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

Hi again,

The hood is closed for the month of May and we are looking forward to June and our planned events. The "April Showers" brought a lot of May flowers and the group that traveled to Santa Maria really enjoyed them along the highway. Be sure and read about our June events and we hope there will be something of interest for everyone. (See Activities, page 9)

A new activity is being added to our calendar. It is "The Cruise for the Cure" hosted by **Dale Mc Call** and will be held at the old El Toro air-strip in September. It is a fund raiser for prostate cancer. We will park our cars on the air-strip and it should be quite interesting.

The "Race for the Cure" is also in September at Fashion Island, Newport Beach. **Gerry McKinney** is heading that event for our group. We have supported this for several years now.



Hope to see you all at the June meeting and don't forget that the **July meeting will be a week later than usual.** It will be a potluck held in Hart

Park, Orange. (See Activities, page 9) Don't miss it, eating is what we do best.

Congratulations to **Gerry and Larry McKinney** for once again putting on a great swap meet. Seems the rain showers didn't put a damper on the event and hot dogs were enjoyed by all. Thanks again.

Lou Speilberger recently returned from a Caribbean cruise, and visited St. Mark and St. Thomas in the Virgin Is. He also visited Disney World and Epcot Center in Florida.

A warm welcome to our new members and hope to see you on our June tours. If the A isn't running, bring your modern and join in the fun.

See you at the meeting, Your Acting Prez - O.H.



Alice Graves, A Treasure

Most of us know that our president **Alice** has been an extremely active humanitarian for many years in the

city of Laguna Beach. She has organized feeding of the homeless, a job registry for day laborers, English classes and a yearly Thanksgiving potluck, which may rival our pancake breakfast. She has monitored the city government for years in the interest of those less fortunate than the average LB resident. Her name has come up regularly as a candidate for city council and even mayor. We have seen her featured in The Register at least twice in the last year.

The city of Laguna Beach has issued a proclamation declaring Alice Graves a Laguna Beach Treasure. It recognizes her years of service in the city and notes that this award is seldom awarded and highly treasured. We, of the Orange County Model A Ford Club, congratulate the City of Laguna Beach for their astute judgment and would like to say: "What took you so long?"

After the city council decree, they all assembled outside for a picture of the entire council waving to Alice. Alice has been unable to attend meetings since January due to her illness. She says she misses us and appreciates the cards, messages and prayers. We will try to borrow and copy her award so all of us can see the actual wording.

Congratulations Alice from all of us at OCMAFCA. What a wonderful tribute to our favorite person. By Richard Parish

A Thank You From Alice ---

I have been overwhelmed by the cards and kind thoughts from all of the "Model Aers."

I have enjoyed our "great" newsletter and envy all the wonderful things you are doing.

I also miss being with the best group of people in the world.

Thanks again, Alice

IT WAS A FORD FUN DAY MAY 6

Congratulations are in order for our Regional Representative, **Bev Marsh**, for putting on a great "Fun Day" at the Santa Fe Dam Regional Area.

Thanks also to the following members who got up early to help set up the event: **Bill and Eleanor Shaner, Peggy Nunez and Clay Willis** (in Clay's new "31" slant window sedan), **Don and Colleen Schmidt, Dick and June Riha, John and Dorothy Knox, Dick and Dona Dewey, Kenny and Valerie Dierken, Doc and Darlene Ingwerson, Bev Marsh and John and Gwen Riggs.**

Due to the early hour, we traveled in two groups - North and South. Kenny was at Coco's bright and early to lead his group on the surface streets but alas no one showed up. This led Kenny to join in with the freeway group for his first "A" freeway trip. Proud to say he and his car made it safely both ways.

The Gymkhana events were put on by Pomona, Diamond Tread, Jewel City, and Whittier, and the Kid's games by Santa Anita. A very special thanks to Santa Anita for the popcorn and to Bob Moore for the music.

