

# *The Distributor*

## Western Divisional Meet



*Grand Tour picnic lunch stop at Bell Gardens Farm and our club members are doing what we do best.*

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## President's Column

Hello Everyone!

Happy Holidays! It's that time of year again, everything riding up on us! And, speaking of holiday's, we have one right around the corner. It also happens to be the day of our next General Meeting, Veterans Day, Nov. 11th. Due to the holiday, the school will be unavailable to us, therefore, we will meet at Me and Ed's Pizza Parlor, located at 12731 Garden Grove Blvd., between Harbor and Haster on the North side of the street.

The Election and Award ballots will be in this months paper, so be sure to bring them to the meeting, or mail them to Jeanne and Richard Parrish.

Our annual Christmas Banquet is December 12th.

Remember to sign up at the November meeting. Cost is \$25.00 per person. See Jeanne Parrish.

Last months lucky recipient of the Hard Luck trophy, The Peterson's, for their (deja vu) engine troubles on the way to the Rim. Hope you'll be back on the road soon!

We have a full group heading out to see The Follies in Palm Springs, on the 12th. It is always a great show, enjoyed by all.

So happy to hear Nancy Erickson is home and doing well in her recovery.

Hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving.

See you at the meeting, or on the road.

Greg Carcerano

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Model A Ford Club of  
America**

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# 2000 Committee Chairpersons

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# Web-site

by Rick Peterson

## Club News - **CHANGED**

This section of the Main Menu page has vertical scrolling text which allows us to display much more information. Check this section of our web-site for late breaking news.

When the text is blue, it is a link which takes you to another page. Click on blue topics to see more details or to take further action. Currently, there is a club news link which allows you to submit an e-mail address update for our club roster.

## Calendar - **UPDATED**

Added November and December events and corrections.

## Guestbook - **FIXED**

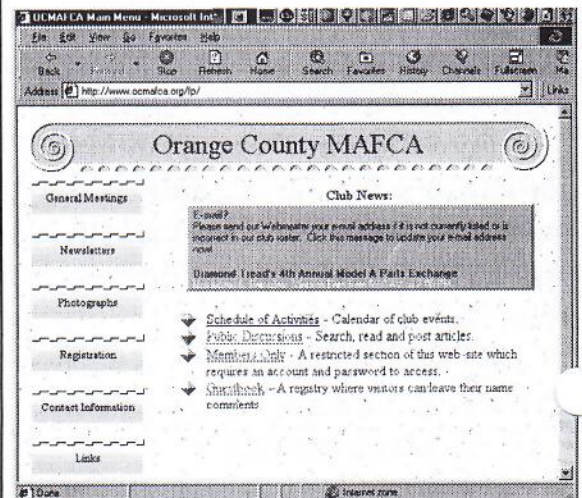
For the past month this section was broken. Visitors could see our guestbook, but, they could not add an entry.

## Miscellaneous - **FIXED**

Several typographical errors were corrected through out the web-site.

## Photographs - **WANTED**

Send-in your photos for the web-site.



# Schedule of Activities

## November 1999

### NEW

#### 6, Saturday Diamond Tread's 4th Annual Model A Parts Exchange

Vintage Ford Parking Lot  
11318 Beach Blvd.  
Stanton, CA 90680  
6:00 AM to 2:00 PM

### NEW

#### 7, Sunday Bates Nut Farm Tour

This is a fun tour driving through the hillsides of Temecula and ending up at the Bates Nut Farm. The tour leaves the Stampede Bar in Temecula at 9:00 AM. This is a Go-On-Your-Own type of tour. At the last General Meeting, the Riggs and the Zittrers were talking about going.

### DATE CORRECTION & LOCATION

#### 11, Thursday General Meeting

Me-N-Ed's Pizza Parlor, 7:30 PM.

### UPDATE

#### 12-13, Friday-Saturday Palm Springs Follies

Leave the Mall of Orange's Sears parking lot at 9:30 AM on Friday and drive to Palm Springs. Some members are overnighing in Palm Springs at the Motel 6 downtown Palm Springs, (760) 327-4200; make your own reservations.

Chairs and tickets will be handed out to all participants at the November General Meeting.

