

The Distributor

Rim of the World '99



John and Dorothy Knox competed in the gymkhana events at Rim of the World. The event was called "Water Spill"; but, the objective was to fill the cups, not to wash the running boards.

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Reminder:

It is time to send in your
year 2000 MAFCA dues.

President's Column

Hello everyone! Hope you had a great summer. This month's general meeting will be back at the school.

Looking ahead at this years remaining tours, it seems we will close out with some fun and exciting places to go. The Western Divisional Meet in Temecula should be a lot of fun with all the activities scheduled. Hope to see you there. Don't forget about the Yuma Arizona Tour (hosted by the Phoenix Club) Oct. 15th-17th. Those interested in going contact Larry or Gerry McKinney. The Baja Tour scheduled from the 16th-31st. This should really be an unbelievable Model A tour down into Mexico. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful trip. Can't wait to hear all about it. VIVA LA MODEL A'S! Coming in November, we have the Palm Spring Follies. We

have done this tour for the past two years. For those of you who haven't made this tour all you have to do is talk to someone who has. Its a great show and a very enjoyable weekend. Tickets are still available; call Ken to reserve your seat.

As we are approaching the end of the year, let's remember our club would not be what it is without the help of many volunteers every year. If you've never held a position in our club, or you haven't held one for a long time, WE WANT YOU! Please take the time to consider a Board or Chairperson position for the good of the club.

See you at the meeting or on the road.

Arrivederci!

Greg Carcerano

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Model A Ford Club of
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Web-site

by Rick Peterson

New Look

As promised, our web-site has been redesigned.

Frames have been eliminated from most of the pages; except, where they are necessary. What does this mean for you? Pages are easier to print on your printer.

Java has been eliminated from the navigation. What does this mean for you? Better performance! Pages transfer to your computer faster; because, you are not downloading the Java applet.

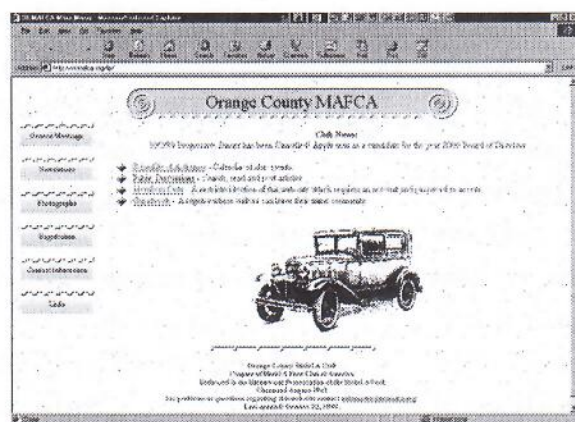
Footers have been added to most pages. Information includes: our club's name, chapter information, mission, charter date, webmaster email address, and last update date.

Photographs - UPDATED

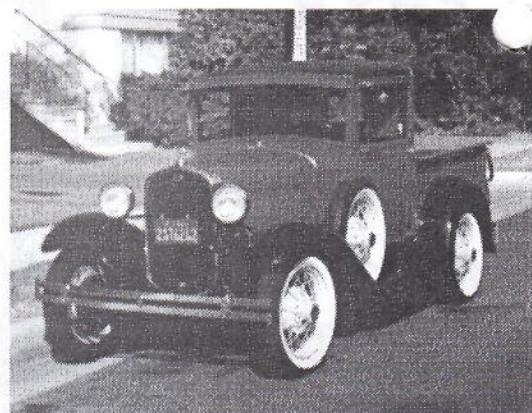
I have added picture from Rim of the World '99. See most of the Big Bear pictures featured in this issue (and many more) in full color and larger size. Please let me know if you have pictures you would like to share.

Club News - NEW

Announcements are now displayed across the top of the home page.