The money raffle was capably handled by Peggy Nunez with help from ticket sellers Doc and Darlene Ingwerson. More thanks to Queen Mary, Harbor MARC, San Gabriel, San Fernando, and Santa Anita for their donations and for Lou Spielberg's airplanes.

Colleen Schmidt and her helpers did a good job of handling our registrations and passing out the nice dash magnets that Bev had made.

Everyone enjoyed a nice picnic. Orange County was presented the perpetual trophy by Bob Travis for putting on the event. We all said our good-byes and headed home.

It is my understanding that the north group returning home consisting of the Knoxes, Deweys and Schmidts had some minor troubles. We hear the Collings tudor driven by John and the Dewey pickup took turns with roadside seminars. The tudor decided it was time to blow fuses. That was no trouble but they didn't have extras. Luckily, the Schmidts had some. Dick Dewey's pickup couldn't decide if it was out of gas or its carburetor was clogged. After a couple of stops they unhooked the horn on the tudor, put a little petrol in the pickup and both cars decided to go along home. Sounds like two people are in line for the Hard Luck Trophy.

Submitted by Gwen Riggs



Bev Marsh does it again. Thanks Madam Chairwoman for a great day!



Let the ticket sales begin. (Peggy, Darlene & Doc)



The Bean Bag toss
(Some are more full of beans than others)



Happy Clay and his new '31 S/W



Somebody say "Let's eat?"

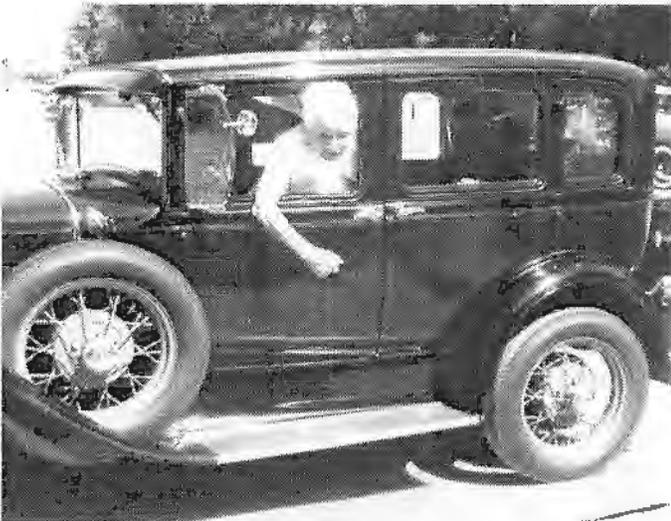
(Colleen & Don, Clay, & Peggy)



"Don't rearrange the tickets, Darlene!"



Four Gymkhana winners from our club.
Don, John, Clay and Dorothy (two events)



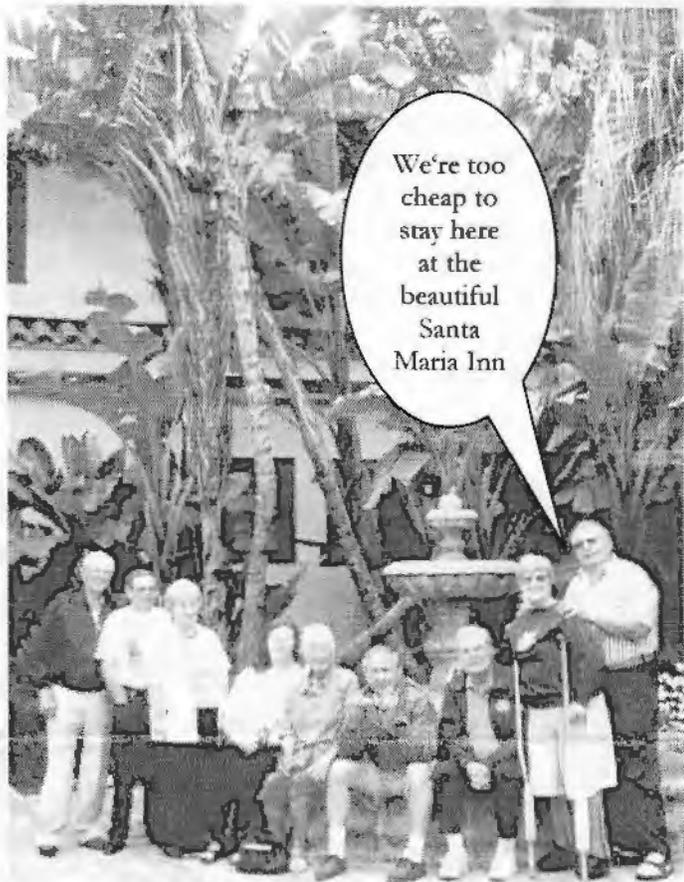
The Lug Nut Toss
(Tossing right-handed is one thing Gwen,
but you gotta stay in the car.)



