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Only 1003 Pancake Breakfast badges to go girls!

(Left to right: Colleen Schmidt, Helen Loeffler, Sylvia Adelman)

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From the Prez

A note from your **disappearing** Prez.

It seems that my gas tank had really got corroded somewhere between the shut off and the filter. So, nothing was getting to the old carburetor.

As I write this, I am looking forward to going into the hospital on Monday the 12th. Something like boiling out the "tank". The next few weeks are up in the air but I hope to be back soon. Thank you for all the cards and concern. You are really a remarkable club. Be sure if you get sick to let Drain and Doris Marshall, Larry and Jill McDonald, and the Knoxes know. They have great computer generated cards. Another thank you to all who brought items to the White Elephant sale. I hear that it was very successful, and that Carl Erickson did his usual wonderful job.

Everyone start thinking Pancake Breakfast and let Dan Adelman know how you are going to help. Also, things are always needed for the raffle. That is one of our big draws and the bigger the better.

Answer to last month's trivia question:
The Model K was a 6 cylinder.

This month's question: How many Ball and Roller Bearings are there in a standard Model A?

Alice

Editor's note. Alice's surgery went well and she is on the mend. We hope to see her lovely, vibrant face back on the scene soon. We thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and support. We also are keeping John in our thoughts, as he has been husband, friend, and caregiver.

Pancake Breakfast News

Available at the March
Meeting:

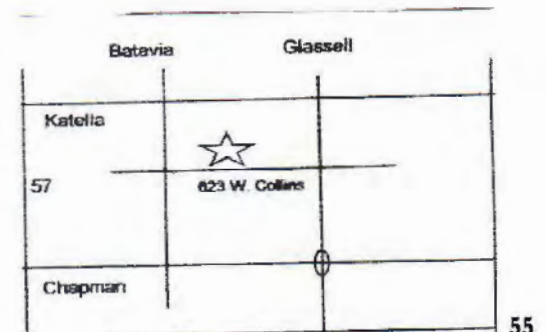
- Pancake Breakfast Tee Shirts
- 2001 OCMAFC Roster

Sausage Cooks – Pick up your Sausage at the meeting.

Make sure you **sign-up**
to help at the pancake breakfast !

**Pancake Breakfast
equipment help needed.**

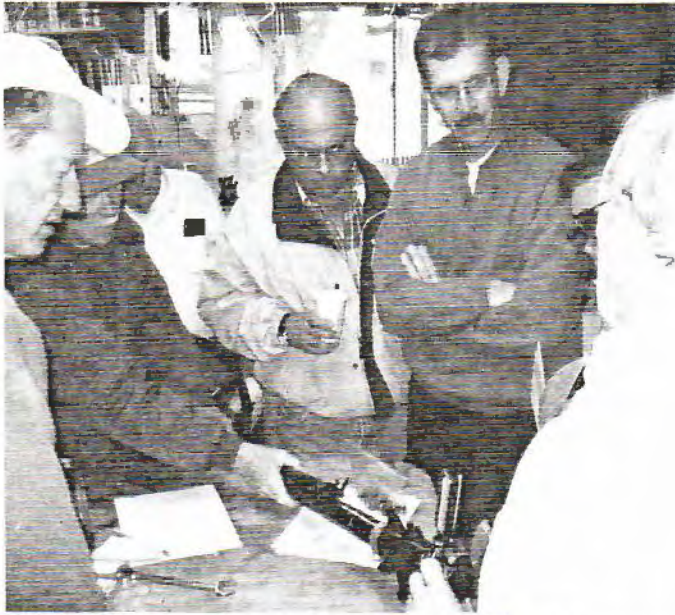
We will meet at the storage
locker at 7 p.m. on Thursday
March 22 to get out equipment
for Sunday. Meet at:
Surgard Storage
623 W. Collins Ave. Orange, CA
(between the 55 and 57 freeways)



Help Clean Breakfast Area
Meet at Hart Park at 4 P.M. on
Saturday and give us a hand.

