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**“Suppose Grandpa would mind
if we just took this off too?”**

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*From the
Vice
Pres!
John
(open
hood)
Riggs*

June busted out all over:

The month of June has come and gone, leaving some good memories behind. We started the month with the Diamond Tread's "Henry Ford Birthday Picnic" at Heritage Park. We had a good turn out (all Model A Fords) and a good time.

The next adventure:

Our next adventure was our trip to the Eli House in Orange. The Eli House is a home for abused women and children. They have done a beautiful job of completely refurbishing the house, with all new furniture and appliances. It even has a "pay phone" booth. Our host and his helpers really treated us royally. We had eight Model A Fords in attendance. After a great meal and entertainment by a live band, we participated in the raffle and silent auction. Kathy McCall won two baskets in the silent action, and Glenn Johnson was the winner of a \$100. gift certificate from Circuit City. The Eli House is a great project, and I think we all came away feeling better for having been a part of it.

A tribute to Alice Graves:

Richard & Jeanne Parrish organized a drive by of John & Alice's home with our Model A's on Thursday, June 21st. Everyone had a chance to say hello to Alice

John McMillan:

Our technical chairman, John McMillan, is temporarily on the sick list. We are looking for volunteers to do the technical seminars.

Wings & Wheels:

July will find us going to Wings & Wheels. I hope everyone has their car ready, along with their appetite.

Hard luck, and a sad story:

At the June general meeting it was nice to see someone other than a "John" win the coveted hard luck trophy.

Congratulations to Drain & Doris Marshall, this month's recipient.

A prayer for Alice:

Say a prayer for Alice Graves, our club president. I hope to see everyone at the July general meeting at Hart Park.

**Remember: Next meeting
date has moved to Thursday,
July 19th. ☺**

Your Distributor Workers



Left to right: **Dorothy Knox**, co-editor with John, assembly & mailing.
Dick Nordin, assembly & mailing.
Shirley Nordin, proofreading, assembly & mailing.
Peggy Nunes, assembly & mailing.
Clay Willis, assembly & mailing.

Photos pages 3 & 4 by **Gwen Riggs**

Cover Photo by **John Knox** of his grandchildren, **Josh and Corinne Bell**.

One of our objects as a club is to encourage young people into the hobby of Model A'ing.

**Please mail photos to editor's home
by or before each deadline.**

Our First Tour aka Happy Birthday Henry Ford

By Bea Kalinowski

On Sunday morning, June 10, 2001, Jerry and I left our house at about 7:10 a.m. We were taking no chances on getting to Coco's by 8:30 a.m. Good thing too. On the way, we heard a little clank, then a guy pulled up beside us and told us something had fallen off. We turned around and headed back to find whatever it was. It was the air maize. Jerry finally got it back on, we continued on our way and arrived at Coco's at 7:45 a.m. At least we had time for coffee and a breakfast roll.

Out in the parking lot **Gwen Riggs** introduced us to everyone, thank goodness, because she and **John** were the only familiar faces. Besides the Riggs' and us, **Bob & Patty Ferazzi, Don Miller, Joe & Lydia De Leon, Lou Spielberg, Chris Foster & Everett Parker, and Vince Mariola** were there for the caravan. We left the parking lot at 8:35, with John & Gwen leading the way and Vince bringing up the rear.

What a sight we made – 8 cars heading up Valley View to Santa Fe Springs and the Annual Henry Ford Birthday picnic hosted by Downey's Diamond Tread A's club. People all along the way were smiling, waving and honking at us. We arrived at Heritage Park at 9:10 a.m. Everybody made it!



As usual, Jerry started looking at all the cars, so I went and got food and raffle tickets.

**Past Presidents
of our local Model A Clubs**



There were a lot of nice cars there, including some Model T's, mostly from the Long Beach Model T Club. **Clay Willis, Shirley & Dick Nordin, Diana Wierman, Alan Snow** (Peggy Nunes' husband), **Doc & Darlene Ingwersen** joined the rest of us at the park. We all sat around chatting and getting acquainted. Jerry & Lou discovered that they both worked at Unocal in Brea, although Lou retired the year Jerry started. They reminisced about all the people they both knew.



