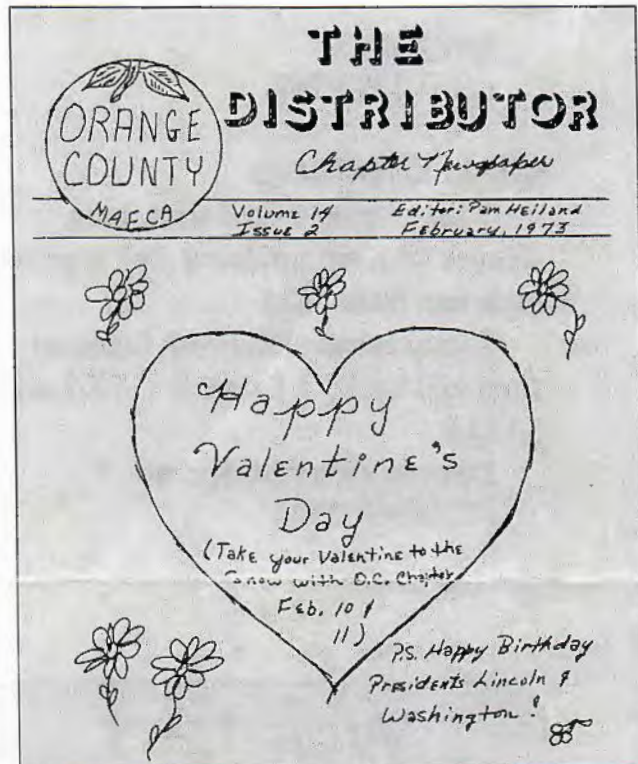


The Distributor



A historical look back at the cover of the 1973, February issue of *The Distributor*.

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Reminder:

If you have not paid your 2000 dues, this is your last issue of *The Distributor* and you will not be listed in the new 2000 club roster.

President's Column

When I bought my first car, in 1950, it was a 1924 model T touring, for \$35. I was really happy. I now had a fun open car and all the girls would be eager to go for a ride. It was fun; but, not as unique then as antique cars are today. After all, it was then only 26 years old.

I was right however, the girls did like to ride in it. My school friends would pile in; and, we would go by the junior high school on our lunch hour to aoga at the kids on the playground. The problem was that the hill by the school was so steep that the car would not make it up in low gear.

To accomplish our trip we would use the lowest gear, and that was reverse. As we would back up the hill, we would whoop it up and have a grand time making the younger kids wish they were big enough to be in high school and drive.

All things come with a price, however. The \$35 was just the beginning of long list of maintenance chores. All of us who have worked on old cars know that. The time I spent working on it was no problem; but, the money was something else. Often times I

could bypass a cost item by making a gasket out of a milk carton or use an old shoe tongue for a spacer on the crank shaft. The leather did not last as long as an expensive machinist's job; but, it lasted long enough to make the car run for a few days.

One other trick I learned was how to fix the loose wooden spokes. I would drive the old T down to the creek and park it in the flowing water. The spokes would swell up and I could drive it for a while longer without them creaking and rattling.

The real fun however, came in driving the car and not just letting it sit in the garage. So get out your cars and get them ready for our tours. We are planning single day tours for each month this year. We are planning many multiple day trips as well. If you have any ideas of a trip, or want to host a trip, let your board know.

It's fun to show off your car whether you are in high school or retired. Let's all go touring together.

President, John Knox

P.S. I thought I was smart when I got \$35 for the old T 18 months later. I wish I still had it.

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Model A Ford Club of
America**

Chartered 1961 - Santa Ana, CA

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For Sale

'30 De Luxe Coupe

With rumble seat, all original and in good running order. Garaged in Costa Mesa. Asking price \$10,000.

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Left front welled. \$150

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Model A engine: Complete with manifolds, sleeved to standard, adjustable lifters, babbit bearings, converted to hard seats and stainless valves. \$250

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Allows motor rotation. \$35

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Metal Lathe

9" South Bend: bed length = 4, on stand and rollers. \$700

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Dayton air compressor

1.5 horsepower, 220 connector. \$125

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Club Clothing

1 Large men's Levi shirt, long sleeves with embroidered club logo on back and front. \$25

2 grey sweat shirts with logos on front and back. 1 Large & 1 XX Large. 2 / \$15

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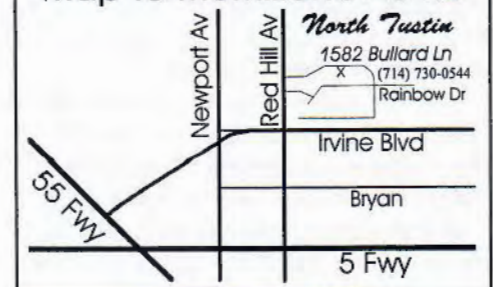
Wanted

'30-31 Rear Fenders

Looking for an excellent set.

