and then covering it up with a stamped scuffplate, I've attempted to try to figure out how something so obviously wasteful came about.

First, a brief history of the car. It was owned by the granddaughter of the original owner, and after several years of hard service it was retired to chicken-coop duty on granddad's farm in Texas. After 28 years of serving as a chicken hotel, the owner decided to have it restored, and brought it to my shop. It was the first car she could remember riding in, she was married to a well to do broker and could afford to have a car restored that really wasn't worth restoring. According to the owner, granddad claimed that it was the first Model A Ford sold in the state of Texas. That sounded like so much Texas brag to me, but when she registered the car, the registration listed the car as a 1927 vehicle rather than a 1928. Texas at that

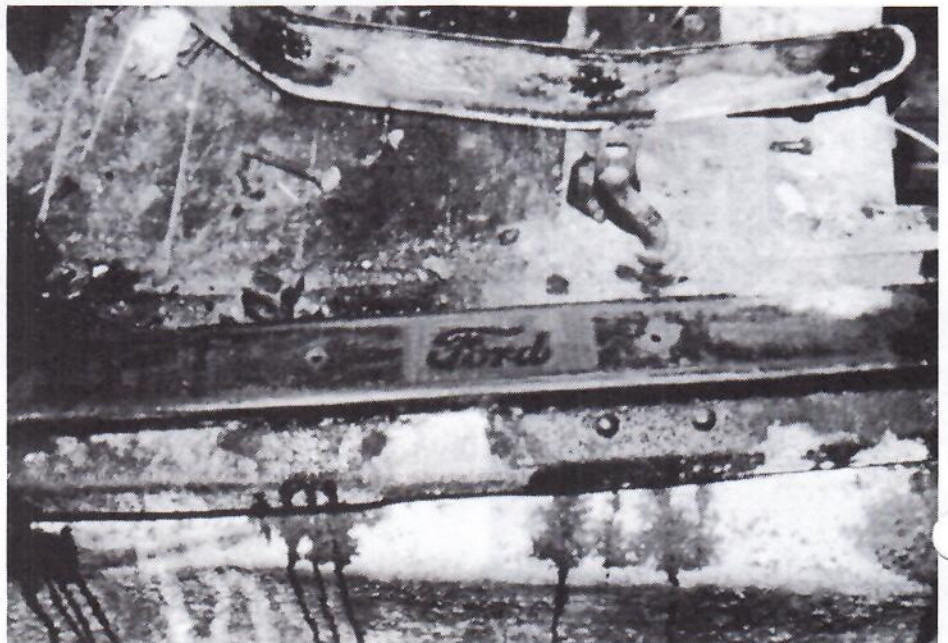
time listed the year of manufacture as the year in which an automobile was first sold and licensed. For example, if a dealer did not sell a 1930 auto until 1940, it would be titled as a 1940 car. So, it may not have been the first Model A sold in Texas, but it was sold and licensed in 1927. The engine and transmission had been swapped out at some time in the past, so serial number ID was not available as serial numbers change with an engine change in Texas on both registration and title, if you follow all the rules.

At this point, I have to start to theorize. The way I figure, one of two scenarios make sense. First, that in the first lot of A's built, the plan was to silkscreen the doorsills and not provide a scuff plate except as a dealer added option. Then, some bright person at Fomoco realized that the silkscreen wouldn't last long and the order went out to add the scuff plate to all cars. This only gets tenuous when you realize that an accessory item is not usually tooled

to produce a sufficient quantity of parts to cover all units in a high volume production.

Second theory goes like this. Scuff plates were planned from the get go, but were not ready to put on at all the factories for the first run, so the sills were silkscreened and the plates installed at the dealer when they became available. This makes sense from a production engineering standpoint, especially if the photo represents a car from a pilot or production proofing run. The vehicles would then have the proper Ford I.D. while in the showroom, and the permanent plate would be installed prior to customer delivery. This scenario works if the lag in delivery of a scuff plate was something less than about two weeks or so.

So, there's the oddity. Anyone who has any other info on this, I'd like to hear it. And if you are restoring a real early AR, and you're a purist, don't forget to silkscreen the sill before you put on the scuff plate.



