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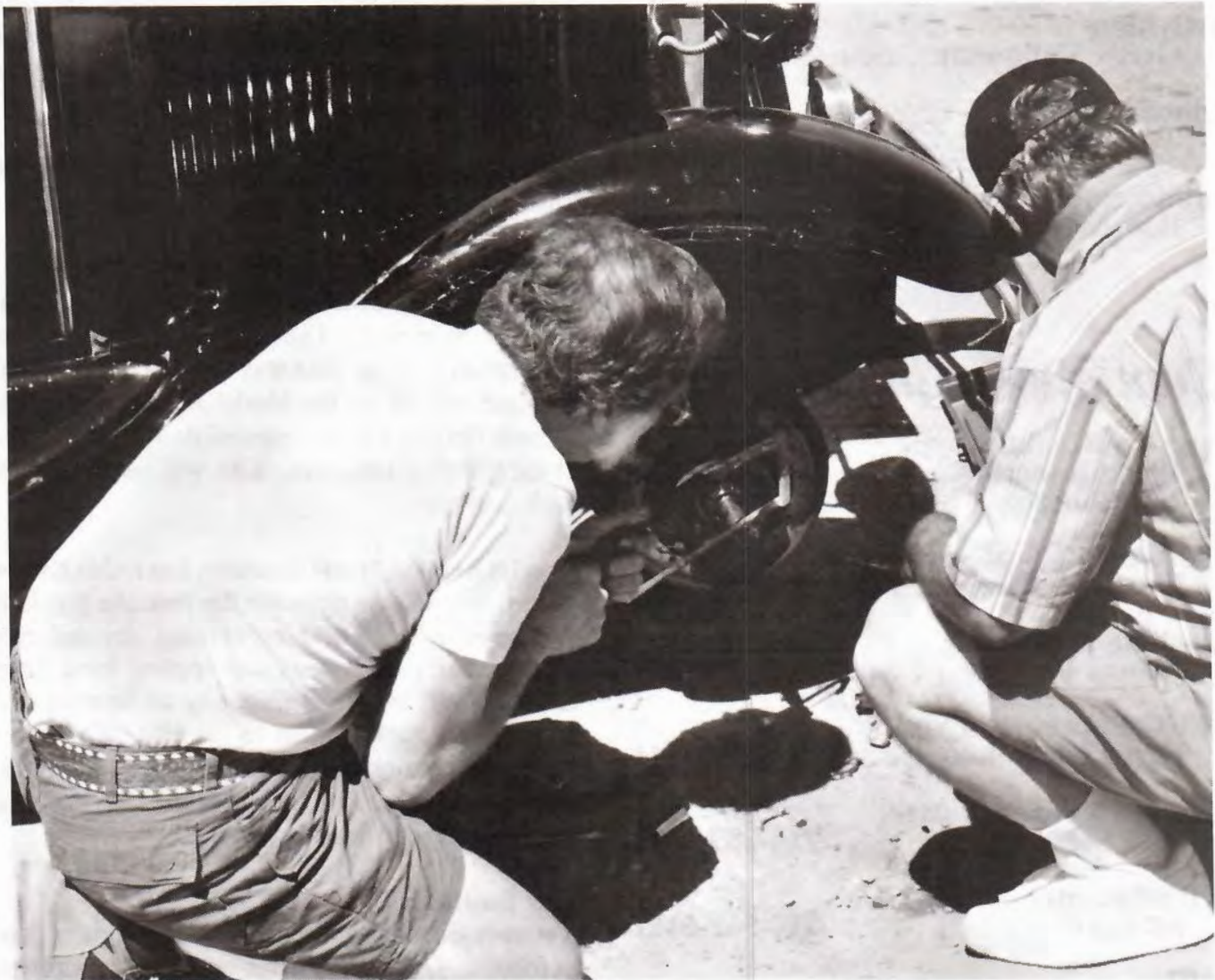
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THE HACKSAW SEMINAR®

If your front wheel bearings glow in the dark, be sure to carry spares and bring along a hacksaw!