Dan Sylvia
(714) 963-6318 - Home
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Map to McMillan's Home



Schedule of Activities

February 2000

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

NEW

13, Thursday
Technical Seminar
Electrical at McMillan's home,
7:30 PM. Map on page 2.

RESCHEDULED

15, Tuesday
Board Meeting
Adelmann's home, 7:30 PM p.11

17-20, Thursday-Sunday
Death Valley 2000
Staying at Furnace Creek Ranch.
Reservations under Orange County
Model A Club. Phone (760) 786-
2345; ask for Nan. Rooms are \$124
plus 9% tax, 48 hour cancellation.
Coordinated by Glenn Johnson.

NEW

19, Saturday
Miniature Golf
Leaves South Coast Plaza for
Fountain Valley at 10:00 AM. Running
board lunch. Tee off will follow. Don't
have to bring your golf shoes or clubs,
just your Model A or modern.

25, Friday
March Newsletter Deadline

26-27, Saturday-Sunday
San Diego Swapmeet
Qualcomm Stadium, I-8 at I-15.

March 2000

5, Sunday
Pomona Swap Meet

9, Thursday
General Meeting
Will be held at Santiago
Elementary School, 7:30 PM.

NEW

11, Thursday
Johnie's Broiler Show
Leaves Garden Grove Coco's
at 10:30 AM for 7447 Firestone,
Downey.

14, Tuesday
Board Meeting
McCall's home, 7:30 PM
588 Glenrose Drive, Orange
(714) 633-0946

26, Sunday
Pancake Breakfast

31, Friday
April Newsletter Deadline

April 2000

NEW
7-9, Friday-Sunday
Laughlin

13, Thursday
General Meeting
Will be held at Santiago
Elementary School, 7:30 PM.

18, Thursday
Board Meeting
Location TBD.

28, Friday
May Newsletter Deadline

May 2000

4-7, Thursday-Sunday
Central California Round-up
Hosted by the Sierra A's and
coordinated by Riggs. See page 9.

6, Saturday
OCMAFC Swapmeet
Held at Vintage Ford.
11318 Beach Blvd., Stanton.

11, Thursday
General Meeting
Will be held at Santiago
Elementary School, 7:30 PM.

16, Tuesday
Board Meeting
Location TBD.

17-21, Friday-Sunday
Santa Barbara
Coordinated by Shaner.

21, Sunday
Regional Fun Day
Hosted by Santa Anita A's.

26, Friday
June Newsletter Deadline



General Meeting Minutes

Orange County Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America

January 13, 2000

by Kathie Mc Call, Secretary

The first meeting of 2000 was held at Santiago Elementary School auditorium presided over by new President John Knox. Peter Mastro Jr. led the flag salute. A moment of silence was observed for Nancy Erickson, Danny Nichols and the mother of Lydia De Leon, all of whom had died recently.

The December 1999 minutes were approved as printed in *The Distributor*.

Treasurer's Report

Alice Graves reviewed the inflow and outflow and report was left open for members to review. The annual audit will be done at the Board Meeting next week. Alice announced the annual Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade, which will be held on 3/4. They are in need of at least 2 vintage cars.

Activities *should be date*

Ken Dierken was introduced as the new Activities Director. He gave an overview of upcoming events. The Southern California Edison Tour will be this coming Saturday leaving at 7:30 a.m. prompt from the Mall of Orange, Sears lot.

Glen Johnson reported on the Death Valley Tour scheduled for 2/17/00.

Ken Zittler, outgoing Activities Director, presented mileage patches to the following members: Joe De Leon 500 miles; John and Dorothy Knox 500 miles; John and Jean McMillan 500 miles and the really big mileage accumulators John and Gwen Riggs with actual mileage of 6,597 miles in 1999, given their 5,000 miles patch. Congratulations to all.