More Pictures

by Rick Peterson

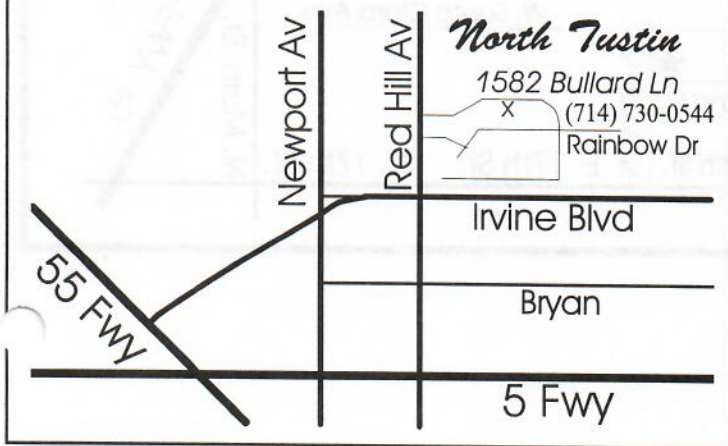
Over 80 quality color images of Model A's from our '99 Pancake Breakfast event are currently available on the World Wide Web. Go to the following URL address to see them:

<http://members.tripod.com/modelaford/2a.html>

The identity of the photographer and author is currently unknown; but, we appreciate them making their photographs available for us to enjoy.

Fire up your Internet browser and check out this site.

Map to McMillan's Home



Corrections



Dust Bowl Tribute

Our sincere apologies. In the translation of Dale & Kathie McCall's article on the tour to Bakersfield, some very important people were left out. The first paragraph should have read:

On Friday, March 12 we met up with our Model A friends (John and Gwen Riggs driving "Betsy" and their passenger Marion Wavra, John and Alice Graves driving "Hank", Vince and Joan Mariola in "Bess", Jeannie and Richard Parish in their '28 Sedan), in Garden Grove and started our trek to Bakersfield for the Central California Regional Group MAFCA 1999 Jamboree.

Please refer to the April *Distributor* for a full account of this wonderful tour.

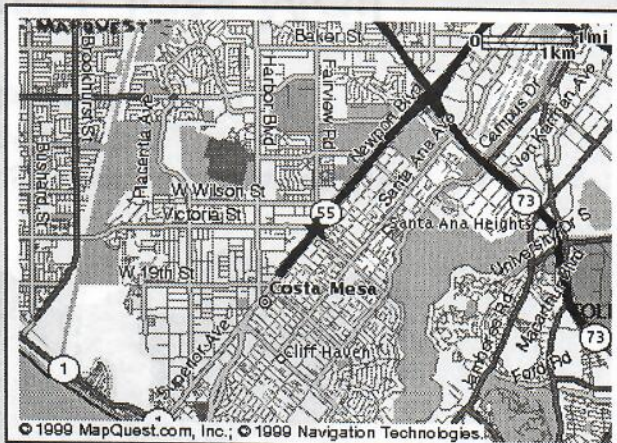
The Editors

New Members

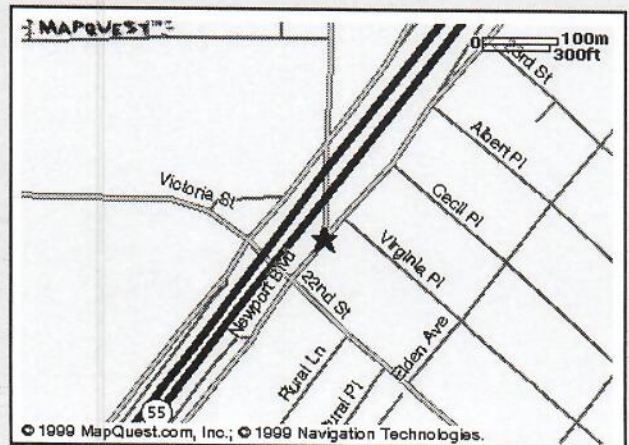
Wilber, Benjamin from Huntington Beach
Urland, Ellie and Karl from Santa Ana
McCullah, Larry and Joyce from Cerritos

May's Board Meeting Map

Shakey's Pizza
2216 Newport Blvd.
Costa Mesa
(949) 646-7224



City Map



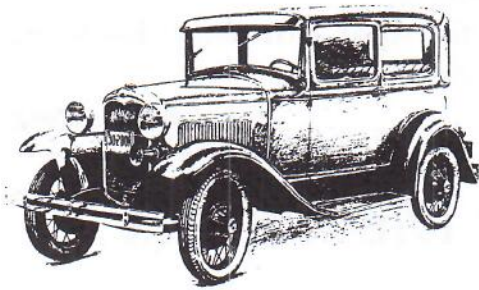
Street Map

General Meeting Location

[Second Thursday of every month]

May 13, 1999 @ 7:30 P.M.

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



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