**Bring your empty, clean syrup
bottles and give them to Bev.**

✓ **Deadline for next
Distributor is March 26**



“You’re going to do **WHAT** with my steering column?”



“I got it.” “No, I got it!!”
“**NO, I got it!!!**”

There were about 10 fellows out messing with steering columns in John Mc Millan’s shop on a rainy day in February. We had a good time and missed all of you who didn’t want to get your tires wet. We adjusted Dan Adlemann’s column. And, had an extra donut each. The women were inside **REALLY** working, as they made badges for the breakfast.

(See cover page)



“You just turn this little do-hickie here.”



“This was fun! Now my car goes wiggle-waggle like this.”



There will be no seminar in March. We all are going to help make the Pancake Breakfast a huge success!!!

THE FIRST TOUR OF THE REAL NEW MILLENIUM By Glen Johnson



The Orange County Model A Ford Club's first tour of 2001 was actually a combination technical seminar and tour organized by our Technical Advisor John McMillan.

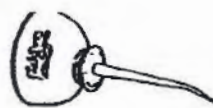
On Saturday, January 13, five Model A's, several modern cars and about thirty-five people left Coco's headed for H & H Engine Rebuilders in La Crescenta. Tom Endy and Lynn in Tom's 31 Victoria led the tour from the 405 to the 605 to the 5 and to the 2 to our destination on La Crescenta Boulevard. Model A drivers and passengers were: Tom Endy with Lynn, John and Gwen Riggs, Richard Parrish with Sam Craig, Dan & Sylvia Adelman and Glenn Johnson.

Our hosts at H & H provided donuts and coffee for everyone as we wandered through their shop for about fifteen minutes. Then Max Herman, owner of H & H, and his son, Max, Jr. began the seminar on how they completely rebuilt a Model A engine. As we followed them from room to room in the shop, they demonstrated in detail every step of the rebuilding process including all of the most popular internal modifications that make a Model A engine run smoother, faster and longer.

Max was extremely knowledgeable and articulate about A & B engines. He answered all the questions from our group and even recommended a good restaurant for our lunch.

About 12:30 we gathered at the Hill Street Restaurant on Foothill Boulevard where we enjoyed a great lunch. After lunch most of the group went our separate ways toward home.

Another fun day with our favorite cars, old friends, new friends and good food. I hope that if you missed this tour you will join us on the next tour, because the tours and the people are what makes our club so great.

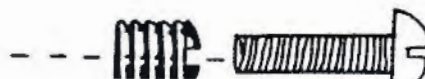


Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

Oil Pump Retention!

The first time you removed an oil pan from a Model A Ford engine to either replace a leaking gasket or tighten the rod and main bearings, you probably heard a "clunk" and found that the oil pump had fallen out of where it was attached to the innards of the engine. There is a spring on the bottom of the pump that pushes against the inside bottom of the pan to hold the pump in place in the engine. When you remove the pan the pump will want to fall out. As you try to re-install it when it's time to put the pan back you will find that you are not quick enough. The pump will fall out again while you are reaching for the pan. But wait! There is a way to do it with the help of a special tool you can make up. Located on the right side of the engine block down toward the bottom is a small plug with a screwdriver slot in it. The plug has a 1/8 inch tapered pipe thread. Henry identified it as a block oil pump hole screw, part number A6755. You can buy an extra one from your favorite Model A Ford parts store for about 50 cents. And that's what you need to do to make up the special tool. Drill a hole through the center of the extra plug you bought with a #29 drill bit and tap it with an 8-32 tap. Find any old 8-32 screw that is about 3/4 of an inch long. It would be best not to use one that has a phillips head drive slot since it would violate the integrity of the Model A Ford. Thread the screw into the plug you just threaded and screw it into the engine block in place of the one Henry put there. Run the 8-32 screw in until it contacts the side of the oil pump. Tighten it just slightly to hold the pump in place. It's best to do this before you remove the oil pan. Now when you take the pan down the pump will stay where it is supposed to be. After you have re-installed the pan, remember to remove your specially made tool and re-install the standard Henry plug. Put the tool in a plastic sandwich bag along with a note describing what it is. Keep it with your other Model A Ford tools so that the next time a fellow club member comes over to your house to borrow it you will know where it is. ☺





Activity Schedule!

by John & Gwen Riggs

March 3, (Saturday)

Patriots Day Parade, Laguna Beach. We will be representing La Playa Center, which is a non profit group benefiting women and children.