Our Club Members

After an ample and filling lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, green salad, potato salad and chips, we all settled in for the raffle. The Orange County Chapter had four winners – Gwen won an Igloo cooler, Diana won a distributor, Jerry won a book all about Fords, and Darlene won the money drawing (boy is she happy I stopped Doc from throwing away their tickets!!!).

We enjoyed the picnic. The Diamond Treads were very gracious hosts. The best part was meeting all the nice people. Jerry and I are looking forward to future club events. Oh, and this was the longest drive in our car since we bought it in December – 52 miles roundtrip.

Antique Nationals

By Gerry McKinney

We had a great time in beautiful downtown Palmdale/Lancaster for the 31st Annual Antique Nationals. It is an event that the 4 ever 4 cylinder club hosts each year. It is their main moneymaker. They also host the most fabulous picnic at the Lancaster Fairgrounds on Saturday. Tom Baxter, from the Pomona Valley Model A Club was the chief cook and along with his group have been doing such a great feed. There were more than 200 people at the park. They are in charge of the lunch for the 2002 National Meet in Riverside. The park is a good spot to get to really look at the cars and talk to their owners and drivers. We sell t-shirts, caps, visors and hats there too. I saw some members from Orange County there. **Bob Ferazzi** drove his sedan delivery there, it's longest trip so far, and he was first in line to race. Great weekend!

'Cruisin' for a Cure' Saturday September 22

by Dale Mc Call

This will be a huge event with over 1,000 cars expected at the former El Toro Marine Base.

There will be an opportunity for men to be tested free of charge for prostate cancer...with a very easy method by a simple blood test. This is so simple and cannot be emphasized enough. This is a curable disease if found early.

There will be many opportunities for great prizes. Over 100 categories for trophies. Lots of give-a-ways. Lots of food, fun and camaraderie. Entry fee is low, at \$15.00 per car. Only \$5.00 for the general public.

Early registration is a must for planning and staging of the cars.

See Dale Mc Call ASAP for entry form and details. Phone: 714-633-0946

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Pictures Fom Eli House Tour (A home for battered women)

(See John Riggs article pg. 2)



Glen's Packard showing off.



The group showing off



Eli House in the background



Activity Schedule!

by John & Gwen Riggs

July 8, (Sunday)

1931 Ford Birthday Party Picnic. Leave 10:00 A.M. from Sears parking lot, South Coast Plaza. Surface street tour. Bring a picnic lunch. You may bring a \$10.00 gift for the 1931 cars if you wish. Info Greg Carcerano 714-963-9510.

July 12-15, (Thursday-Sunday)

"Wings & Wheels" Santa Ynez. Thursday and Friday groups will both leave from Coco's, Valley View at 9:00 A.M. Lou Spielberg will be leading the Friday group, so call him at 714-751-5102 if you plan to join him.

July 17, (Tuesday)

Board meeting 7:30 P.M. at Dale & Kathy Mc Call's. All are welcome to attend. (see map)

July 19, (Thursday) Note new date!

General meeting, Hart Park. Potluck dinner at 6:00 P.M. Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

A-L Bring main dish

M-Z Bring dessert or salad

Bring own silverware and dishes.

July 26-August 8, (Thursday-Wednesday)

Northwest Regional Meet at Post Falls, Idaho. Hosted by the Inland Empire Model A Ford Club of Spokane, Washington. This is our club's summer tour.

August 9, (Thursday)

General meeting, Hart Park. Potluck dinner at 6:00 P.M. Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

A-L Bring dessert or salad

M-Z Bring main dish

Bring own silverware and dishes.

August 12, (Sunday) Pot Luck Picnic

Monthly tour, surface streets. A tour to the S.S. Lane Victory. This is a restored Merchant Marine vessel, restored by volunteers. Leave Coco's, Valley View at 9:00 A.M. Plans are pending for a visit to the Los Angeles Maritime Institute, where replicas of two Tall Ships are being built. Sign up sheets will be available at the July general meeting.

August 14, (Tuesday)

Board meeting, 7:30 P.M. Location to be determined.

August 25, (Saturday)

Our annual progressive dinner and the big celebration of our club's 40th birthday. Lots of fun, so don't miss it. Sign up sheet and more information at the July general meeting.

September 6-9, (Thursday - Sunday)

Rim of the World, Big Bear. Hosted by the Whittier Club. Leave the Mall of Orange at 9:00 A.M. Thursday. Reservations Black Forest Lodge 800-BLK-4EST.