Technical

The January technical workshop will be held on the 14th at the McMillan's workshop on rebuilding shock absorbers. The February technical will be on electrical safety. John is still busy working on Marion Wavra's car as an ongoing club project. There was open discussion on future technical seminars including 6-volt halogen lights by Don Schmidt. Car of the Month for February will be the 1931 Deluxe Coupe belonging to new member Brian Morse.

Editors

The newsletter deadline is the last Friday of each month.

Articles and pictures are always needed and can be sent via e-mail, snail mail, or personal delivery. Members are invited to contribute to the web site or to members via e-mail. It was pointed out that not everyone has a computer/e-mail; so, it's always important to communicate the old fashion way as well.

Special Events

Lee Jackson reported that the recent raffle from an outside club awarded Don Schmidt with a new "ignition system".

The Pancake Breakfast is well in progress and all members are expected to contribute in some way. Traffic Control will be a major issue this year after last year's overflow dilemma. It is suggested that there be more traffic volunteers, all wearing bright reflector jackets or vests. It is also suggested that modern cars park across the street to allow more room for the vintage autos.

ACCC

Larry Conkol states this is a slow time for legislature and there is no new information. Larry was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts in 1999.

Certificates were presented to Jon Heiland, Club Greeter and to Peter and Peter Jr. (Mastro) for their contributions providing refreshments each month.

New Business

Greg Carcerano is in need of distributor caps, in any condition, to use for the pancake breakfast event.

Mel Collings proposed a Summer Tour through several National Parks and into Utah. Leaving Saturday June 17 for 9 days. Interested parties are to contact him.

Bev Marsh presented a Certificate of Appreciation to John McMillan for his work in formulating the gymkhana at the recent Temecula Southern California Regional Event. Bev reported on the future national Convention for summer of year 2002. The location will be in Southern California. Volunteers and judges are needed. Call Bev if interested.

Following the raffle Glen Johnson reviewed the recent Baja trip with outstanding slides and discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

Orange County Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America
January 20, 2000
by Kathie Mc Call, Secretary



The January Meeting was held at the home of John and Dorthy Knox in Brea. Members present were John and Jean Mc Millan, John and Alice Graves, Kathie Mc Call, Pieter Dwinger, Greg Carcerano, Deena Peterson, Richard Parrish, Ken Dierken, Mike Kuester, Lee Jackson, Dan and Sylvia Adelman and John and Dorthy Knox.

Following greetings and introductions, Piet Dwinger presented an overview of the club bylaws and legal obligations of the new board, in particular the Public Benefit Tax Exempt regulations.

The minutes were approved as printed in *The Distributor*.

Alice Graves reviewed the financial reports including a review of the projected budget. Discussion followed regarding reimbursement for hosts at board meetings and technical seminars for any expenses incurred. *Action:* A motion was made and approved to reimburse hosts of technical seminars only, up to \$25. Mike Kuester and Lee Jackson will serve as auditors following the business meeting for the annual review of the treasury records.

Special Events

Lee Jackson gave an overview of the plans for the Pancake Breakfast. He suggested 2-way radios for traffic control. There was extensive discussion regarding the flyer and the advertisement features. It was pointed out that C.W. Moss would donate cost of flyers if their advertisement were on the reverse side. *Action:* A motion was made and approved to provide exclusive ad for C.W. Moss with the notation that Moss covered the costs of the flyers. A separate flyer will be printed for the ^{other} advertisers and donors.

Ken Dierken presented designs for the T-shirts. *Action:* A motion was made to purchase 150 T-shirts in white with the six-color design.

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Technical

John Mc Millan reported the next seminar will be on General Car Safety.

Editors

Deena reviewed the club policy regarding late dues and how long members should continue to receive newsletter if not up to date. It will remain that the newsletter will be held if dues are not paid by February General Meeting, as reflected in the bylaws.

Perpetual Calendar

John Knox and Ken Dierken reviewed the year 2000 calendar of events. The goal for this year will be an average of one-day trip per month in addition to the longer trips already planned. Ken has planned a day trip in February for miniature golf (2/19/00). On 3/11/00, day trip to Johnie's Broiler (Car Show). Interested parties will meet at Valley View Coco's at 10:30 a.m.

New Business

Deena/Rick Peterson with John Knox will review membership form.

December Installation Banquet plans were tabled for the General Meeting, since a change in the date is being suggested.

It was decided, by those present, to change the night of the Board Meeting to Tuesday in view of the fact that many members will be away on the longer trips for the Thursday meetings. The next meeting will be on February 15 at the Adelman's home in Huntington Beach. The March 14 meeting will be at Mc Call's.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The annual audit of the books was done following the meeting.