### DATE CORRECTION & UPDATE

#### 18, Thursday Board Meeting

Will be held at John and Alice Graves' home, 6:30 PM. Bring your own meet to BBQ for dinner. Must RSVP to Alice. Carpool with someone; because, parking space is **VERY** limited. Map on page 9.

## December 1999

### ADDED

#### 9, Thursday General Meeting

Santiago Elementary School,  
7:30 PM.

### UPDATE

#### 12, Sunday Annual Installation and Awards Banquet

**You will not want to miss this event!** It will be held at the West Cost Anaheim Hotel in the Tiffany Terrance room. Cocktails at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Reservations must be made and prepaid by December 1st. 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. A sign-up sheet will be available at the November General Meeting.

### NEW

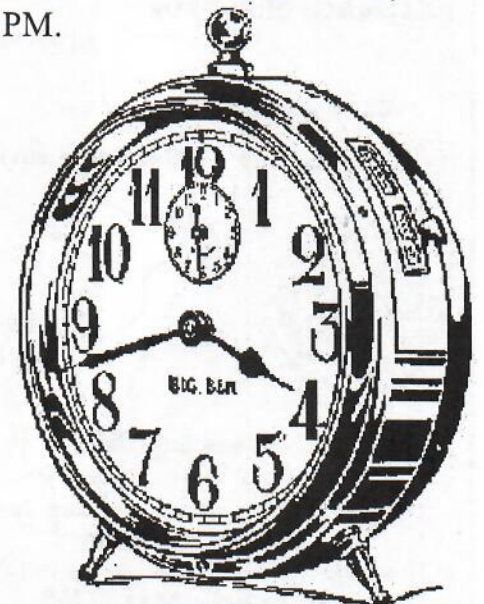
#### 12, Sunday Christmas Light Tour

**Preliminary Plans:** We are trying to make arrangements to drive our Model A's through a neighborhood in Fountain Valley that really decorates their houses nicely and is open to pedestrian traffic only. After the tour, we are going to Marion Wavras' home for dessert. **We need help!** We need someone to host the finger-food portion of the evening before the driving tour that lives in that part of Orange County (Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Hungtington Beach, etc.). The club will reimburse you for the cost of the food and supplies.