For Sale



1931 Wide-bed Pick-up

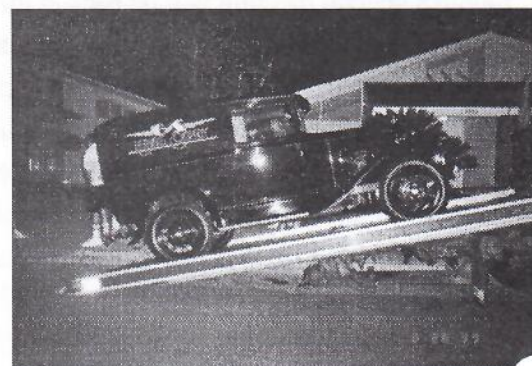
Complete frame-up restoration by Walter Dresel. One owner since 1985. Red with black fenders, soft roof. Current California License 2S76242. \$11,000.

Tom Hall
(714) 633-8729
thall@chapman.edu

1930 Roadster

320 miles since restoration. New Andalusite Blue paint. New top and upholstery. Quail radiator top. Asking \$15,000.

Lyle Waltz
(949) 581-7520



Looks like Glenn Johnson had difficulty pulling himself away from Diana Stewart and Bill Douglas's prenuptial party.

Schedule of Activities

October 1999

7-10, Thursday-Sunday Western Divisional Meet

In Temecula. John McMillan needs club members to help put on our gymkhana event, Friday afternoon October 8th from 1-4 PM. The more help, the less time you will need to stand out in the hot sun. Meet HQ is Motel 6, 41900 Moreno St., Temecula. Phone (909) 676-7199. Rates are \$43.19 weekdays, and \$49.67 weekends. AARP gets a discount. If no vacancy, try the Ramada Inn at (909) 676-8770. Activities include hill climb, car judging, swap meet, gymkhana, fashion show, grand tour and more.

DIFFERENT LOCATION

14, Thursday General Meeting

Santiago Elementary School, 7:30 PM.

15-17, Friday-Sunday Back in Time

Yuma Arizona Tour. Hosted by the Model A Restorers Club of Arizona and the Phoenix Model A Club. HQ is the Shilo Inn, Yuma. For more information call Janet Vogelsang at (602) 899-6746 or e-mail jljv366@aol.com or call Sam Guthrie at (602) 963-5047. Contact our Larry or Gerry McKinney for departure times.

Larry says this is a real fun weekend.

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DATE CORRECTION

16-31, Saturday-Sunday Baja California Tour

Orange County group, headed up by John and Gwen Riggs, leaves Saturday Oct. 16. Meeting up with the rest of the tour group and crossing the border into Mexico on Sunday October 17. Total mileage is 1300 miles in Mexico. Overnight stops at Ensenada, San Quintin, Catavina, Guerro Negro and San Ignacio, in both directions. You must have your drivers license, current registration, copy of ownership certificate in your name, Mexican liability insurance and Mexican auto insurance.

NEW

16, Saturday Technical Seminar

Help get Marion Wavra's Model A on the road again. Analyze and repair what is ailing her pick-up. Held at McMillan's home, starting 9:00 AM. See map on page 11.

NEW

16-17, Saturday-Sunday Historic Home Tour

Model A's are needed on the 17th (11:00-4:30) to park in front of homes. Cost of the tour is \$12/ea. If you bring your Model A, you will get 2 free tickets. Contact Greg Carcerano.

21, Thursday Board Meeting

Dick Church's restaurant in Costa Mesa, 7:30 PM.

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

12, Friday Palm Springs Follies

Tickets are \$35 each. We have put aside a block of 24 tickets. After the 24 are sold, the price will jump to \$55 each. Sign-ups at the General Meeting must be accompanied with \$\$\$\$.

14, Thursday General Meeting

Santiago Elementary School, 7:30 PM.

DIFFERENT LOCATION

21, Thursday Board Meeting

John and Alice Graves, 7:30 PM. Parking is very limited; so, buddy up and carpool.

December 1999

NEW

12, Sunday Club Christmas Banquet

Mark your calendars now. More information to follow.



Me 'N DMV

by Dan Adelman

...it isn't that hard
to get a Model A
Ford registered

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do it.