Summer Tour 95, July 1995.

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Secretary's Report!

by Lee Jackson

January Board Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 P.M. January 18th by Bev Marsh.

Treasurer, Michael Kuester:

The club's finances were reviewed. Forty five 1995 club members have not paid their 1996 club dues. A final letter will be sent to each stating that dues are due no later than February 8. The cost of the *Distributor* was discussed. Membership dues barely cover the yearly cost of producing the paper. There will be an audit of the 1995 financial records conducted in February by a five person committee.

Activities, Gerry Valiquette:

Upcoming tours were discussed. Plans were finalized for the January and February tours.

Technical, Bob Ferazzi, Dennis Griffin:


The January Seminar was reviewed and considered a great success. The February Seminar horn restoration seminar plan was discussed. The March Seminar will be on the Model A electrical system. Dennis Griffin will be responsible for refreshments at the technical seminars. \$20. will be allocated for each seminar.

Special Events, Wade Roberts, Larry McKinney:

Wade reviewed the plans for the Pancake Breakfast. A discussion was held concerning donated raffle prizes. Larry McKinney has applied for a permit for the Swap meet from the city of Stanton. Lee Jackson will submit them to the city. The cost of the 1995 raffle program was reviewed. The Board agreed to advance Lou Spielberger \$150. to finance the 1996 General Meeting Raffle.

New Business:

A master calendar will be established for the Board to follow. Gwen Riggs was appointed chairperson of a telephone network for special events. The General Meeting Raffle will include a drawing for Model A drivers and club members wearing their name badges. The February board meeting will be held at Bob & Patty Ferazzi's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 P.M. 



Schedule of Club Activities!

February!

8th, Thursday

General Meeting. 7:30 P.M.
Santiago Elementary School.

9th, Friday

Technical Seminar 7:00 P.M.
Bob & Patti Ferazzi's home.
AHOOGUH horn restoration.

15th, Thursday

OCMAFC Board Meeting. 7:30 P.M.

22th, Thursday

Distributor publication deadline.

25th, Sunday

Surface Street Tour to the Palos Verdes area.
Visit to the Old Time Music Hall. Lunch afterwards. Depart @ 10:00 A.M. from Coco's at Valley View and the 22 Freeway.

March!

14th, Thursday

General Meeting. 7:30 P.M.
Santiago Elementary School.

15th, Friday

Technical Seminar

17th, Sunday

Annual Pancake Breakfast. Hart Park in the City of Orange. **Worker Bees at 6:00 P.M.**

21st, Thursday

OCMAFC Board Meeting. 7:30 P.M.

April!

12th, 13th, 14th, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Annual Laughlin Tour, sponsored by the Pomona Valley Model A Club.

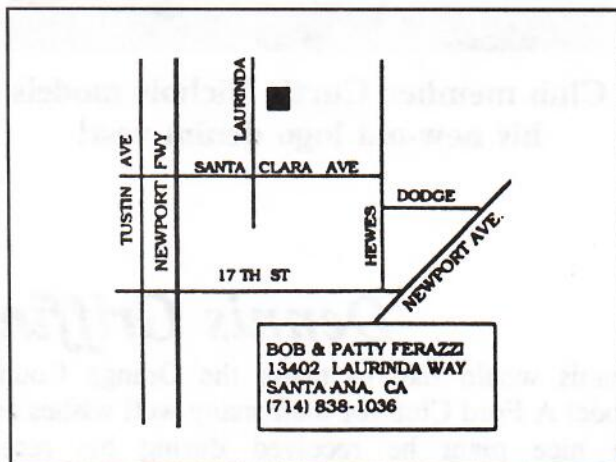
May!

16th - 19th, Thursday - Sunday

Annual Santa Barbara Tour.

The 1996 Roster!