### ADDED

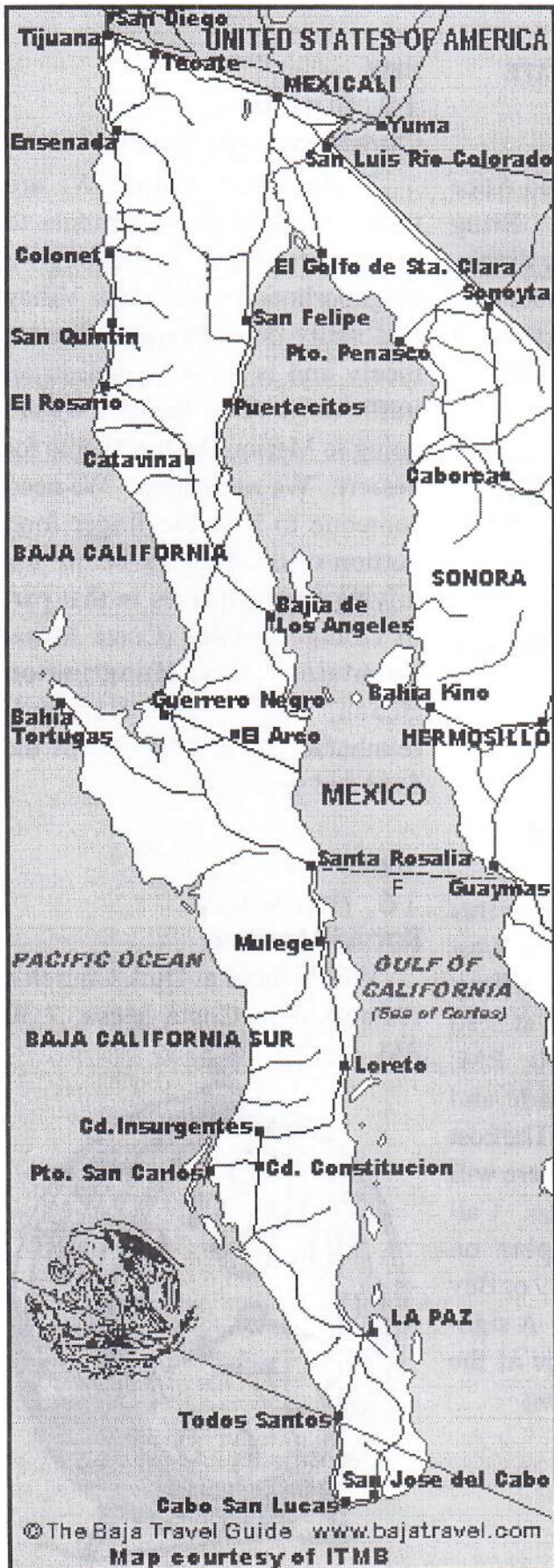
#### 16, Thursday Board Meeting

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



# Baja California Tour

by John and Dorothy Knox



We have just returned from a week in Baja, where we retrieved a Model A with our trailer. The Southern California Model A Association had a 2 week Baja tour that was 1300 miles round trip from San Ysidro to Muelege. The Graves broke down in Guerrero Negro which is just at the border of Baja and Baja Sur (470 miles below the border). Other OCMAFC people were John and Gwen, Doc and Darlene, Glen and Sharon.

Dorothy and I had a great time rescuing them. We camped in our trailer the two nights on way down and came back with the group staying with them for the rest of the nights and daily

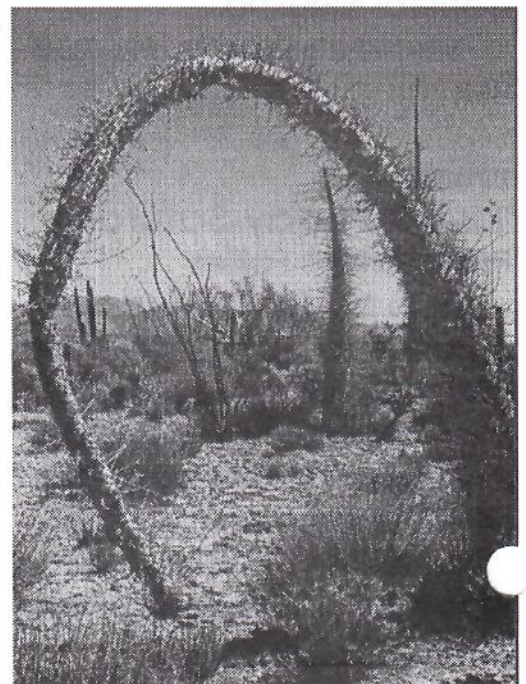
sights. The La Pinta Horse in San Quintin, was our favorite as it was on the beach and it was wonderful hearing the thundering surf both in the evening and in the morning. We stayed there on the way down as well as on the way back.

The roads were narrow for our 8 1/2' wide trailer but we made it OK. The scenery at times was beautiful, the sunsets and rises spectacular. There was a new cactus that I had never seen before (Cirio) and most of all, we made some new friends from the other clubs, and became better friends with the members of our club from Orange County. We are sorry we could not have done the whole trip in our A but glad we could go down and help out.

*Fouquieria (Idria) columnaris:*  
The cirio, or 'boojum tree' only grows in a narrow 200-mile-wide band between the 30th and 27th parallels on the Baja peninsula. It may grow to 50 feet in height, and a large cirio may be over 500 years old. It's branches often form bizarre shapes, and the cirio is perhaps the plant most symbolic of Baja.

**Information from:**  
<http://www.rain.org/~pjenkin/baja/flora/flora.html>

**Picture from:**  
<http://www.futureone.com/~gecko/mextrippphotos4.html>



# Back in Time

by Gerry McKinney

**W**e were the only car from Orange County going to the "Back in Time - Yuma '99" tour. We had an absolutely wonderful weekend at the Shilo Inn in beautiful downtown Yuma. The whole meet was nicely planned, a fun tour, nice hotel, fun car games and good food.

What else could you ask for?

On behalf of the OCMAFCA, we donated a \$25 cash gift for the banquet and it was won by Carol Dunn from Mesa Arizona. She sent us a nice thank you note.

We were lucky to win a second place ribbon for our sedan in the modified class. I won a first place

trophy in a ladies gymkhana event and a first place overall trophy. We won the centerpiece - tool box with 4 engraved wine glasses and wine. We made out like bandits.