I know; I have been told that it isn't that hard to get a Model A Ford registered; but, it definitely can get your shirt a bit damp in the process. I won't go into the entire story of obtaining the vehicle; but, here it was, fresh from Virginia. Weeks prior to that, I had gotten all the forms from DMV and had them filled out by the previous owner. Weeks of searching later, I even had a really nice set of DMV clear (I was told) 1930 license plates that did not cost a total fortune. I even got the insurance. Finally, I contacted Kevin Vidal, the Huntington Beach police officer to fill out one more form. It turned out that Kevin lived just a few blocks away from me and he came right over. He is a great guy and gave me lots of advice on getting the car registered. Sooooooooo... following everyone's advice, I was 20 days into the car entering California, off I went to AAA to get the registration complete, as I did not want to get stuck paying a penalty. Everyone said that the AAA was the easiest way to do it.

After a 30 minute wait at AAA, I was told that they could not do Year of Manufacturer plates. I HAD TO GO TO DMV. The lady at AAA told me that it could be easily done at the DMV in Valencia. VALENCIA!?!?!?!, I said???. "Well, let me check," she said. Several minutes later, I was told that it could be done at the DMV in Westminster. So, off to DMV I go.

After parking two blocks away from the DMV office, because the lot was full, I find the line inside had only about 50 people waiting in it. Well, I had plenty of time to reread the forms and all the signs over and over. Finally, I was called to go to the window to get the registration

complete. I gave all of the forms and plates to the clerk. I got a very strange look from her...

Her: This is a new car?

Me: No; it is a 1930 Model A Ford.

Her: When did it come into California?

Me: On July 31st.

Her: But, you bought it back in March.

Me: Yea; but, I had to research a delivery company, then the old owner took a vacation, then I took a vacation, then I had to mail him DMV forms, then...

Her: O.K.

Her: The Virginia forms say "special construction".

Me: The wood box on the back was rebuilt; the car is an original 1930 in process of restoration.

Her: Oh.

Me: Here is a picture. See the bottom of the Virginia registration form says "1930 Model A Ford".

Her: Oh. Let me ask the supervisor.

She comes back later.

Her: He said it's O.K. Then she turns back to the computer.

Her: The form to the top says the construction was in 1997. Is this a 1997 car?

Me: No; it is a 1930 Model A Ford. See the bottom of the Virginia registration form? Here is the form the police officer filled out stating that it is a 1930 Model A Ford in original condition.

Her: Oh. Let me ask the supervisor.

She comes back later.

Her: He said it's O.K. Then turns back to the computer.

Me: I want to use the Year of Manufacturer plates.

Her: Oh. Let me ask the supervisor.

She takes the plates and goes off to see the supervisor.

Her: He said it's O.K.; but, I have to check to see if they clear.

A few minutes later, while I am slowly getting a very damp shirt, she says the number cleared. (One hurdle cleared!!!) She then looks at them closer.

Her: The numbers aren't fully clear, some of the black paint on the lettering is faint.

Me: It takes months to get plates fully restored and I didn't have enough time.

Her: Oh. Let me ask the supervisor.

She takes the plates and goes off to see the supervisor.

Her: He said it's O.K.; but, I have to make a note that you will get them restored before putting them on the car.

Me: Oh yes; they will be.

She goes back to the computer and the forms. She carefully reads the form filled out by Kevin and seems satisfied. Then goes back to all the other forms and the computer.

Her: This is a wagon. That is a commercial vehicle. You will need to get the vehicle weighed.

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Me: What?????? This is a two door passenger wagon and it is partially dismantled.

Her: Oh. Oh; here is the weight on the Virginia DMV form. But you cannot use those plates as they are not commercial plates.

Me: But this is not being used as a commercial vehicle. It is a passenger wagon. See the picture?

Her: Oh. Let me ask the supervisor.

She disappears with all the forms, the picture and the plates again.

By now, I have gotten a really wet shirt. And wonder if I will ever get out of the DMV.

She comes back.