March 8, (Thursday)

General meeting, 7:30 PM, CHOC Hospital.

March 13, (Tuesday)

Board meeting, 7:30 PM, Kathie McCall's home.

588 Glenrose Dr.
Orange, CA 92869
714-633-0946

The meeting is open to the membership. All are welcome to attend.

March 25, (Sunday)

Annual Orange County Model A Ford Club Pancake Breakfast. All members are encouraged to attend (and help). Roll call is at 6:00 AM, at Hart Park, Glassell St. and the 22 freeway, in the City of Orange. Info: Dan Adelman.

March 29 - April 1, (Thursday-Sunday)

CCRG Regional Meet in Porterville, CA. This is a four day event. Make your hotel reservations at the Best Western Porterville Inn, 877-781-7411. An alternate hotel is the Paul Bunyon Lodge, 559-784-3150. Ask for the Model A group rate at both hotels. This is a fun meet, and we expect a good turn out. The main group will be leaving on Thursday, Activities begin on Friday. Info: John Riggs.

April 8, (Sunday)

Local tour, all surface streets. We will be stopping at a park for a picnic lunch (weather permitting). Bring your own main dish, and a dish to share. Don't forget your camera. We will depart Coco's on Valley View, just north of the 22 freeway in Garden Grove at 11:00 AM. Young children will enjoy this one. Info: John Riggs.

April 12, (Thursday)

General meeting, 7:30 PM, CHOC Hospital.

April 17, (Tuesday)

Board meeting, 7:30 PM, Location to be announced.

April 20-21, (Friday-Saturday)

Annual Laughlin, Nevada Tour, hosted by the Phoenix A's. Headquarters at the Flamingo Hotel. Phone 800-622-5825, ask for group code AAMCOOCO, rates are \$20.00 Sunday and Thursday, \$49.00 Friday and Saturday. Cut off date for rates is April 4.

April 22-25, (Sunday-Wednesday)

Our club will be having an add on to the Laughlin tour, leaving Laughlin on Sunday for Cottonwood, Arizona. We will stay at the Quality Inn for two nights. The rate is \$56.00 per night. Call Gwen Riggs for reservations. Monday we will take the Val Verde Railroad (first class) through the Beautiful Canyon. A western show and barbecue has been planned for Monday evening. Tuesday we will return to Laughlin for the night, and depart for home on Wednesday morning. First class train fare is \$49.85 per person. Barbecue and show is \$19.95 per person. Info John Riggs.

April 28, (Saturday)

Seal Beach car show. Info: John Riggs.

May 6, (Sunday)

Regional Ford Fun Day at Sante Fe recreational area, Irwindale. The Orange County Club will be the hosts and there will be car games, picnic, and fellowship. This will be our monthly tour, Bev Marsh will be in charge of the event. We need to be there early as we will be doing the set up, etc. This group will be traveling on the freeway. We will try to set up a surface street tour, but we should all try to attend and be there early. Info: Bev Marsh 714-373-9769.

May 10, (Thursday)

General meeting, 7:30 PM, CHOC Hospital.

May 12, (Saturday)

Annual Orange County Model A Ford Club swap meet at Vintage Ford, located in the city of Stanton, on Beach Boulevard., four miles north of the 22 freeway. Info: Larry McKinney 714-963-2724.

May 15, (Tuesday)

Board meeting 7:30 PM. Location to be announced.