The trip home was quick and easy after saying good-bye to many new and old friend from the Phoenix area and San Diego.

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## The Autumn Tour!

by Tom Endy

**L**ate last year I put forth a suggestion for a 1999 club Summer tour to Missoula, Montana. The primary reason for the chosen destination was to visit Chuck and Peggy Bloom, who were long time members of the Orange County Model A Ford Club. The Bloom's returned to their roots in Montana several years ago after Chuck retired from a distinguished career as a 747 captain with United Airlines. A secondary aspect of the tour was to visit the Custer battlefield at the Little Big Horn, Yellowstone national park, and the Grand Tetons. The tour suggestion was met with a rousing lack of enthusiasm for the majority of the club membership. However, the more Jim Nichols and I talked about it, the more we decided we would make the journey.

### Day one, 9-10-99

On Friday morning September 10, 1999, Jim Nichols, his wife Joanne, Lynn and myself, met at the Mall of Orange for an 0900 departure. We waited a few moments for all those people who said they didn't want to go,

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but none of them showed up. With the tour comprising of two Model A Fords, Jim's 1931 Town Sedan, and my 1931 Victoria (Miss Vickie), we headed out. Both cars were equipped with overdrive. I might also mention that Miss Vickie was Towing Larry McSpeed's Model A Ford trailer. During the climb up the Cajon Pass I noticed that Miss Vickie did not like McSpeed's trailer tugging at her skirts. There was some over heating and much consumption of water, but Miss Vickie kept chugging onward like a billy goat. The temperature going through Baker, CA was 103°. It was the hottest climate we were to experience during the entire trip, and only for that day. Miss Vickie drank a lot of water climbing the Baker grade, and it became necessary to purchase a two gallon water jug we affectionately named "Dan" ("Keep a moven Dan, don't you listen to him Dan", ... you know the rest). We arrived late in the evening at Mesquite, Nevada. We had traveled 384 miles that day. The casino hotel we stayed at advertised rooms for \$15.00. However, they had already been rented so we got

to pay \$50.00 for our rooms.

### Day two, 9-11-99

Saturday morning. We continued the journey. The weather had turned much cooler. Miss Vickie was not running too great, she consumed a lot of water and seemed to be lacking in power, much of this we attributed to McSpeed's trailer. However, Dan and I with throats burned dry kept moving on.

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### Day eleven, 9-29-99

Monday morning. We continued on south towards Utah, still on two lane highways. As we were rolling along I smelled smoke and noticed that my ammeter was pegged full over to +20 amps. I immediately pulled over and shut off the ignition, jumped out and pulled the fuse. Smoke was rolling up from under the car. We could see that something was on fire in the vicinity of the battery.

**Visit our [ocmafca.org](http://ocmafca.org) web-site for the full story and its conclusion!**



# Board Meeting

Orange County Chapter  
Model A Ford Club of America  
October 21, 1999  
by Colleen Schmidt, Secretary

The meeting was held at Dick Church's Restaurant in Costa Mesa and called to order by Greg Carcerano at 7:51 PM. Members present were Rick Peterson, Greg Carcerano, Jean and John McMillan, and Colleen Schmidt.

## Secretary's Report

The following is a summary of the General Meeting held at Santiago Elementary School October 14, 1999. There were approximately 45 members present. Jon Heiland introduced Alice Graves' brother, Jack Hughes, who was visiting from Alaska. Alice reported that deposits had been made for the Palm Springs Follies and the Christmas Banquet. Our only remaining expense for the year is the cost of *The Distributor*. We now have two new members via our web site. Ken Zittler reviewed coming events. Plans for the Christmas Light Tour were discussed, and the date has been set for Saturday, December 18. Those who volunteered their cars for the "Pieces of The Past" historical home tour in Old Town Orange on October 17, will meet at the City Hall. There will be a tour to the Bates Nut Farm, sponsored by Rudy and Lori Perez, on Sunday, November 7, leaving at 9:00 AM from the Stampede in Temecula. Corrections to the Distributor Schedule of Activities: General Meeting will be Thursday, November 11; Board Meeting Thursday, November 18, at 6:30 PM. John McMillan reported that the Western Divisional Meet in Temecula was a big success with 207 Model A's participating. A technical workshop was scheduled for 9:00 AM, Saturday, October 16, at the home John McMillan; the task being to get Marion Wavra's pickup back in running condition. There were several contenders for the Hard Luck Trophy this month with Rick and Deena Peterson winning out. Twenty-six club members and

their families participated in Race for the Cure raising \$675. Jean McMillan did a great job of coordinating this event. Carl Erickson still has a few Pancake Breakfast T-shirts on sale at a discounted price, size medium.