Her: He said it's O.K.

She turns back to the computer. This time with confidence and types away.

Me: Here is the insurance card for the car.

Her: Oh; I don't need it.

After what seems to be a short eternity, she turns back and says: "The total comes out to \$220. I will be giving you a temporary sticker and you will be getting the regular stickers in the mail."

I give out a quiet deep sigh, a silent prayer of thanks, and quickly write out the check. I wonder if I should thank the supervisor; but, decide not to push it, he may change his mind. Finally, I walk out of DMV with the car registered and Year of Manufacture plates. If you try this, make sure you get the police officer form filled out properly and be ready!

Let me ask the supervisor.

Is this a 1997 car?



Club Members Race for the Cure

by Deena Peterson

26 club
members and
their families
raised \$675.00

On September 26th, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation hosted it's annual Race for the Cure at Fashion Island in Newport Beach. 26 club members and their families raised \$675.00 to assist the Foundation in its efforts to find a cure for breast cancer.

Most of the club members participated in the 1k family fun run/walk at 7:30 AM. Others braved the 5k run/walk at 8:40 AM. Seven of our members had the honor of participating in the event with their cars. John and Dorothy Knox with their Phaeton were the pace car for the 1k family fun run/walk and Vince Mariola with his Deluxe Phaeton was the pace car for the 5k run/walk.



John and Dorothy Knox ready to lead the 1k run / walk.

John and Gwen Riggs as well as John and Alice Graves proudly displayed their 1928 AR coupe and 1930 Town Sedan, respectively, near the start of the race.

Ford was a national sponsor and welcomed us as part of their team, creating special "Ford Force" T-shirts with the club name on them. It felt great to be a part of a bigger team as many Ford dealerships participated and their

employees had similar blue "Ford Force" shirts. It felt even better to participate as a member of the Orange County Model A club. The out pouring of support shown by our club was awesome! Jean McMillan did an outstanding job coordinating the registration and particulars for the day of the event. Thanks Jean!!! And thanks to everyone listed below who participated!

The Dwingers: Pieter, Judi, Jason & Jennifer, the Zittler's: Ken, Janet, Patty, Dave, Jack & Jack's girlfriend Michelle Evans, John & Alice Graves, Sharon Johnson & daughter Heidi, Ted & Helen Loeffler, Robert & Sonia Meyerhof, Richard & Jeanne Parrish, Deena Peterson, John & Gwen Riggs, Lorrain Rose, Pat & Walter Deutsch, Joyce McCullah, Jill McDonald, Bev Marsh, John & Jean McMillan and Marion Wavra. If anyone has been omitted, my sincere apologies.



Marion, Alice, Gwen & John race to the finish line. Who will be the first to cross?

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Deja Vu

by Rick Peterson

This year was our second pilgrimage to the annual Rim of the World tour in Big Bear. After much preparation, we broke down again on the way and chauffeured Tilly II home via flatbed. Deena and I have been racking up AAA mileage; too bad it's not redeemable.

Last month, we reported about braking down on the way to Wings and Wheels. The cause was as suspected, a striped timing gear. Thank God for flatheads; no other damage was found and the repair was straightforward. Tilly II received a new oversized fiber timing gear, new oil pan and time cover gaskets, and an oil change. New oil pan gaskets and oil are not required; but, I had popped the cam button and its spring into the oil pan.

On the way to the Mall of Orange, we experienced smoke in the cabin. Historically, we have had this problem; so, I did not give it much consideration. As we proceeded, the volume increased. When we arrived, I decided to put the top down to minimize the discomfort. To my recollection, this was the first time the top had been down in some 30 years. I don't recall ever seeing my grandparents with the top down.

As the group departed, we soon realized why I had never seen the top down. The right windshield pillar is stripped and it began to fold over. We abandoned the group to make a sudden detour off the freeway. We put the top back up; but, left all the side curtains off and raised the rear window flap to maximize the fresh airflow.