May 17-20, (Thursday-Sunday)

Santa Maria tour. We will be staying at the Best Western Big America Hotel in Santa Maria, with activities planned in the area. A block of rooms has been reserved, \$59. + tax for Thursday, \$69. + tax for Friday & Saturday. This includes free continental breakfast. If you are interested in going, and have not signed up, contact Gwen Riggs and your name will be put on the list. You can also make your own reservations, 800-426-3213, ask for Elaine, tell her you are with the Orange County Model A Ford Club and give her your name and credit card number. We encourage our newer members to join us on this tour. On Saturday we will have a day tour, and we are planning to attend a melodrama show at a theater in Oceana. We need to make early reservations for the show. The cost for the show is approximately \$14.00 per person. Info: John Riggs.

May 28, (Monday)

Memorial Day service and car show at Fairhaven Memorial Park. It is a great service. Info: Carl Erickson.

June 3, (Sunday)

Antique Nationals, Palmdale, CA

June 10, (Sunday)

Annual Henry Ford Birthday picnic, hosted by the Diamond Treads Model A Ford Club. The location is Heritage Park, 12100 Mora Drive, Sante Fe Springs, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Lunch is \$5.00 per person. This will be our monthly tour.

June 14, (Thursday)

General meeting, 7:30 PM, CHOC Hospital.

June 17, (Sunday)

Great Race Showtime Car Show. Approximately 1:00 PM in Anaheim. More info later, but mark your calendar.

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.

June 19, (Tuesday)

Board meeting, location and time to be announced.

July 12, (Thursday)

General meeting, Hart park. Pot luck dinner at 6:00 PM. A-L bring a main dish. M-Z bring desert. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

July 12 - 15, (Thursday - Sunday)

Wings N Wheels. Location Best Western Pea Soup Anderson's hotel, Buelton, CA. One group will be leaving on Thursday, another on Friday. A block of rooms has been reserved for the Orange County Model A Ford Club. Phone 800-732-7687 to reserve your individual room.

July 26 - August 6, (Thursday - Monday)

Northwest Regional Meet, Post Falls, Idaho. Hosted by the Spokane, Washington Model A Ford Club. 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. The meet spans four days, travel time to and from is four days each. Info: John Riggs. ©

**FEBRUARY 25 TOUR POSTPONED
DUE TO RAIN UNTIL SUN. MARCH 4**

Tour to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley will depart at 9:00 AM (sharp) from the Cerritos Center Mall, Macy's parking lot, located on the east side of the 605 freeway at South street (one exit south of the 91 freeway). The tour will travel on the freeway. Group admission to the library is \$3.00 per person. We are scheduled for a two hour tour of the library beginning at 11:00 AM. There is a restaurant on the premises.



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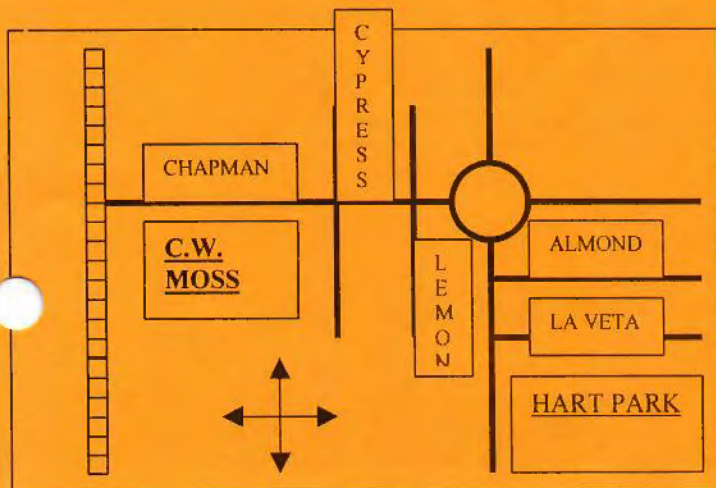
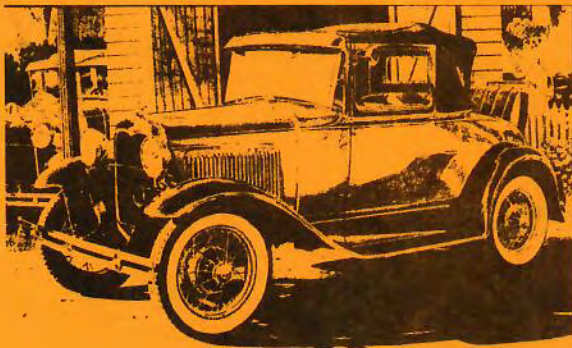
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4th ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2001

