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**Orange County Model A's line up for inspection in Death Valley!**

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## Secretary's Report!

by Lee Jackson

### **June Board Meeting Minutes.**

The meeting was called to order by President Bev Marsh at 7:06 P.M. June 17th at Tom Endy's home.

### **Treasurer, Michael Kuester:**

Mike gave an update on the 96\97 budget and projection of our account balance up to the 1997 Pancake Breakfast. It appears we have adequate funds on deposit to cover the cost of the event. A discussion was held about raising membership dues to create an extra "pad" for our budget. Different points of view were raised including the National dues increase. No vote was taken, this was only a discussion.

### **Activities:**

The June General Meeting raffle earned the club \$2.00. Tours for the rest of 1996 were discussed. A discussion was held regarding what we could do to increase the number of members\cars that go on the tours. It was finally felt that the more a specific tour was discussed the more membership interest there would be. Jim Nichols gave an update on the club's memorabilia inventory. We need to order more club hats. A discussion was held on the color and what quantity to order. Jim will ask the membership if they are interested in ordering hats. A discussion was held regarding club name badges.

### **New Business:**

The board discussed the tour mileage patches. A suggestion was made to have mileage "bars" instead of sewn patches. The mileage bars would be attached to a pin to show the number of miles accumulated. We currently have enough mileage patches to last for a year. This idea is to be carried over to the next calendar year for the 1997 Board to consider. A motion was carried to establish a chairperson to organize the 1997 Christmas Banquet. The 1997 MAFCA Board Meeting will be held December 4-6, at the Buena Park Hotel. Orange County MAFCA has volunteered to organize the tours for this event. The July\August General Meetings will be held at Hart Park. Angel baseball tickets are now on sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 P.M. 



# Schedule of Club Activities!

## July!

### 11th, Thursday

Pot Luck Dinner. 6:00 P.M.  
**A Through L - bring a main course.**  
**M through Z - bring salad or desert.**  
General Meeting. 7:00 P.M.  
Hart Park, City of Orange

### 12th, Friday

Technical Seminar. 7:00 P.M.  
Bob & Patty Ferazzi's home. The subject will be rebuilding Model A Ford steering arm balls. Bring a pair of steering arms, a pitman arm and a replacement set of steering balls.

### 15th, Monday

Pancake Breakfast planning meeting.  
Hart Park, City of Orange 7:00 P.M.

### 17th, Wednesday

Board Meeting. 7:00 P.M.  
Bob & Patty Ferazzi's home.

### 25th, Thursday

*Distributor* publication deadline.

### 28th, Sunday

Henry Ford Picnic at Furman Park in Downey, sponsored by the Diamond Tread Chapter. Leave Coco's at Valley View and the 22 Freeway at 8:30 A.M.

## **Remember!**

The July and August General Meetings will be held at Hart Park in the City of Orange. The Santiago Elementary School is closed for the Summer. So don't go there! ☺

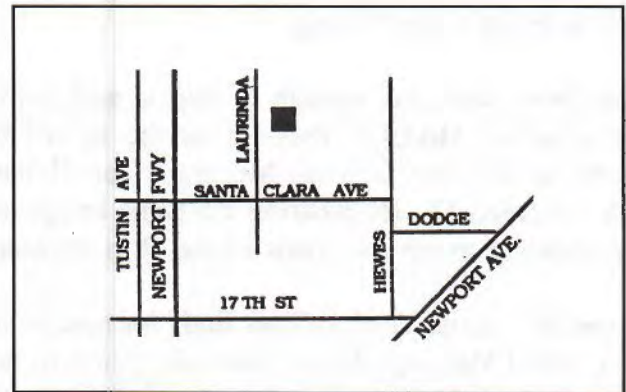
## August!

### 1st, Thursday

Lompoc Vandenberg Tour. Depart from the Citadel at 10:00 A.M. This is a four day trip.

### 18th, Sunday

Sherman Gardens, Mackerel Flats and Goathill Railroad Tour! Bring a Picnick lunch! No Freeways! Depart South Coast Plaza Mall in front of the May Co. at 10:00 A.M.



Map to Bob & Patty Ferazzi's

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**Glenn Johnson will stand on his head for a Model A Ford!** And so will his dog Spot!