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After rejoining the group, things were going well. We took the lead when we passed the group waiting for us on the shoulder of the freeway. Last year, we had to make frequent stops to add water after overheating; not this time, we were making good time cruising comfortably between 50-60 MPH (Tilly II has no overdrive).

Things suddenly changed as we entered Redlands. A rhythmic clank clank began and we were running rough with only about 50 percent power. I very quickly pulled over to the shoulder, stopped and turned off the engine. Visual inspection of the undercarriage and engine offered no clues. The shoulder was very narrow and it was not safe to inspect the car any further. The engine started; we coasted as much as possible to and off the next exit and into a nearby Shell station.

After closer inspection, we concluded that I had possibly thrown two rods. We called AAA and were chauffeured home atop a flatbed.

Once again, we returned with our trusty Honda. The Riggs' loaned us their A and we participated in the gymkhana. I did not reclaim the Water Drop trophy; but, we did take home the Hard Luck award.

All this recent high-class travel has taken a toll on our pocket book. Upon renewal, we are seriously considering upgrading our AAA membership to the plus package. It will be awhile until you see us on the road again, but, we are determined and we'll turn this senior show car into a thoroughbred.

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Board Meeting

Orange County Chapter Model A Ford Club of America September 16, 1999 by Colleen Schmidt, Secretary

The meeting was held at Dick Church's Restaurant in Costa Mesa. Members present were Greg Carcerano, Jean and John McMillan, John and Alice Graves, John and Gwen Riggs, Rick and Deena Peterson, and Colleen Schmidt.

Secretary's Report

The following is a brief summary of the General Meeting held at Hart Park on Sept. 9, 1999. There were approximately 33 people present. Greg welcomed visitors Dave Hoonsbeen and Sherry Keegan. Two of our members, Jim Nichols and Tom Endy, were attending a Summer Tour to Montana, and several other members were at the Rim of the World event in Big Bear. Ken Zettler circulated sign-up sheets for Race For The Cure (9/26), and Palm Springs Follies scheduled for Nov. 12. Cost is \$35. Volunteers are needed for the main course for the Progressive Dinner, Oct. 2. If you are interested in attending Back to The future Yuma Oct. 15-17, contact Larry McKinney. Coming events were reviewed. Tickets are now available for a remanufactured engine to be raffled at the MAFCA National Meet in KC2000: \$1/ea, \$5 for 6, \$20 for 25. New Business: Visitor Sherry Keegan asked for Model A drivers to chauffeur the wedding party at her daughter's wedding on Nov. 6, 5:00 PM and would like to make a donation to the club. Greg announced that he will set aside time each month for a new feature: "For the Good of The Club". This is a time for members to share anything they think would be for the good of the club. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM following raffle.

Treasurer

Alice Graves distributed copies of the Cash Flow Report for August and an itemized report by categories YTD, printing and publishing being our biggest expense. John Knox is looking into the cost of having a vinyl banner made to identify our club while touring or displaying our cars.

Activities

Because of a lack of volunteers and the heavy calendar schedule for the month of October, Alice Graves moved to postpone the progressive dinner at this time and reschedule at a later date. Motion carried. October events: Temecula meet Oct. 7-9 (see Technical below). Tour of Historic Homes Oct. 16 & 17. Model A's are needed on the 17th (11:00-4:30) to park in front of homes. Cost of the tour is \$12/ea. If you bring your Model A, you will get 2 free tickets. Contact Greg Carcerano. November events: Annual Parts Exchange and Palm Springs Follies.

Technical

John McMillan suggested engine rebuild and tear down and examination of babbit for future technical seminars. John has a few people signed up to help with the gymkhana event at the Temecula meet, but could still use more help. The more people who assist, the less time each will need to work. This event will be held Friday, Oct. 8, between 1:00 and 4:00 PM. Volunteers should be there by 12:30 PM.