HOURS 8:00AM-2:00PM



★ COME AND JOIN US AFTER YOU'VE EATEN PANCAKES AND ENJOYED THE MODEL A'S AT HART PARK...

★ RAFFLES START @ 9:00am

★ GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE @ 1:00pm

★ SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS

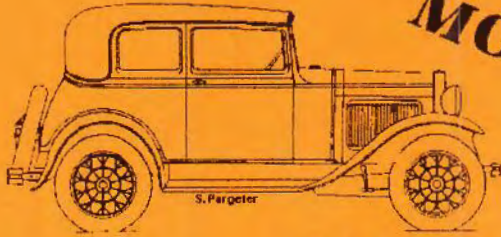
★ 10% DISCOUNT ON ALL STORE PURCHASES, INCLUDING USED PARTS AND N.O.S.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

ORANGE COUNTY



MODEL A FORD CLUB



SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2001

Hart Park, Orange

8:00 - 11:00 A.M.

(Rain or Shine)

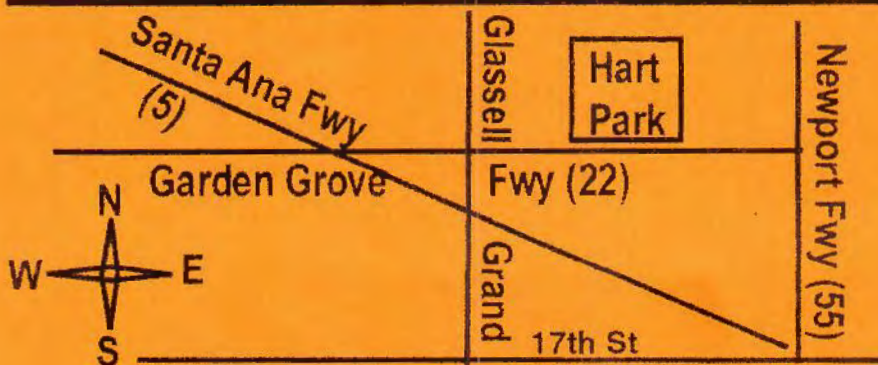


RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE

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 camaraderie.



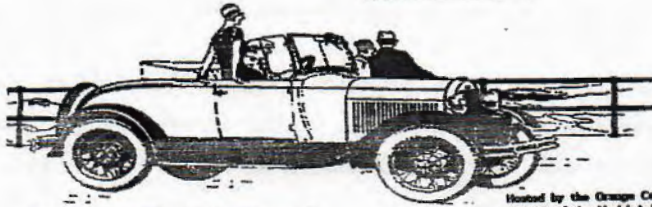
Pancakes, eggs, sauges, juice and coffee

Donation: Adults \$ 4.00
Kids \$ 2.00

More information call Dan Adelman
Phone (714) 963-6318

FORD FUN DAY! SUNDAY MAY 6, 2001

SANTA FE DAM RECREATION AREA
15501 Arrow Highway Irwindale, CA
where the 603 and 210 meet