Ford Fun Day Trophy is ours for a year.
A good day with over 60 Model A's ☺

Santa Maria Tour Spring 2001

The Orange County Model A group left May 17 for a delightful tour to Santa Maria. Those attending were: **John and Gwen Riggs, Bev Marsh, Marion Wavra, Katherine Holbrook, Dale and Kathie Mc Call,**



Vincent Mariola, Bill and Eleanor Shaner, Lou Spielberger and his granddaughter Karen, Drain and Doris Marshall, Don and Sally Miller and John and Dorothy Knox who caught up with us on Friday.

There were eight Model A's and two modems. On our way over, the scenery was just beautiful with wild flowers of all colors growing along the highway. The mountains were all nice and green and speckled with yellow mustard. It was beautiful.

We arrived in the afternoon and the Motel hostess who put up the large sign (below) greeted us. The rooms were great and everyone was pleased.

Friday morning we got ready for our tour. First stop was the National Reso-Phonic Guitar Company. They showed us how they make and assemble guitars.

It was a very interesting tour. At the end of the tour



one of the men played a \$6,000 guitar to show us how it sounded.

Next stop was J.B. Dewar Co. where Jack Dewar has his antique cars and trucks displayed in his replica gas station, along with many antiques he has collected. A Roadster Club of 20+ cars joined us at these two stops and we shared a luncheon provided by Jack.



On our departure, our leader took us to the Madonna Inn.

The ladies decided they wanted to see the unique men's restroom. We sure did. Wow! It was really something to see.



Kathie and Lou inspect "Inspiration Waterfall" in the men's bathroom at the Madonna Inn.

Before the day was over, we drove to Pismo Beach. Some went walking on the pier. It was a great day.



Saturday morning after breakfast, we piled in our cars and headed for the dunes at Guadalupe Beach. It was a breathtaking sight not to miss. Drain Marshall got stuck in the sand. With the help of our men and a passerby they freed him. We had a great time.

We left the dunes and went to the town of Guadalupe for lunch. After lunch we drove along Highway 1 seeing more wild flowers and fields and fields of vegetables. There were also a lot of vineyards as far as the eye could see. After stopping at an outlet mall to do some shopping, we went

to a Melodrama. They did an excellent job and we enjoyed ourselves very much.

The days of our tour were just outstanding. I think everyone had a great time. Thanks to John and Gwen Riggs. You did great.

Story Submitted by Eleanor Shaner

(Pictures by Knox and Riggs)



The "Over the Hill Gang" in front of the Madonna Inn



First trip for McCall's new car.



First trip for Miller's new car.



"Henry's Ladies"

ERA FASHIONS

by Ima Goodfit

With our two summer tours going to meets and our involvement in the Nationals 2002 in Riverside, this might be a good time to think about fashions of the era. Many will recall that **Patti and Bob Ferazzi** won big at the MAFCA Nationals in Reno in 1998. Patti made both outfits and, as you can see, they looked great.

Perhaps many of you will dig out your old duds or make or get some great outfits and enter the contest at one of the these meets (or all of them).