Editors

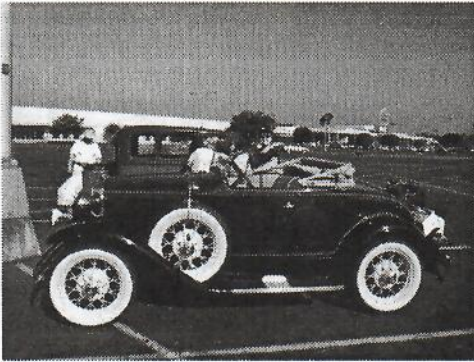
Rick Peterson suggested screening photographs for our newsletter with his equipment to reduce the cost of printing. The board agreed and some of the pictures in the October issue will be done using this method.

Club referral cards were discussed again. The board reviewed a new layout proposed by Kenny Dirken. It was decided to use the prior design presented last month. Rick Peterson said the cards would be available for distribution at the next General Meeting.

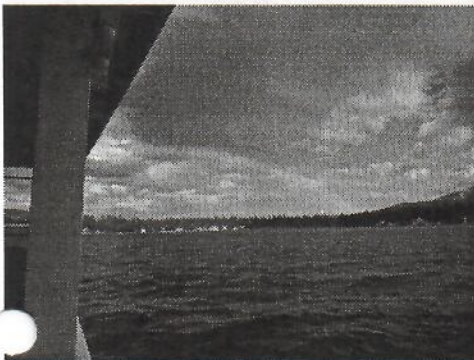
The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, October 21, at Dick Church's Restaurant in Costa Mesa (see page 11 for map).

Rim of the World Tour

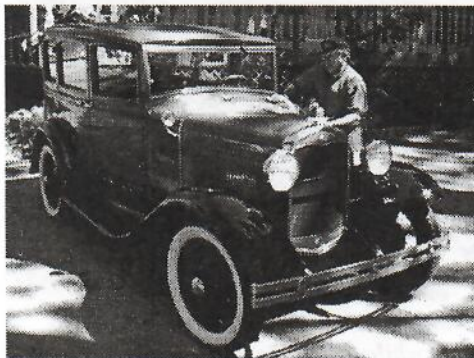
by Rick Peterson



Petersons put their convertible top down for the first time.



Rainbow appeared over Big Bear lake during the early chicken dinner cruise.



Vince Mariola did not like his car being dirty.

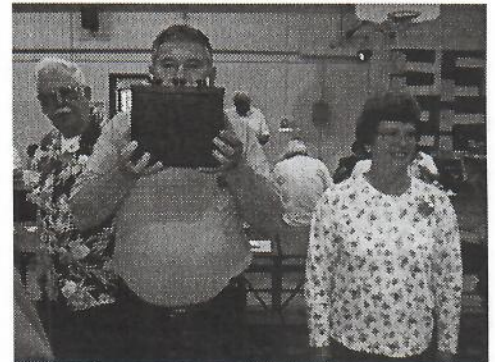
Wednesday, the first tour group meet at the Mall of Orange. It was a warm, sunny day. Marion Wavra & friend Catherine, Riggs, Mariolas, Petersons and Shaners got off to a late start. In Readlands, Rick and Deena broke down; but, they returned and the group got together for dinner at a restaurant across the street from the Black Forest Inn.

Thursday, Graves, Bev Marsh and the McMillans arrived. Occasional light sprinkles of rain occurred throughout the day. A chicken dinner cruise was offered; but, most of the club members stayed back and held their own BBQ at the Black Forest Inn.

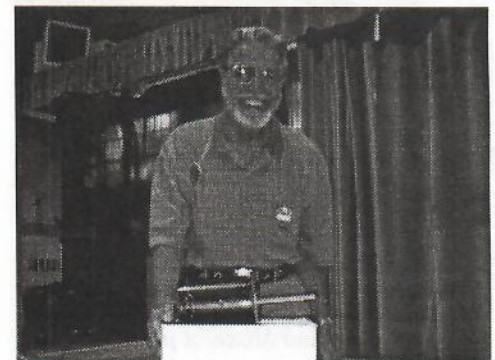
Friday, the Parrishs arrived. In the evening, the club attended the welcome party at the Frontier Lodge.