I've Learned ...

submitted by Richard Day

I've learned....

that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned....

that when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned....

that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

I've learned....

that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned....

that being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned....

that you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned....

that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him

I've learned....

that no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned....

that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned....

that simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned....

that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned....

that we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned....

that money doesn't buy class.

I've learned....

that it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned....

that under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned....

that the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?

I've learned....

that to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned....

that when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned....

that love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned....

that the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned....

that commercials for feminine products always comes on when you are sitting in the living room with all men.

I've learned....

that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned....

that there's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.

I've learned....

that no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned....

that life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned....

that opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned....

that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned....

that I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned....

that you should never jump off a diving board when wearing a bikini.

I've learned....

that one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned....

that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned....

that I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.

I've learned....

that when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

I've learned....

that everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned....

that it is best to give advice in only two circumstances; when it is requested and when it is a life-threatening situation.

I've learned....

that the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

Southern California Edison Valley Substation

by Colleen Schmidt

We got an early start Saturday morning, leaving the Mall of Orange at 7:36 a.m. with only three Model A's and one modern: John & Gwen Riggs, Colleen & Don Schmidt, Ken & Janet Zittler, and Kenny Dierken. We headed east on the 91 Fwy, exiting at Van Buren and drove south to Hwy 215. Don and I had never driven that portion of the 215 and thoroughly enjoyed the mountains and the view as we continued south to Hwy 74 and then on to Menifee. We arrived at the Valley Substation about 9:00 a.m. where we met up with the Patty & Bob Ferazzi, Larry & Gerry McKenney, and Jannice and Calvin Shook. A crowd of 54 Model A's, 2 Model T's, and a several moderns had gathered for the tour.

The Valley Substation supplies power as far as Palm Springs, San Diego, Orange County and Victorville. They have the largest three-phase transformers in the Edison system, each carrying 500,000 volts of electricity. The transformers were shipped here from Germany and the switching station from Sweden who sent a consultant to oversee installation.

We started our tour with a visit to the control room, which is manned 24/hrs a day. Of course, everything is on computers with many backup systems. An alarm sounds if a problem occurs at one of the substations. Next was the building housing the transformers. You could hear the humming and buzzing of electricity as we walked through, but it turned out the sound was coming from the fluorescent light bulbs. The

transformers themselves were hardly audible even though there were 500,000 volts passing through the aluminum tubes just inches above our heads. We were happy to hear that they are retrofitted for a 9.0 earthquake. The third building housed the GIS gear, or switching station, where the power is reduced to 115,000 volts. During the summer, the output runs approximately 900,000 megawatts. If I've gotten anything wrong, or you're interested in any more information, you'll have to ask one of the engineers on the tour.

After leaving the substation we headed for Bob Stark's Indian motorcycle museum and restoration business. As we drove through the countryside, we saw hot air balloons, an ultralight, riders doing motocross in the distance, and lots of rocks, cactus, and horse property. We continued through a small residential area where we saw kids of all ages standing along side the rode waving as we passed by. We made quite an impressive parade of Model A's.

Bob Stark's is a three-generation business which has over 50 fully restored motorcycles from 1901 through 1951, along with optional equipment and memorabilia. While there we had lunch by the cement pond. Our running board lunch turned into a potluck. Larry and Gerry brought some of their homemade summer sausage and Jannice brought a cake for her mom; so, we all got to share in celebrating Gwen's birthday.

Thanks to the Hemet Crusin' A's for another great tour.