## Treasurer

No report. (Our treasurer, Alice Graves, on Mexico tour.)

## Activities

The cost for our Christmas Banquet, scheduled for December 12, is \$25 plus \$3 for parking. Please have your money to Jeanne Parish by the November General Meeting.

## Technical

John McMillan reported the technical workshop (on Marion Wavra's pickup) scheduled for Saturday at 9:00 AM began around 8:30 AM and lasted till about 5:00 PM. Several men joined John and continued work throughout the following week.

## Editors

Rick reported that he was getting good feedback on the photos in *The Distributor*. Everyone seems to think they are great. Club referral cards will be available at the next meeting. Rick will have a printout of the membership records at the November General Meeting for noting any changes, corrections, or additions to your listing.

The next meeting will be held at the home of John and Alice Graves on Thursday, November 18, at 6:30 PM. Limited parking available. Map on page 9.

# 2000 Election Ballot

Orange County Model A Ford Club

Turn in your ballot by November 20th!

1) At the November General Meeting.

2) Mail to:

Jeanne Parrish

10622 Artcraft Avenue

Garden Grove, CA 92840

3) FAX to (714) 638-2355.

Call voice (714) 534-8129 if FAX machine is not responding.

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John Knox

Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ken Dierken

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## The Orange Juice!

her family in the Philippines. Her grandfather and several aunts and cousins live there and they were really shown a great time.

The group from our club going to Mexico went from six cars to three, Riggs, Graves and Johnsons. The Riggs car going WITH an engine.

Guess by now most of you have heard that Glenn and Sharon Johnson got towed home from the prenuptial party at the Riggs. It was thought it might be a bearing, but the last heard was that it was the clutch. He was not alone on the tow truck. On the way to the rim, Rick and Deena Peterson left Redlands to return their roadster home on a tow truck. Heard they had a rod problem. Of course, it wouldn't be a summer tour without the Riggs' Betsy getting tired and being carried home from San Louis Obispo.

Bev Marsh and family decided to give up the easy living and went camping around Goleta. Bev thought she could score a soft bed by sleeping in Melinda's truck, but seems she lost out to Melinda's dogs!

The Zittler's have been busy traveling to a trade show in Chicago.

Hearing lots of good things about the pictures on our web page. Rick is really doing a good job.

The summer tour group were happy to visit with their host from Napa, Linda and Larry Dreyer, while they were down with their family visiting Disneyland. Everyone got

together on Saturday, the 25th, at John and Gwen Riggs' for dinner and a enjoyed a super time. You get to meet some wonderful people in our hobby and the Dreyers are two of the best.

Our long trip travelers, Tom Endy and Lynn and Jim and Jo Nichols are back from their trip to Montana. They said it was a great trip and nice visit with the Blooms. Best news, no major car problems. Hope to see pictures as Tom pulled McSpeed's trailer.

Jon and Pam Heiland's Phaeton has just been dressed up with a brand new set of whitewall tires. And keeping up with the Jones's (Heilands), the Graves got the same for Hank.

Overheard at a recent event — one of our members was referred to as a "delicate flower" that needed their beauty sleep. You can all guess who was so named, but it wasn't one of our ladies.

Vince and Joan had to cancel the Western Divisional Meet in Temecula. Vince was down with a sever bleeding from the nose for several days. Hope it is repaired and they will be out with us soon. Doesn't seem like an Orange County event without the Godfather.

We all experienced meltdown at Temecula, but still had a good time. But —Who forgot their trousers.

Well, guess that will do it for now. We'll keep on snooping.

Well, the "Snoop Sisters" have been pretty busy so I guess we have some catching up to do.

Congratulations to our newly weds, Diana and Bill Douglas, who had a lovely wedding on Labor day, officiated by our own John Knox. They left the next day on their honeymoon for Germany where they will spend a month seeing the sights. Diana spent a lot of time there so she will be an excellent tour guide. Poor Elmo, must feel like the ugly stepchild left home alone.