September 13, (Thursday)

General meeting 7:30 P.M. CHOC

September 18, (Tuesday)

Board meeting, 7:30 P.M. Location to be determined.

September 22, (Saturday)

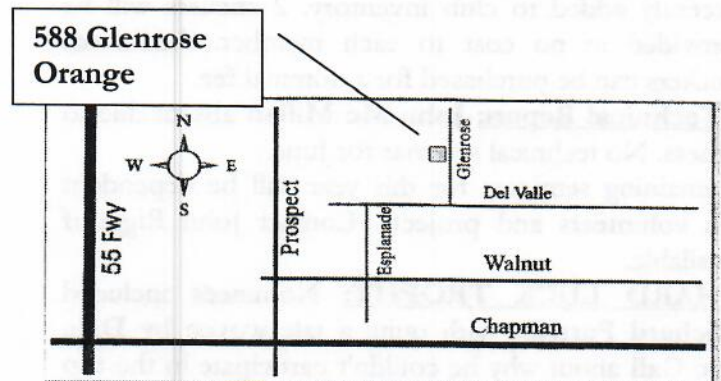
Cruise for the Cure. A fund raiser for prostrate cancer research. Info: Dale McCall 714-633-0946. Get your entries in early so that we can all park together.

September 23, (Sunday)

Race for the Cure. Fashion Island, Newport Beach. Info: Gerry McKinney 714-963-2724.

October 7, (Sunday)

Frazier Park Potluck. Sponsored by the Bakersfield Chapter.☺



Map to home of Kathie and Dale Mc Call

Orange County Model A Ford Club
June 14 2001 General Meeting Minutes
by Kathie Mc Call, Secretary

The June General Meeting was held at Children's Hospital, Wade Education Center. 46 people were in attendance. **John Riggs**, Activities Director presided due to the lingering illness of **President Alice Graves**.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and began with the flag salute. There were no new visitors. The minutes from March were approved as printed in The Distributor along with a brief overview by Secretary **Kathie Mc Call**. Thank you note from Ronald Mc Donald House (for the 3 large boxes of toiletry items) was shared with members, as well as a letter of appreciation from the Explorer Post #42 BSA for the \$100.00 donation towards expenses involved in participating in The Great Race.

Announcements: New member **Terry Armstrong** reported on the great turn out for the Fairhaven Park Memorial Day Service and the quality of the program.

Ken Zittler needs 4 cars for his son's July 28 wedding, if available contact him.

Colleen Schmidt, Treasurer, presented the cash flow report and books were left open for members to review.

Gwen Riggs, Co-Activities Director: Reviewed recent tours and upcoming events. Activities and Events can be found listed elsewhere in The Distributor.

Editor John Knox absent.

Dan Adelman Sales distributed the 'static stickers' recently added to club inventory. 2 stickers will be provided at no cost to each member. Additional stickers can be purchased for a nominal fee.

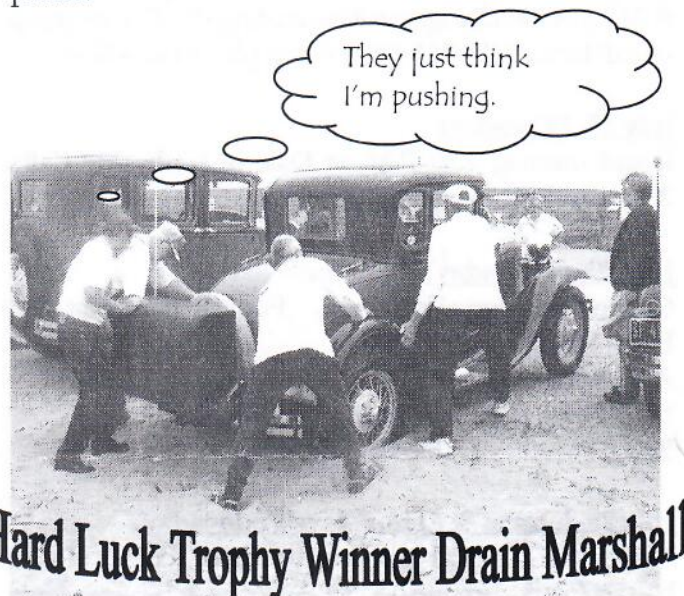
Technical Report: John Mc Millan absent due to illness. No technical seminar for June. Remaining seminars for this year will be dependent on volunteers and projects. Contact John Riggs if available.