The 1996 Roster will go to print right after the February General Meeting and will be available for distribution at the March General Meeting. The February publication of the *Distributor* will be the last one mailed out under the 1995 mailing list. Forty five club members have not paid their 1996 membership dues. If you are one of those folks, and your dues are not received by February 8, your name will not appear in the 1996 Roster and it will not be on the 1996 mailing list for the *Distributor*©



Map to Bob & Patty Ferazzi's



Bev's Blurbs!

Bev Marsh

The President!

I've been president for about two weeks now and feel so good about the way people are willing to "jump in" to help make out club a continuing success! Wade & Jan Roberts are in charge of the Pancake Breakfast; Larry & Gerry McKinney are handling the Swapmeet; Pieter & Judi Dwinger are the chairpersons for the Christmas Banquet; Lou Spielberg will be heading up the General Meeting raffle and Gwen Riggs is our telephone chairperson. Gwen's helpers are; Sylvia Berbiar, Judi Dwinger, Sharon Johnson, Jocelyn Krug, Jill McDonald and Gerry Valiquette. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Four new board members are also hard at work to keep things running smoothly.

Here are some of the coming events to mark on your calendar: **3-17 Pancake Breakfast, 4-11 Laughlin Trip, 5-4 OCMAFC Swapmeet, 5-5 Whittier Narrows Fun Day, 5-17 & 18 Santa Barbara Tour, 5-26 Fallbrook Swapmeet & Car Show, 6-6 Antique Nationals, N.W. Meet at Grants Pass, Oregon, 9-14 & 15 Rim of the World Meet, and Placentia's Heritage Day Car Show in mid-October.**

Start wearing your name badges to the General Meeting, there will be a \$5. drawing for those who do! Save those "garage sale" items for our March "White Elephant Sale". it's a chance to have fun and make some money for our club. Paul Steed has accepted the challenge and will be our auctioneer.

A reminder to all, if you cannot drive your Model A (or don't want to) on the tours, you can still have fun by driving your modern iron. Join us! ☺



Club Memorabilia!

by Jim Nichols

The New Old Logo!

The club now has a supply of gray sweat shirts with the club logo. \$18. each. We can also have the club logo embroidered on any garment of your choosing. The cost is \$30. for a large size logo on the back, a small size on the left front and your name on the right front. Contact Jim Nichols for more information 714-380-1067.



Club member Curtis Nichols models his new-old logo denim vest!

Dennis Griffin!

Dennis would like to thank the Orange County Model A Ford Club for their many well wishes and the nice plant he received during his recent hospitalization. Dennis is making a full recovery and will soon no longer be able to park his Model A Ford in a handicapped parking space. ☺



Hard Luck! . . . and a sad story!

by Bill Melater

Three Missing Teeth!

Wayne Krug was the recipient of the first hard luck trophy award of 1996. The award was presented at the January General Meeting to acknowledge the failed ring & pinion gear suffered by his 1930 Panel Truck. Wayne brought along the failed pinion gear, minus it's three teeth, to show the membership a gear that kept right on performing and without making any noise. Wayne commented that if you're going to have this kind of bad luck, the best place to discover it is when the car is sitting at home in the garage. The failed pinion gear Wayne showed off looked almost exactly like the one welded onto the hard luck trophy. ☺

Timken Bearings!

Timken Part Numbers!

A number of Model A Ford bearings are produced by the Timken Bearing Company and can be bought directly from a bearing supply house under the Timken part number. ☺

Front Wheel Bearings:

- Inboard Bearing (A1201) 15118
- Inboard Race (A1202) 15250X
- Outboard Bearing (A1216) 09074
- Outboard Race (A1217) 09196

Differential Bearings:

- Bearing (A4221) 28156
- Race (A4222) 28317
- Double Race (A4616) 28314XD

King Pins:

- Thrust Bearing (A3123) T-83



Car of The Month!

John Riggs' newly acquired 1930 Town Sedan will be the February car of the month. The car will be on display at the February General Meeting. Dennis Griffin will be in charge of the car of the month program which provides the history of a particular car and an opportunity to see the characteristics of the different Model A body styles. Please contact Dennis @ 714-832-4112 if you are interested in sharing your car and story with us. ☺



Technical!