There are a couple of resources available for you to get started. One is *Alter Years*. They are a

catalogue company in San Gabriel. One can order new fabrics that are reproductions of originals, patterns and historically correct accessories made to 1928-31 specifications. They have millinery supplies, accessories such as gloves, spats, stockings, suspenders and much more.

They are located at 8960 E. Huntington Dr., San Gabriel CA 91775. Their phone number is 626-614-9400, their fax is 626-614-9499, and their email is Sales@Alteryears.com

Another resource is a web site called *Patterns From the Past*. They sell original, vintage and some recently out of print sewing patterns of all kinds. There are patterns for men, women, and children with a great variety from aprons to wedding gowns. Their web site is: <http://www.oldpatterns.com>



SAFETY SEMINAR

Saturday June 23 – 9 AM

At the home of Mike and Diana Wierman –

7181 Santee Ave. Westminster



East of the 405 Between Beach and Golden West, Just So. of Hazard

Get those cars ready for summer and



If you can't fix it, you need to make a donation to the National Raffle for Riverside 2002 and get yourself a new Model A. You can just buy tickets even if you don't need a new one.



Expectant Parents Showered with Love

There was no rain at this April 29th Shower! It was a perfect evening for a OCMAFC family gathering to celebrate the upcoming arrival of **Baby Peterson**.



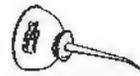
Our gracious hostess, **Marion Wavra**, and her wonderful helpers **Gwen & John Riggs**, **Patty Ferazzi**, and **Katherine Holbrook** coordinated an incredible pot luck dinner. All attendees brought dishes that were beyond delicious. Of course, eating for two, **Mommy Peterson** had to have seconds of EVERYTHING!

Our resident party planner **Peggy Nunes** had us guess how many candies were in the bottle and the winner was **Koty Parrish** (Richard and Jeanne's grandson)! We enjoyed a fabulous cake (white cake with yummy chocolate filling) and Mommy had fun opening the wonderful gifts for Baby.



To everyone who blessed us with your kindness and generosity, we just want to say THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts.

Rick, Deena and Baby Peterson



Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

The Clutch Surface!

If you need to put a new clutch in your Model A, take a close look at the clutch contact surface of the flywheel while you're at it. If its all grooved and gnarly looking, its a good idea to remove it and take it to a machine shop and have the surface machined down until its nice and smooth. It will make for a nice smooth operating clutch.

But wait, there's more! The dimension between the pressure plate mounting bolt surface on the flywheel and the clutch contact surface on the flywheel was established at the factory by Old Henry for the proper operation of the pressure plate. So ask the machine shop to machine the same amount of material off of the mounting bolt surface that has to be machined off of the clutch surface. This will retain the factory dimension between the two surfaces.

But wait, there's still more! What if 40 or 50 years ago someone had the clutch surface machined and didn't have the mounting bolt surface machined. Or maybe its been done that way a couple of times. Old Henry's factory dimension has been lost and needs to be restored. But what is it? According to an expert who lectured at a seminar at the 1990 MAFCA National, **the magic number is 1.123"** ☺

(Editor: Ben Hadd is one of many creative pen names of Tom Endy)

A Moment of Prayerful Gratitude

By Dan Caldron

We had a really scary experience when driving home in our modern. It happened in Barstow. A driver of an 18 wheeler truck and trailer felt he should be driving in the same lane of traffic as we were. The CRAZY driver was in the slower lane as we passed. At that same time he then moved into our lane with us.

Same time and space does not work on the roadway. We had no place to go except into the medium of the highway running over about 20 or so plastic pylons. They caused slight damage to the front bumper that I hope will polish out. It was very tense for seemingly an eternity until the XXXX driver went on. The distance between the truck and our car could not have been more than two inches and at 65 MPH it certainly got our attention. **Thankfully we were not pulling the trailer with a Model A on it.**



Activities Schedule!

by John and Gwen Riggs

June 10, (Sunday)

Annual **Henry Ford Birthday Picnic**, hosted by the Diamond Tread Model A Ford Club. Heritage Park, 12100 Mora Drive, Santa Fe Springs, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Lunch is \$5.00 per person. This will be our monthly tour leaving from Coco's at Valley View at 8:30 A.M.