HARD LUCK TROPHY: Nominees included **Richard Parrish**, with quite a tale woven by **Dale Mc Call** about why he couldn't participate in the trip to visit the Glendale Great Race Team due to 'car just wouldn't run'. The winner, hands down, was **Drain Marshall** for his 'stuck in the sand' caper while on the Santa Maria tour (see below from the cover of the June *Distributor*)

IMPORTANT NOTE RE: JULY MEETING
CHANGED TO THE 19TH
AT HART PARK due to a conflict with the Wings and Wheels Event in Santa Ynez.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Following the break, **Dick Smith** and **John Pickrell** conducted the raffle drawings. **Lou Spielberger** went home with the prize for driving his "A" to the meeting, and **Glen Johnson** for wearing his name badge. Many others went home with other 'great' prizes.



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One child in College: Andy

Car: '29 Tudor

Correction

Last month *Distributor* misspelled **Peggy Nunes** name with a "z"

A Note From The Bedside of Alice

Dear Model "A"ers:

Laguna Beach must have been thinking it was being invaded June 21st.

What a surprise for Laguna to see Model "A"s circulating through town.

It was really a surprise for me when I saw them last Thursday. I really appreciate the time and effort that you took to come down and I appreciate seeing everybody and the cars.

Thanks a lot for your time and effort and doing things for me. I really appreciate it.
Love Alice



Sunshine and Sorrow

Jeanne Parrish

Rick & Deena Peterson were blessed with a beautiful baby boy on Thursday, June 14th (as we conducted our meeting!). **Colby Peterson** weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. and 21 3/4" long.

Mother Deena, Baby Colby and Father Rick are all fine. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!!**

Joe DeLeon continues to recuperate from complications with diabetes. He is now recovering from eye surgery.

Lou Spielberg sustained a bad fall at home. He is recuperating at Royal Health Care Nursing Home 1030 W. Warner Ave. Santa Ana CA 92707. His bedside phone number is 714-546-6450 ext. 3722.

John McMillan is receiving some chemotherapy treatments and is experiencing some very good days mixed with some "not so good"!!

Our prez, **Alice**, continues to be at home with John & family by her side.

Please keep all of these members in your thoughts and prayers. They would all like to hear from you in cards and good wishes.

From the Laguna Beach City Council



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alice Graves has volunteered on various City committees since 1986, serving as chairperson on many of these committees over the years; and

WHEREAS, Alice Graves has consistently served the underprivileged by providing meals to the homeless and indigent every Monday night, rain or shine, since 1986; and

WHEREAS, Alice Graves initiated efforts to start the cold weather shelter, which provides a dry place to sleep for the homeless during inclement winter weather; and

WHEREAS, Alice Graves was a driving force in establishing the Friendship Shelter, in bringing Head Start to Laguna Beach, in setting up La Playa Center for immigrant mothers and children, and in starting the day laborer hiring center; and

WHEREAS, Alice Graves founded the Bluebird Park Thanksgiving day picnic and organized it for the past 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Alice Graves still found time to be a hostess on the Charm House tours and a mentor at Laguna Beach High School;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Paul P. Freeman, Mayor of Laguna Beach, do hereby recognize Alice Graves as a leader, a provider, and a friend to all in need and thank her for her many years of service to the City of Laguna Beach.

Dated: June 19, 2001

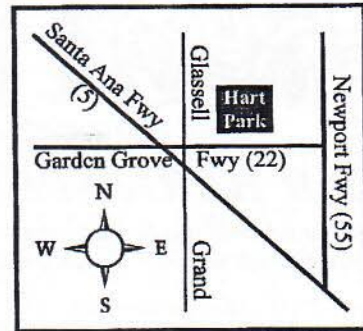
Signed: Paul P. Freeman, Mayor

(Editors note: The mayor also ad-libbed some other accolades about Alice that were not on the printed proclamation.)

Celebrate our Freedoms!



*July Meeting Moved to
July 19, 2001
Hart Park, Orange
6:00 Potluck 7:00 Meeting*



✓ **Deadline for next
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