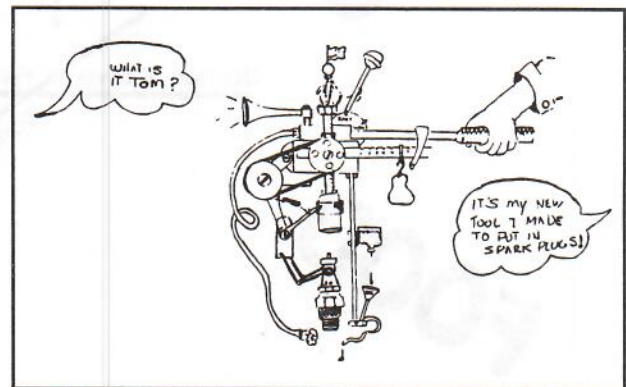
by Bob Ferazzi & Dennis Griffin

The January Seminar on engine rebuilding was attended by 40-50 club members. The February seminar will be held Friday, February 9, starting at 7:00 P.M., at Bob & Patty Ferazzi's home. The subject will a working seminar on Model A horns. Bring your sick *AHOOGUH* horn and we will attempt to make it work. If you have a hammer to pound out dents, bring it along too. Parts will be available for purchase. The seminar will also provide basic information on the various types of horns that were produced and which one is correct for the various years. With some careful work you should leave with a working Model A horn in primer. Final painting must be done at home because of the time needed for the paint to dry. Since the number of participants may outnumber my inventory of chairs, bring a chair if you wish to be guaranteed a seat! We are planning a several-stop garage tour seminar for the near future. Please give your name to Dennis Griffin or Bob Ferazzi if your car needs something done to it. Your car could be included in the seminar. ☺

Ladies Seminar!

by June Riha & Gerry McKinney

The January ladies craft seminar on basket making was very well attended by at least 20 ladies. It was nice to see so many new faces in attendance. Thanks to Bob & Patty Ferazzi for their hospitality. We would be interested in a "finish 'em up night", if anyone is interested. There will not be a ladies craft seminar scheduled for February. ☺



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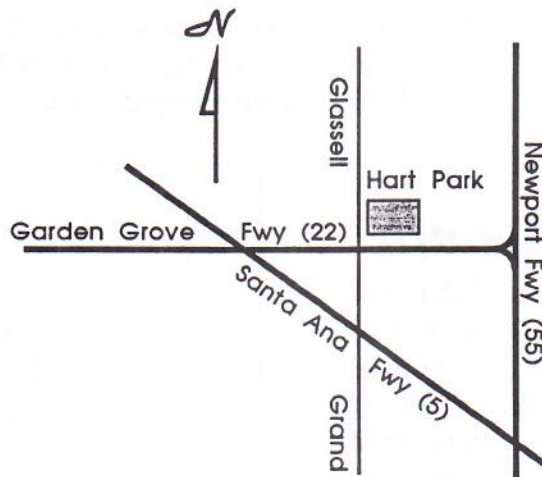
Join us for our annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, March 17 at Hart Park in the City of Orange
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, milk, juice, and coffee

Donation: Adults \$3.50, Kids \$2.00

RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE: Model A Overdrive

CARS



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For additional information call:
Wade Roberts (714)675-5457



Touring! in 1996!

with Gerry Valiquette

January Tour:

The first tour of the new year was held Sunday, January 21st. Fourteen Model A's showed up for a tour to the Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda. Under blue skies and what appeared to be a fine day, the tour met at the Mall of Orange and toured on surface streets to the library. Later in the afternoon, with the weather turning cold and skies threatening, the group departed the library and headed for lunch at Mimi's. Before lunch was over the sky opened up and the rains came. Leaving the restaurant, everyone scurried for home in the rain. John Riggs, who is accustomed to stopping every few miles so that he can perform some kind of maintenance under the hood of his Model A, stopped at the Seal Beach Blvd off ramp of the 22 Freeway so that he could adjust the ignition points that had closed up on him. John managed to accomplish the task in the pouring down rain. ☺