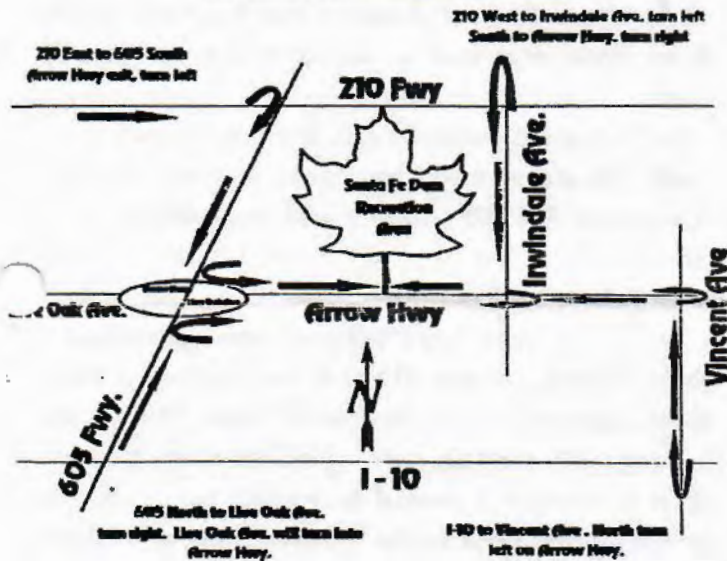
The Southern California Region of
MAFCA invites you to a day of
Model A Family Fun
9:00AM - 2:00PM

Park entry fee \$6.00
per car Model A or
Modern Era

- GYMKHANA EVENTS
- DOOR PRIZES
- KIDS GAMES
- RAFFLES



Hosted by the Orange County
Chapter of the Model A Ford
Club of America



It's Our Turn To Host The Fun Day

We will need help making the give-a-ways.
We need raffle prizes to be donated.
We need people to help with registration.
Five local clubs will have gymkhana events
Bev will be in charge of the kid's games.

Help support this annual event.

Contact Bev Marsh at (714) 373-9769



\$5 ea. 5 for \$20

Get your MAFCA National Convention
Prize-winning ticket. Help support our youth.

The Southern California Region of MAFCA continues the restoration of the 1930 Coupe (The insert above only had 1931 on it.) It will be given away at the convention. Various chapters in the region are supporting the project by contributing to the restoration effort.

They will be giving away a beautiful car in
Riverside at the 2002 Convention Awards Banquet.

Tickets will be available at our general meetings.

Hard Luck Trophy

The Hard Luck Trophy has spent several months
with **Piet Dwinger**, since there was no new trouble
last month.



Get out there and drive those cars so somebody will
break down and take the trophy away from Piet. He
would much appreciate it.

Feb. 8 General Minutes

Orange County Chapter Model A Ford Club of America

The February meeting was held at Children's Hospital (CHOC) with 62 in attendance. President Alice Graves absent due to illness. John Riggs, Activities Director presiding. John Knox led the flag salute. Jon Heiland introduced Bob and Susan Seekatz, proud owner of 1929 Roadster. Hal and Sue Brand also were introduced.

The minutes were accepted as printed in The Distributor. Colleen Schmidt, Treasurer, reviewed the Cash Flow Report. The answer to the trivia question published in the Distributor is...it was a 6 cylinder and manufactured in 1906. The question: "What was really different about the Ford Model K."

Activities Report: Gwen Riggs (with the assistance of John) reviewed upcoming events, including 2 choices for summer tour. A detailed list of planned activities is listed elsewhere in The Distributor. Piet Dwinger provided information on the Great American Race, which will be coming through Anaheim June 17th. Cars are needed for the Shine Time car show. More information later. Bev Marsh reported on the Ford Fun Day, to be held Sunday May 6. OCMAFCA will be hosting the event; lots of volunteers are needed.

Technical Report: John McMillan will host the February technical seminar. There will not be a seminar in March due to the Pancake Breakfast.

Newsletter/Editor: John still needs articles, pictures and ideas from everyone. The deadline for articles will be the Friday following the Board meeting.