June 14, (Thursday)

General Meeting, 7:30 PM, CHOC Hospital.

June 17-22, Sunday-Friday

Breckenridge Colorado Meet hosted by the High Country Model A Ford Club. One of two choices for a Summer Tour. Info: Richard Parrish 714-534-8129

June 19, (Tuesday) Board Meeting 7:30. Mc Calls

June 23, (Saturday 9 AM Safety Seminar

(See article pg. 7)

June 30, (Saturday)

Great Race Finish. We will be going to Pasadena to watch the cars come in and cheer on the high school team from Glendale CA. We will phone those on the sign-up sheet with time and date of departure.

Note: Visit the Website @ www.greatrace.com

July 8, (Sunday)

1931 Ford Birthday Party picnic. Leave 10 AM Sears parking lot **South Coast Plaza**. Surface street tour. Bring picnic. (If you wish a \$10 gift for the 31's More info: Greg Carcerano (new number) 714-963-9510

July 12-15, (Thursday-Sunday)

Wings N Wheels Santa Yenz CA. Thursday group leaves 9 AM from Coco's Valley View. Friday's group, led by Lou Speilberger will leave same place and hour.

July 17, (Tuesday) Board meeting

ALL WELCOME 7:30 PM Location TBA.

Note: it comes two days before the General Meeting.

July 19, (Thursday) *NEW DATE - PLACE

General Meeting at Hart Park. Potluck dinner 6:00 A-L bring main dish, M-Z bring dessert or salad. Meeting begins at 7:00PM.

July 26 - August 6, (Thursday - Mouday)

Northwest Regional Meet, (12 days) Post Falls, Idaho. Hosted by the Inland Empire A's Model A Ford Club of Spokane, Washington. This is the second of two choices for a Summer tour. A block of rooms are being reserved at Templins Resort, Post Falls. Phone 800-283-6754 for individual reservations. Info: John Riggs 562-431-8783

August 9, (Thursday) General meeting,

Hart Park. Potluck diner at 6:00 A-L dessert or salad, M-Z main dish. Meeting at 7:00.

August 12, (Sunday)

Monthly tour to the S S Lane Victory. This is a restored Merchant Marine vessel, restored by volunteers. Leave Coco's on Valley View at 9:00 A.M. Plans are for a lunch at a nice restaurant. More later.

September 6 - 9, (Thursday - Sunday)

August 25, (Saturday)

OCMAFC 40th Anniversary Party

Plans are in the progress for a progressive meal and party. This is our **BIG CELEBRATION**, so mark this date on your calendar. **DON'T MISS IT!**

Rim of The World - Big Bear. Leave the Mall of Orange at 9:00 A.M. (Thursday). Our group will be staying at the Black Forest Lodge 1-800-BLK4EST. You should call early for reservations. The Whittier Chapter are the hosts for this event. Sign up forms available at the general meeting. Info: John Riggs.

September 13 (Thursday)

General Meeting 7:30 back at CHOC

September 22 (Saturday) Monthly Tour

Cruise for the Cure Fundraiser for prostate cancer.

Info Dale Mc Call. 714-633-0946

September 23 (Sunday)

Race for the Cure - Fashion Island, Newport Center.

Info: Gerry McKinney 714-963-2724

July 27,28&29 Long Beach Model T Club

Vintage & Classic Parts Exchange

Cerritos College -- 11110 Alondra Blvd, Norwalk

Information 310-353-6662

Pancake Breakfast Final Wrap-Up

Dan Adelmann

Thanks to all of the members that have given quality constructive input concerning the Pancake Breakfast. Every year we can always find ways to make it a little better. I am taking all of the notes and putting them into a suggested recommendation list for next year. Next year, the Special Events Chairperson, with help from those heading up the different areas, can determine implementation of those changes that are deemed reasonable.