The main events took place Saturday at the elementary school. Gymkhana in the morning, trip around the lake in the afternoon and banquet in the evening.

Club members headed home Sunday morning.



Jeanne Parrish won a 6 volt battery. Only one problem, their car is 12 volts.



New member, Ben Wilbur, won a starter in the raffle.



Eleanor Shaner cleaned-out the raffle winning five times.



Rick Peterson gave a quick speech about their hardship and his grandparents while receiving the Hard Luck award.

Rim of the World

Gymkhana Club Results

by Rick Peterson



John and Dorothy Knox synchronized their movements.

Tummy Tumbler (time)

Knox 0:24
Parrish 0:27
Peterson 0:36
Graves 0:36
McMillan 0:40
Riggs 0:47



Richard and Jeanne Parrish got into the swing of things.



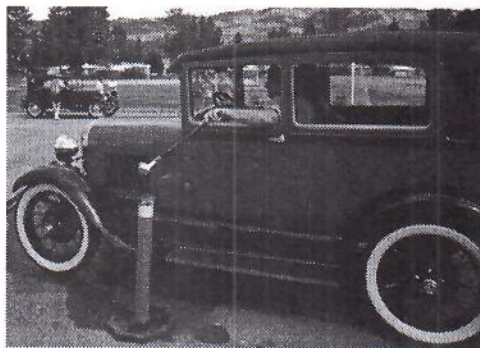
Throw rings around Model A parts. Points: top = 15, middle = 10 and bottom = 5.

Ringo (points)

Parrish 25
Peterson 20
Knox 15
McMillan 15
Graves 5
Riggs 5



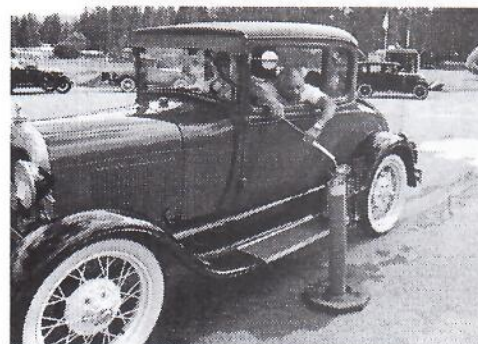
Midair shot of Alice Graves tossing a ring at the board while sitting inside the car.



Richard Parrish carefully filled both the front and rear cups.

Water Spill (time)

Parrish 0:52
Peterson 1:19
McMillan 1:21
Knox 1:36
Graves 1:49
Riggs 2:50



John Riggs used two hands to steady the ladle while filling the cups.



Jean gave instructions to John McMillan while he drove blindfolded.

Back Seat Driver (time)

Knox 1:51
Parrish 2:01
Peterson 2:05
Graves 3:00
McMillan 4:16
Riggs 4:38



Gwen talked John Riggs through the obstacle course.



Nancy Erickson

by Mc Call's

Nancy Erickson is now settled in at the City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte for a long stay of approximately 4 to 6 weeks. She is on the bone marrow transplant unit. Hubby, Carl, will be at her side most evenings and weekend afternoons. I'm sure they both would appreciate cards and notes of encouragement. Her phone number is 626-359-8111 x4723. Her address is:



City of Hope
Room 723
1500 E. Duarte Road
Duarte, Ca. 91010-3000

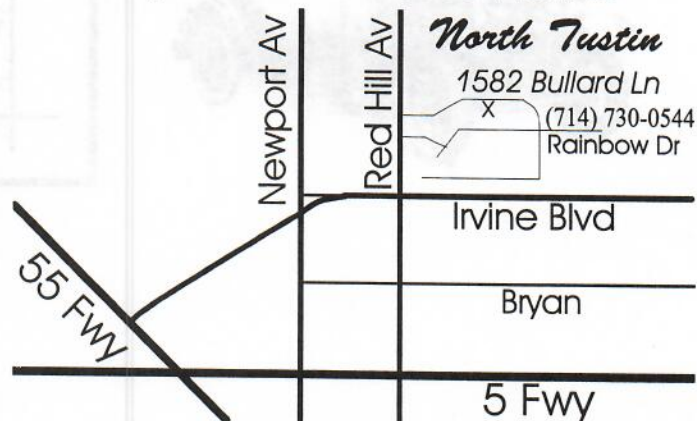
New Member



Hoonsbeen, David Owen & Margret
2024 Calle Alegria
Fullerton, CA 92833
 Email: hoonsb@deltanet.com
 Home: (714) 992-4072 Fax: (714) 992-6214
 1931 Deluxe Roadster, Touring condition