There was a pretty good turn out for Rim of the World and, of course, Orange County did what we do best - "eat". Seems like Marion Wavra had open house every time it was meal time.

Nancy Erickson has been at City of Hope for her bone marrow transplant. It was a pretty rough time, but she is back home which is good news for Nancy and us.

Congratulations to Jean and John McMillan for putting together a great package for the Race for the Cure. A lot of work but well worth it to see the end results.

Dave and Stefanie Plotkin have recently returned from a visit to see



## In Remembrance

Gordon Kenward  
by Vince Mariola



On a sad note, a long time member of our club has suddenly passed away. He was instrumental in helping many of the past and present members get their cars restored as he was an excellent all around mechanic and body man. He leaves his wife Edna and his three Model A's. The club will miss him (especially Bernie his very best friend).

## Distributor Caps and Bodies Wanted

Here's your chance to recycle some old junk! Greg Carcerano needs Model A distributor caps and bodies to make centerpieces for our annual Installation and Awards Banquet. If you have any you can donate, please contact him. NOTE: They do not have to be in working order.



The first stop on the Temecula Grand Tour was the home of a local artist, Bob Morris, known for making the gates over both ends of Front Street in Old Town.

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## Member Update



### NEW ADDRESS

Looney, Harold & Judy  
17371 E. Burdie Ln  
Orange, CA 92869-5000

### CORRECTION

Knox, John & Dorothy  
Home: (562) 697-2545

### CORRECTION

Lewis, Herman (Lew) & Joan  
Children: Dawne, Chris, Tara, Deb  
1929, 45-A, Standard Coupe, Touring

### NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Peterson, Rick & Deena  
Email: rdpeterson@usa.net

Membership records will be available at November's General Meeting. If you have email, we want your email address. Please review your roster information and notify us of any updates.

## November's Board Meeting

John and Alice Graves  
970 Summit Drive  
Laguna Beach  
(949) 497-3067

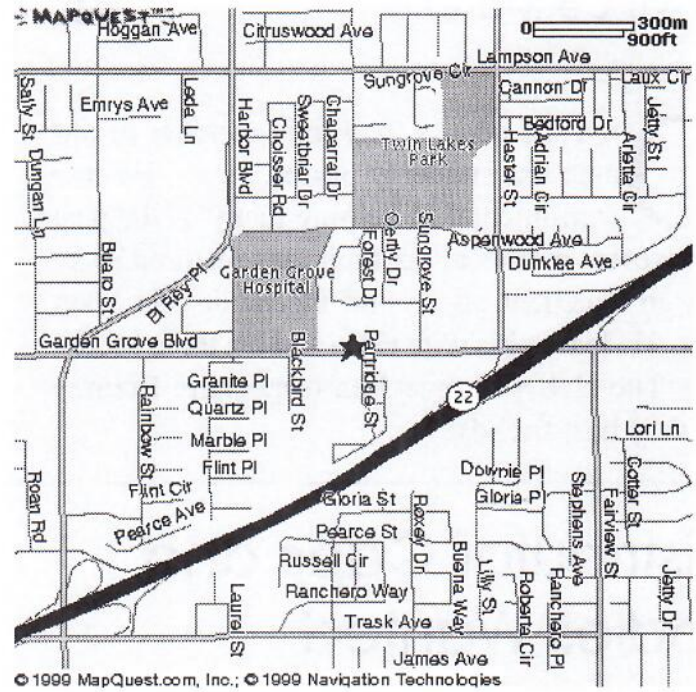
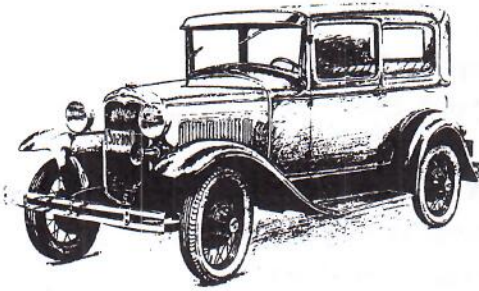
No street parking  
8 spaces available



# General Meeting Location

[Second Thursday of every month]  
**November 11, 1999 @ 7:30 P.M.**

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



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