If you have any final input, please write them down and send them to me via regular mail, e-mail, or just hand them to me. Also, let me know if you would like to be in charge of any particular area for next year. It was a great breakfast that was accomplished only through all hard work of a lot of dedicated members.

May 10, 2001 General Meeting Minutes

Orange County Chapter Model A Ford Club of America
by Kathie Mc Call, Secretary.

The May meeting was held at Children's Hospital (CHOC) with 69 in attendance. President **Alice Graves** absent due to illness. **John Riggs**, Activities Director presiding. Peter Maestro led the flag salute.

Visitors: **Jon Heiland** introduced **Ward/Anita Craft** (29 Tudor sedan), and **Jerry/ Bea Kalinowski** (29 Special AR Business Coupe).

Announcements: Very special congratulations to **Don and Sally Miller** who had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Secretary Report: Minutes were approved as printed in *The Distributor*.

Treasurer Report not given due to absence of **Colleen Schmidt**.

Activities Report: **Gwen Riggs** presented the 500-mile patch to **Ken Dierken**, and the Lady Driver's patch to **Dorothy Knox**. Upcoming events listed separately. **Carl Erickson** is organizing the Memorial Day Car Show at Fairhaven Memorial Park. **Greg Carcerano** working out details for the 1931 A Birthday Party Celebration. A new event planned for September will be the "Cruise for the Cure" to be held on Saturday 9/22 at the El Toro Marine Base in support of research for men's prostate cancer. Over 700 classic cars are expected to participate. There will be an opportunity to showcase OCMAFCA cars. **Dale Mc Call** will be tour contact.

Technical Report: **John Mc Millan** reminded members there will not be a seminar in May due to the annual swap meet. The next technical seminar will be a "Safety Check" in June 16 @9:00 am at **Weirman's** garage. The purpose will be to get those 'A' s in shape for the various tours and events coming up.

The Hard Luck Trophy: Candidates included **Dick Dewey** who ran out of gas, **John Knox** of course, reason unknown and the infamous **John Riggs** with his tale of woe previously described in the April Distributor. **John Riggs** won hands down and graciously accepted (once again) the honor of hauling HL home.

Newsletter/Editor: **John Knox** reported that MAFCA has a complete index of *Restorer* articles on disc format, of which John has a copy. Volunteer(s) are needed for the October issue of the *Distributor* since John and Dorothy will be touring Europe (in their "A").

Old Business: Evaluation of Pancake Breakfast: **Piet Dwinger** provided an overview of the recent Pancake Breakfast with his research on costs and man-hours involved. Each area was reviewed with ideas on reducing the workload while staying within a reasonable budget. No action was taken and details will be discussed as plans begin to formulate for next year's event. A chairperson is still needed. Discussion was held regarding changing the date to March 17, 2001 instead of March 24 since there will be a conflict with CCRG and several clubs usually attend both events. No decision.

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CAR OF THE MONTH was **Dale and Kathie Mc Call's** newly restored 1930 fordor sedan, a 3-year project involving complete restoration including a very difficult frame alignment with many thanks to **John Mc Millan** especially, for his ideas and expertise.

Adjournment at 9:00 pm following the raffle supervised by **Dick Smith/John Pickrell**.

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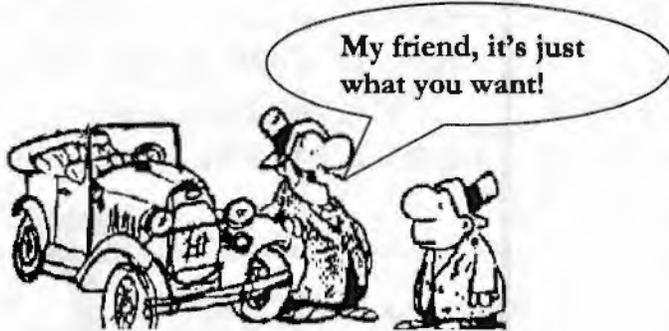
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A Great Swap Meet!