A crowd of 54
Model A's, 2
Model T's

500,000 volts
of electricity

900,000
megawatts

Proposed 2000 Model A Summer Tour to Utah Parks

by Mel Collings

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>FROM AND TO</u>	<u>MOTEL AND MISC INFORMATION</u>
1 June 17 Sat	229	Orange to Primm, NV	\$54.95 Whiskey Pete (800) FUN-STOP
2 June 18 Sun	231	Primm to Springdale (Zion National Park)	\$68.87 Terrace Brook Lodge (435) 772-3932
3 June 19 Mon	89	Zion to Bryce Canyon National Park	\$81.75 Bryce Canyon Pines (435) 834-5441
4 June 20 Tue	98	Bryce to Torrey (Capitol Reef National Park)	\$47.96 Capitol Reef Inn (435) 425-3271
5 June 21 Wed	88	Torrey to Richfield	\$41.65 Weston Inn, 1 queen sized bed \$47.63 two beds (435) 896-9271
6 June 22 Thur		Richfield	Fishing at Fish Lake or stream fishing ATV riding, over 1200 miles of trails Antique shopping Dutch oven dinner and/or fish fry at Collings home
7 June 23 Fri	131	Richfield to Cedar City	\$52.96 Motel 6 Big Rock Candy Mountain, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Brian Head Ski Resort (435) 586-9200
8 June 24 Sat	173	Cedar City to Las Vegas	\$55.59 Motel 6 (702) 739-6747
9 June 25 Sun	255	Las Vegas to Orange	

SCE Tour

by Kenny Dierken

January 15, 2000

Three model A's driven by Riggs, Schmidt, Zittler & one modern (Dierken) met @ Mall of Orange. We left at 7:30 sharp! Had a very nice drive down the freeway and took a back road which was scenic where we entered another freeway exited Highway 74 took that East we passed other Model A's along the way, where they met up with us at SCE. Where we arrived in great time also we met up with the McKinney's and the Ferazzi's. There must have been at least 50+ Model A's and some 7-9 clubs represented there. Tour was fantastic and the people were very congenial. After leaving there we drove to the Indian motorcycle collection, where we had a very nice drive except for some of the

roads (shocks were tested once again) upon arriving there, we got together and had a nice running board lunch. The food was great and the company was exquisite; we even celebrated Gwen's birthday (Jan. 18th). The collection consisted of some 30+ classic Indian motorcycles and several classic autos. Riggs, Schmidt, and I left there and headed down back roads taking us on another scenic drive going past Lake Matthew, to the freeway headed towards home. Had a great day and would like to thank the people at SCE for showing us the plant, which is only open to dignitaries also Bob for showing us his collection of motorcycles and toy's. I hope everyone had fun. Hope to see you on the next tour.

7-9 clubs
represented

30+ classic
Indian
motorcycles

Central California Round-Up

Clovis, California

Will be held May 4th, 5th, 6th and return on the 7th. We will spend the night of the 4th in Coalinga at the "Big Country Motel". We have five rooms reserved under Riggs name or you can call direct for own reservations. Please see other

Clovis hotels on entry forms. Dinner will be at Harris Ranch on Thursday the 4th and Clovis on the next day. Short drive to Clovis, where hotels are listed on entry blanks.

Please call Riggs for more details. See below for some information:

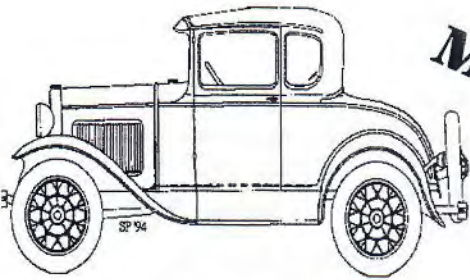
Rooms
reserved
under Riggs

Coalinga: Big Country Motel	
(559) 935-0866	
Queen Beds	\$54.00*
King Beds	\$56.00*
Two beds	\$60.00*

**Two people per room, tax included.*

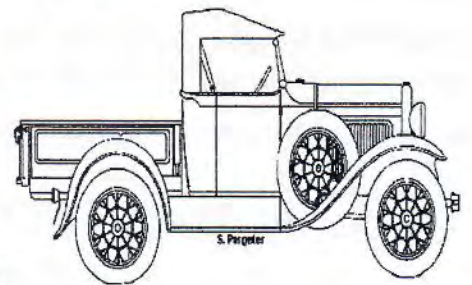
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

ORANGE COUNTY



SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Hart Park, Orange
8:00 - 11:00 A.M.
(Rain or Shine)

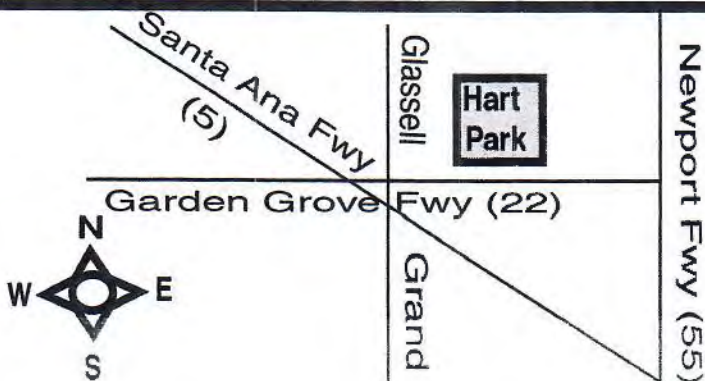


RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE

SET OF 5 - 19" OR 21" BLACKWALL TIRES

Orange County Model A Ford Club

invites you to bring your Model A, your friends, and your appetite for a great morning of fun, food and companionship.