NOTE: David was a guest at the last General Meeting.

Map to McMillan's Home

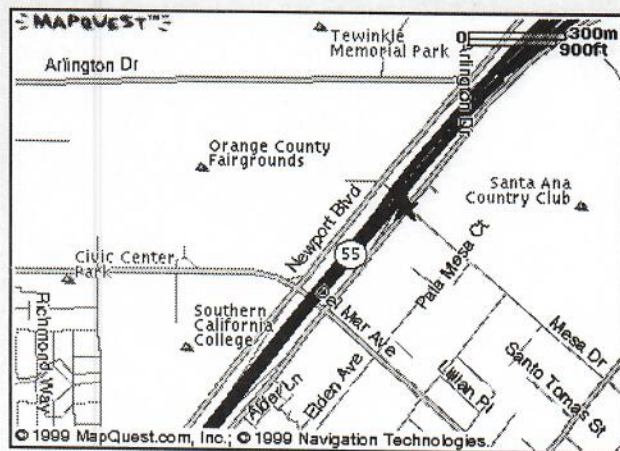


October Board Meeting Map

Dick Church's
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 Costa Mesa
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City Map



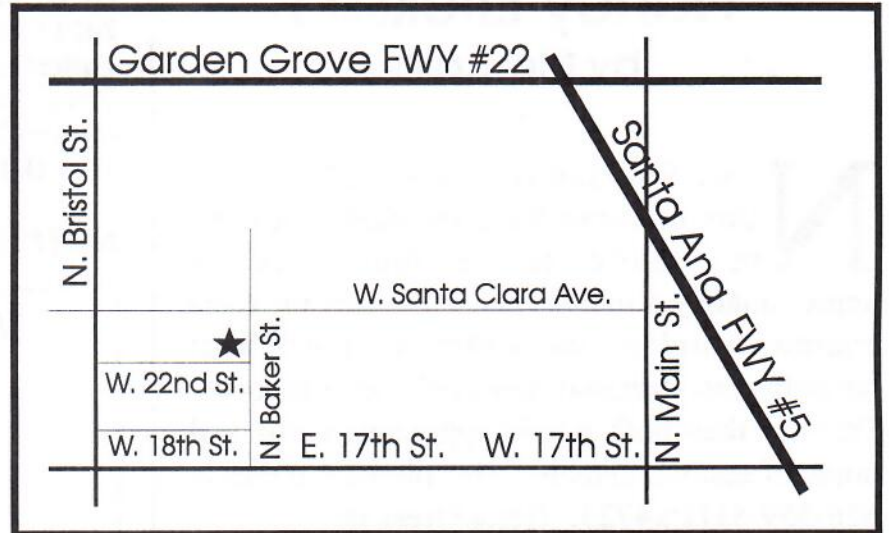
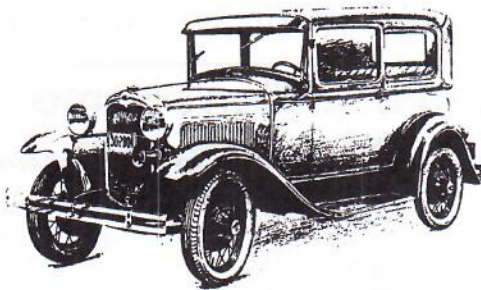
Street Map

General Meeting Location

[Second Thursday of every month]

October 14, 1999 @ 7:30 P.M.

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



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