February Tour:

The tour for February has been planned and will be led by John & Gwen Riggs. The date is Sunday, February 25th. The tour will depart from Coco's restaurant parking lot located in Garden Grove at the junction of Valley View and the 22 Freeway. Coco's is just north of the 22 Freeway on the east side of Valley View. Departure time is 10:00 A.M. The tour will be conducted on surface streets over the Vincent Thomas Bridge (there is a \$.50 toll charge) to the Palos Verdes area where we will visit the Point Vincente Light House, which was built in 1926. After touring the lighthouse we will have a picnic lunch in a nearby park. Be sure to pack a lunch. If you are not so inclined, there are a number of restaurants nearby. From there we will drive to El Segundo to the Old Time Music Hall where we will view a vintage classic movie, "Strike up the Band", with Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland. Admission will be \$5.00 per person. ☺



Pancake Breakfast!

by Wade Roberts

Pancakes for Everyone!

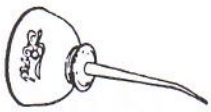
The grills will be hot and the Model A's will shine at Hart Park in the City of Orange on March 17th. Last year we served more than 1,500 breakfasts and this year your help is desperately needed. Please sign up and support our club's main event of the year. We need food purchasers, servers, cooks to prepare sausage and more people on the clean up crew. Don't be shy! Call Wade or Jan Roberts for details at 714-675-5457.

Raffle Prizes Needed!

Donations for raffle prizes are being solicited for our Annual Pancake Breakfast from club members. Some of the items already donated include a new Model A muffler, a rebuilt square-bowl carburetor, a rebuilt distributor with modern points, a rebuilt bell-housing and a case of oil. However, we need many more items for women, children, as well as car buffs. **please help by donating a prize!** ☺



The Whiskers Seminar!



Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

Sparks For The Novice!

There's probably a lot of novice Model A's out there who don't really know what the spark advance lever on a Model A Ford is all about, and are afraid to ask. I can remember when I was a young teenager back in the early 1950's when my friend Skeeter and I acquired a Model A Ford. It didn't take us long to figure out that one of the levers under the steering wheel was a throttle, but it took us a while before we determined that the other one wasn't the turn signals. By asking some of the old guys in the neighborhood we learned that it was a spark advance. We were both smart enough to know that a car needed a spark at the spark plug, but we couldn't see where one was needed under the steering wheel. We didn't have the foggiest idea where we were supposed to position the lever. The car seemed to run okay no matter what position we put it in. Trying to do things the right way, like most teenagers, we thought we would ask our High School auto shop teacher, Mr. White, where the lever should be positioned. Mr. White was not only trained in auto mechanics, but he also drove a Model A Ford as his transportation car. Mr. White gave us a lengthy explanation of the purpose of the spark control lever. He described the power curve of the engine and how it related to the ratio of the advance of the spark. He drew a graph on the blackboard and plotted the points in degrees where the firing of the spark plug correlated to the position of the piston prior to its top-dead-center point for a number of different speeds. As we were leaving with this new world of profound knowledge, which I was still trying to sort out, I asked Skeeter if he knew where we were supposed to put the spark advance lever. "Yeah!" he said, "somewhere in the middle". It has taken a number of years and the wisdom and experience that comes with it for me to learn where the spark advance lever should be positioned on a Model A Ford. The actual physical positioning of the lever has everything to do with how the points and timing were set when the distributor was last serviced. No two Model A's will be exactly alike. It is safe to say that you should always start a Model A Ford with the lever in the fully retarded position (push the lever all the way up).