Special Events Chairman: Dan (and Sylvia) Adelman reported on the progress toward making the Pancake Breakfast (Sunday March 25) the success it's always been. Every member needs to help.

ACCC REP: Larry Conkol reported that MAFCA is compiling a data base on pre 1966 vehicles to present to The California Air Resources Board, Bureau of Automotive Repair, DMV and the Ca. Legislature as ammunition for the RRST exemption. Forms were made available for those who qualify.

Hard Luck Trophy: There being no nominees, Piet Dwinger was forced to take the coveted trophy back home with him for yet another month. One new yet reported as an 'old' tradition was the presentation of the revised "pink badge" with HLT clearly spelled out. Recommended to be worn on the club orange jacket of days gone by.

New Business: Larry Mc Kinney as chair of the Annual Swap Meet still has seller's space available.

The refreshment break was hosted by Peter and Pete Mastro once again, and was a nice surprise with delicious smoked (by Pete) salmon, brie, crackers and brownies. Yum!

Following the break, Carl Erickson served as Auctioneer for the Annual White Elephant Sale. \$162.50 was raised to be used towards raffle prizes for the Pancake Breakfast. Kathie Mc Call, Secretary

Overheard at the auction..."Don't bid on that! We brought it!" Richard did and paid \$1 to take it home.

At the installation banquet **Richard Parrish** shared with us about the origin of the worry stone. Your editor also came upon this printed version in some archival papers.

ORANGE COUNTY MAFCA "LEGEND OF THE WORRY STONE"

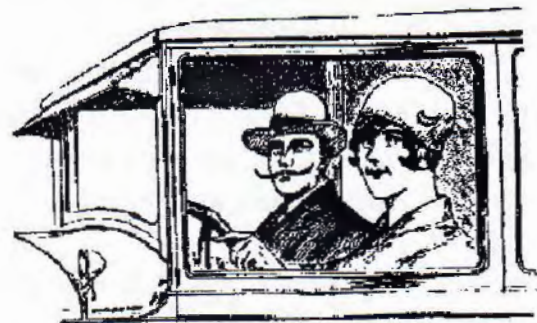
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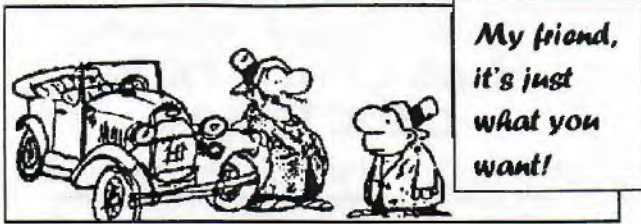
The following is a tale of how this small stone has been a part of Orange County Model A Ford Club of America and has been passed down from president to president for the last 35 years.

In 1966 the president, Larry Boef, purchased it for Andy Baudino who had just finished his car restoration (a 1928 Tudor) and had driven it to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the Fourth National Meet & Convention.

Andy had been very nervous and apprehensive about driving the car all that way and even more about entering it in the competition. Before the banquet that evening, Larry spied the stone in a gift shop & thought it would be perfect for Andy. He gave it to him prior to the banquet, hoping it would relieve some stress and anxiety and maybe even bring him good luck. Sure enough it worked for Andy. It won 1st place in his division - 1928-29 Closed. Andy returned it to Larry shortly after, before the board elections took place, and it has been passed down to every president since 1966.

"Who me (Alice) worry?"





CAR BARN SPECIALS

FOR SALE

1931 Deluxe Wide Bed Pick Up

Closed cab with fabric roof. Model B Engine. Inserted mains and rods. '39 Transmission. Columbia 2 speed rear end. Hydraulic brakes. Cowl lights. Turn signals. Dual side mounts. New pistons, rods and inserts 12-99. Elect. fuel pump. Ford Model 94 two barrel carb. Mallory dual point ignition. New tonneau cover on bed \$12,500 OBO
Marion Wavra 714-549-2881