A note about the swap meet at Vintage Ford Parts on May 12th. It was a huge success!! We sold 51 spaces, all out front. Auto Zone was kind enough to let us have 10 spaces in front of their store, and having more spaces out front made everyone happy. We were selling spaces until late Friday night.

The food booth sold out of all the goodies. The cooler weather made for great coffee & donut sales and the chilidogs were cooking by 8:30AM. First of all we would like to thank **Bill, Cathy, Jon** and crew for having us again this year. Everyone is so helpful in getting us set up and taking over their backroom until the big day!! **Bob Ferazzi** and **Dick Riha** were there before 5:00AM to help direct traffic and get sellers to their spaces. Marion Wavra got there by 6:00AM to help me sell the food. **Jeanne McMillan** gave us moral support and help during the sale of the chilidogs. We can't thank everyone enough for all the help and support. If you have never made it to the Adams Avenue Donut Shop in Huntington Beach you need to come on down. When I got there at 5:00AM to pick up the donuts the lot was starting to fill with Hot Rods and "greybeards." We made a little for the club and we had a great time. See ya there next year.

Larry & Gerry McKinney



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WANTED

No requests this month.

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Visit MAFCA's Web Site:
www.mafca.com/classifieds.html

THIS AND THAT

Wedding car request

For Saturday July 28, 2001

Ken and Janet Zittler are requesting 4 to 5 Model A's to transport the wedding party of their son Jack. Time is approximately 5 to 6 PM. Location is Lake Hills Church in Laguna Hills to the Holiday Inn on La Paz Rd. in Laguna Hills. Prefer 4 door cars, hard top or convertible. Contact Ken at home 949 770-3260, or work 818 762-9088, or e-mail at unifurn@aol.com Thanks

The Truth Is Out!

Your editors asked **Bev Marsh** about her latest bowling success. She wrote:

My Thursday morning bowling league bowled our "sweepstakes" in Las Vegas at the brand-new Suncoast Hotel. We were there April 19 to the 22nd.

Because it is a handicap league, I won. I bowled well and then with the added handicap, I won first place. Believe me, I do not have a 200 average, I just got lucky.

(Ed. note: Rumor says she won \$100 for her game.)

Sunshine and Sorrow

Two of our members have been greatly missed for several months now.

Joan Mariola has been unable to attend our outings with Vince due to Fibromyalgia, a disease with many symptoms and few medications bring relief.

Alice Graves is at home after surgery. A nurse and doctor visit during the week to assist John in her care.

Both Joan and Alice appreciate your messages and prayers. **KEEP THOSE CARDS COMING!**

Also, we heard that **Joel De Leon**, though he comes to one-day events, is having increasing problems with his diabetes.

Congratulations Are In Order

Jennifer Dwinger graduated from Chapman College with a major in Communications. Good going Jennifer.

June 17, 2001



Enjoy the day
with your loved ones!

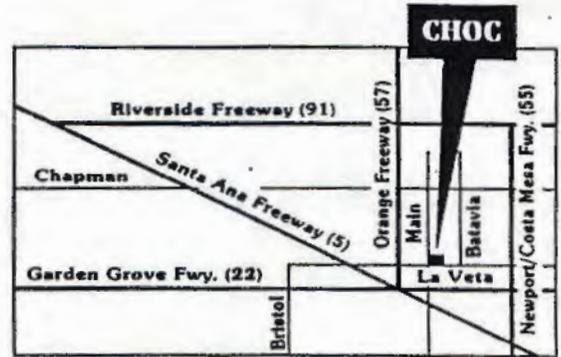
General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

June 14, 2001 @ 730 PM

CHOC Hospital

455 South Main St. Orange CA



From Main Street, turn east onto
Providence Ave. and enter the structure
on the south. Park on the second level .

✓ Deadline for next
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