When driving the car the lever should be advanced (pull the lever downward) to suit the driving condition. The faster you go the more advance you need. If you are climbing a steep hill and you hear the engine pinging, retard the spark slightly by moving the lever up a couple of notches until the pinging stops. In most driving conditions, with a reasonably adjusted distributor, you should have the lever somewhere between half and full down on the lever travel. Pay attention to how the engine sounds and how the car is responding to the accelerator as you drive. With experience you will be able to sense where you should have the lever positioned for each driving condition. One thing you don't want to do is drive around with the spark fully retarded (the lever all the way up). You will very quickly overheat the engine. To illustrate the point, my current Model A Ford is a strong runner and has been driven in temperatures above 110° without overheating. On a recent winter tour, we left our hotel one morning at 7 A.M. with an outside temperature of around 45°. I was wearing a pair of heavy gloves as we pulled out of the parking lot. I thought I had pulled the lever to a position a little more than half way down, which was nominal for normal driving. But fumbling around with the heavy gloves on, I had actually pulled the lever down to only about a quarter of the way. We were headed out over Highway 46 from Paso Robles toward the I-5 highway in the San Joaquin Valley. We had been cruising along at about 55 MPH (in overdrive) for about 20 miles when we came to a long downgrade where our speed increased. My Model A Ford immediately boiled over, spewing water out the top of the radiator. I quickly checked the spark advance and found it was too much retarded. By moving the lever down to more than half way the engine quickly cooled down. The outside temperature was still in the forties. If all of this has you confused, and you are still don't know where you're supposed to position the spark advance lever on a Model A Ford, take Skeeter's advice and pull the handle down to somewhere in the middle. ☺





SwapMeets!



Classified Ad's!

February, 1996

No Pomona Swapmeet in February!

POMONA. Antique Auto, Corvette, Porsche, VW & Street Rod Swap Meet and Car Show. Admission \$6. (Children free) parking \$3. spaces \$30. Special \$15. admission and parking for pre-1975 vehicles for sale, includes driver and one passenger.

Pre-1931 Stock Motor cars admitted free.

Fairplex (Pomona Fairgrounds).

For recorded information call 714-544-7004.

Future dates: 1996 - 3-10, 4-28, 6-2, 8-25

11th, Sunday

LONG BEACH. Hi Performance Collector Car Swap Meet. Long Beach Veterans Stadium, Lakewood Blvd & Wardlow St.

Long Beach, CA. 24 hour info. 800-762-9785

Admission \$4. Free Parking. Seller's Sp. \$25.

Future dates: 1996 3-3, 3-31, 4-14, 5-12

17th & 18th, Saturday & Sunday

SAN DIEGO. Big Three annual swapmeet in San Diego at Jack Murphy Stadium.

Buyers admitted free. For information phone 619-275-1872

FOR SALE:

Years of accumulated Model A parts.

Two starters, two generators, transmission, running boards for 1930, one rear axle, 39-42 hydraulic brake backing plates with shoes, two torque tubes, one drive shaft, one exhaust manifold, one intake manifold, seal beam adapters, Model B oil pan, a "B" intake manifold, heater manifold, Sedan front seat rope rail, bumper brackets, one pair rear radius rods, front stabilizer bar, 30/31 Panel Delivery floor rear end cover plate, Tudor front seat brackets, 28/29 truck map tray, misc. door handles, five pair 1932 CA license plates, 30 rear bumper spreader bar, "A" grease gun and other misc parts. Joe Wavra 714-549-2881.

FOR SALE:

1929 Model A Ford Tudor. Any reasonable offer will be considered. 310-462-1498, 310-921-5541

FOR SALE:

1930 Model A Town Sedan, Murray body, complete car on wheels, but not running. All new wood, doors rebuilt, risers, latches, etc. no exterior, no pink slip. \$3500. Jim Willett 714-768-4939

FOR SALE:

Pair 1929 California license plates. Very good condition. \$150. John Shue 717-848-3456.