1931 Victoria to trade for a 30-31 Deluxe

Roadster. This is a very nice car. . I will also consider selling it. Jim Dunn, 909-946-2053
See it at <http://www.geocities.com/flyingquail>

1930 Early Tudor Sedan

All original, 3rd owner, mechanical work completed
Good driver. \$10,500.
Lowell Buffehr 714-841-4164

New aluminum Model A Head 6:1 CR

Painted it looks like original, polished it looks like chrome. \$325.00 Larry McKinney 714-963-2724
lmgcspeed@earthlink.net

1916 Buick 4 door Touring \$9,000.

New paint - wheels like new - mechanical all done
4 wheel car trailer electric brakes. \$600.
Lee Truman 805-388-0424, Leetruman@aol.com

WANTED

'31 Slant windshield Town Sedan

John Knox 562-697-2545
KnoxBox59@aol.com

UNCLE DAN WANTS



POINT TO YOU

To sign up for help with the Pancake Breakfast.

Write or Phone now!

Dan or Sylvia Adelman

dadelman@occ.cccd.edu
or phone 714-963-6318

THIS AND THAT

For more buying and selling,

Visit **MAFCA's Web Site:**

www.mafca.com/classifieds.html

For viewing the cars after the Pancake Breakfast,

Visit Jim Dunn's website:

modelafordpancakes.tripod.com

(Note: This is the proposed site. Hope it works as planned)

Webpage for the Great Race

www.greatrace.com

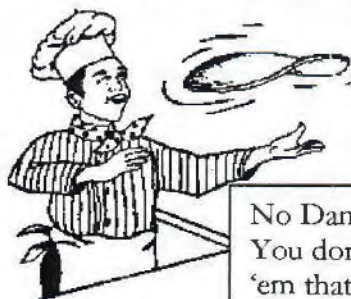
Diana Wierman bought herself a new 31 Victoria.
Congratulations Diana!

A Note For Your Safety:

Henry put safety glass in the model A windshields, not the side windows. Check and see if anyone has changed your side windows yet. If not, protect your family from flying shears of glass. Replace it soon.

Orange County Model T Parts Exchange
Saturday April 7 - 6 to 2 Rain or Shine
Spaces \$10 - phone Jim Eliot 714-542-0905
or Tom LeRoux 714-894-9603

Cooks Wanted March 25



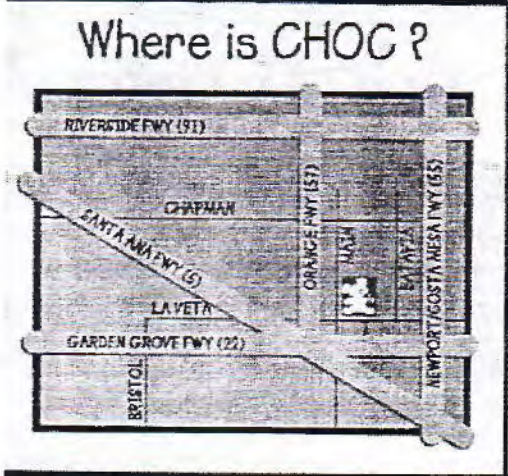
No Dan!
You don't flip
'em that way!

You can learn to be **A World Class Chef**
at our Pancake Breakfast.

- Sign up for sausage.
- Scramble to be an egg tosser.
- See how to be a server.
- Try you turn at tossing pancakes.
- Train to be a trash collector.
- Tip your hand at pouring drinks.
- Win the admiration of your friends.
- Wipe away your troubles by cleaning up.
- Work for the good of your club.

Phone Dan now! 714-963-6318

General Meeting
[Second Thursday of every month]
March 8, 2001 @ 730 PM
CHOC Hospital
455 South Main St. Orange, CA



Clinic/Research Bldg: #3
Providence Ave. entrance
[drive up to second floor]

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY MARCH 25
HART PARK

Web Site: <http://www.ocmatca.org>

First Class Mail

Post Office Box 10595
Santa Ana, CA 92711