Pancakes, eggs,
sauages, juice, & coffee
Donation: Adults \$4.00
Kids \$2.00

More information call Lee Jackson (714)521-3240 or
E-Mail LEEJ@FAFCU.ORG

Oil, Oil Everywhere

by Dan Adelman

I usually do not spend much time in the Internet; but, I had a chance to peruse the MAFCA site. I read the following that I thought would be interesting to share. We all seem to follow the standard to use 600W oil for the steering box, transmission, and differential. According to Lyle Meek, MAFCA Technical Director, the only reference to 600W in the Model A Ford literature is on page 377 of the Service Bulletins in relation to the 7 tooth sector steering. He recommends using a high pressure gear lubricant of SAE 250 preferred. Later on the site, Less Andrews, states substituting STP

in the steering box and adding some STP to the transmission. Finally, Rick Black, Webmaster, states that there are products that are made which are very close to the 600W and of known quality. Several of these products are Shell Valvata, Texaco Meropa 680, and Chevron gear compound EP 680.

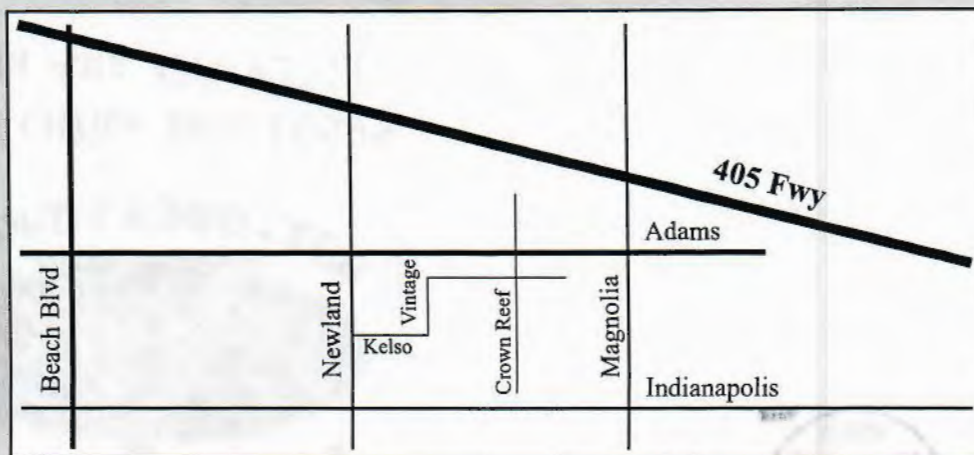
With a little research, the standard Vintique 600W sells for about \$6.00 a quart and provides no information about the product. Southern Counties Lubricants sells the Chevron EP 680 for about \$35.00 for five gallons, or about \$1.75 a quart. This is just food for thought; but, if several people got together and split a container, it saves a lot of money for a known quality product.

Vintique 600W
\$6.00 a quart

Chevron EP 680
\$1.75 a quart

February Board Meeting

Dan & Sylvia Adelman's Home
20092 Vintage Lane, Huntington Beach
(714) 963-6318



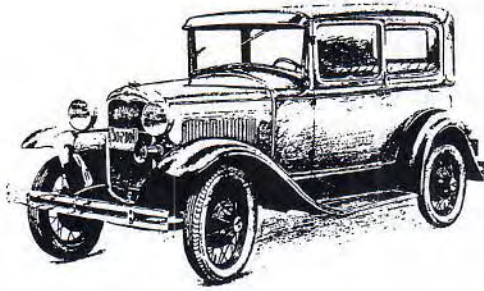
Model "A"
Swap Meet on
the Internet:

[http://users.aol.com/
FordMoVal/swap.html](http://users.aol.com/FordMoVal/swap.html)

General Meeting Location

[Second Thursday of every month]
February 10, 2000 @ 7:30 PM

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



First Class Mail

Post Office Box 10595
 Santa Ana, CA 92711