ANTIQUE CLASSIC CAR AND PARTS EXCHANGE
By The **1996** Public Admitted Free

Horseless Carriage Club Car, Motorcycle Parts 30th Annual
Antique Automobile Club San Diego Region Meet
Early Ford v-8 Club **February 17 & 18, 1996**

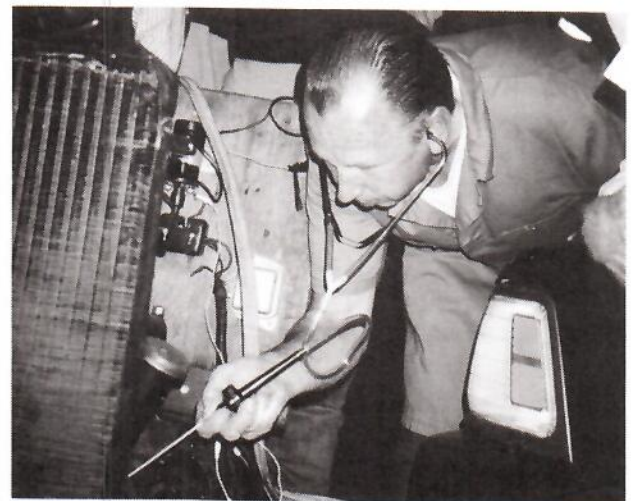
Automobiles, Parts and Related Items Only! No Furniture, Beverage, Food Products or Fire Arms To Be Sold. Unlimited vendor stalls equal to approximately 4 parking spaces each. Stalls will be sold. Advance reservations are available at the meet at \$30.00 each for both days. "No event will be held rain or shine!" Friday setup O.K., overnight parking by vendors. O.K. reservation confirmation mailed January 1st.

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To reserve the stall you have this year, for next year, go to staff F-01 & 2 before noon Sunday during this event. After noon all spaces are open!
Car Corral: All vehicles in meet area must display official numbered stall passes!

Application for reservations by mail not accepted after January 1st. Please Print or type information below.

Name _____ Phone _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Please reserve _____ vendor's stalls at \$30.00 each. Amount enc. \$ _____
Checks and mail to: **BIG 3 EXCHANGE, 2415 Morena Blvd J, San Diego, CA 92110**
No refund - Rain or Shine. Committee and stadium authority not responsible for theft, damage loss or personal injury. Only old cars and motorcycles, parts and related items may be displayed and sold or swapped! Stalls are subject to official inspection. Vendors to observe all applicable state, local and Big 3 Committee requirements relating to this event. I accept the above conditions. _____ Date _____
Feb 1996 Signature of Applicant
Interested clubs may reproduce this information for their newsletters and members.



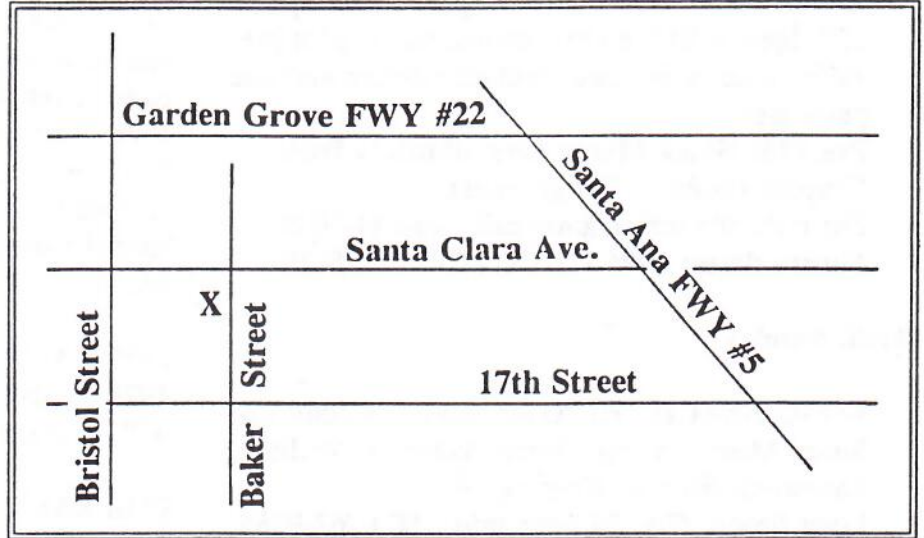
Needs a Rear Main Hemorrhoidectomy!

GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

February 8, 1996 @ 7:30 P.M.

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



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