# Bev's Blurbs!

by Bev Marsh

## The President!

Half of 1996 has already gone by and Lou Spielberg has been busy planning great tours to fill out the rest of the year. Lou is looking for hosts for the Progressive Dinner in September. Sheila Plotken has already volunteered to have the appetizers. John & Gwen Riggs are doing an outstanding job of "catching up" and keeping track of the club's tour mileage records. The next tour is July 28th and is an old-fashioned picnic sponsored by the Diamond Tread Chapter. You may bring a lunch or buy hot dogs and chili at the picnic. Be sure to bring a chair along.

Paul Steed was kind enough to step in and display his beautiful Model A Pick-Up as the car of the month at the June General Meeting. Jon Heiland was rewarded \$5. for wearing his name badge and for updating us on the status of the Witt Brothers.

A special "Thank You" to Tom Endy for hosting the June Board Meeting. It was especially brave of him since he was leaving in a couple of days on the 1996 Summer Tour.

The MAFCA National is looking for a few good men (and women too!) to run for the board of directors. There is going to be five vacancies. It is important to have our part of the country represented. There are several well-qualified members in our chapter and I hope any one of them will consider this opportunity and run for office. MAFCA headquarters now has a toll free number, it is 1-888-2Model A. Our chapter is joining with the Southern California region in hosting the 1997 Annual Membership Meeting and Christmas Banquet. Right now, we are in the planning stage, but as time draws near, you may be asked to help. This is a very large four day event and hopefully, you will plan on attending.

The next OCMAFCA General Meeting will be at Hart Park. There will not be a raffle, but Gerry McKinney will be conducting a 50\50 money drawing for the club. **Wear your name badge.** Bring your potluck dish, eating utensils, drinks and an appetite! See you at 6:00 P.M.! ☺



**John & Gwen Riggs have been married so long that they have become attached!**



**The Rusted, Rotted, Riha-Riley Head Gasket!**



**Mel searches for the spark advance!**



## **Hard Luck!** . . . and a sad story!

by Carlotta Stress

### **The Dancing Needle!**

Gary Chambers was the recipient of the Hard Luck Trophy at the June General Meeting. The award was presented for the difficulty he experienced on the club's annual tour to Santa Barbara. The story goes that on the way up to Santa Barbara on Thursday, May 16th, Gary noticed that the ammeter needle on his 1931 Victoria was doing a rain dance (it was raining) between the zero mark and the plus side. Eventually it settled in at slightly to the negative side of zero. Suspecting that the battery was not being recharged, Gary tried to conserve electricity as much as he could by not turning any lights on (it was day time!) and not using his turn signals (turn signals?). He managed to make it to Santa Barbara on the battery. In Santa Barbara he took the Victoria to John Kennedy's Automotive Repair Agency. The Kennedy Family's team of Model A Ford experts determined that the six volt alternator had quit working (the alternator??). The alternator was removed and sent to a Model A Ford Alternator Regional Repair Center. The next day the alternator was returned in working condition and Gary was back on the road again with the ammeter needle pointing in the right direction. I interviewed Gary shortly after he received the prestigious award and asked him why he thought the alternator had failed. His description of the failure mode lost me in a maze of technical terms. What I was able to understand is that there is some type of wiring problem inherent in the Victoria. Gary said that when he applies the brakes the cowl lights come on and when he actuates the turn signal the dome light blinks on and off. ☺



**Gary checks the wiring diagram!**



## **Technical!**

by Bob Ferazzi & Dennis Griffin

### **June Seminar Notes!**

The June Seminar was attended by 35 members at Dennis & Judy Griffin's home; they were excellent hosts for this Saturday morning seminar. Dennis explained how to adjust valves, pack wheel bearings, adjust toe-in, set the point gap, and set the timing. We hope everyone learned something.

The next seminar will be on how to restore steering balls. So bring your pitman arm, the steering arms, and four (4) replacement ball studs (A-3311). The seminar will be held at Bob & Patty Ferazzi's home on Friday, July 12, starting at 7:00 P.M. ☺

### **Gas Pains!**

The following article is quoted from the Modesto A's (MAFCA) newsletter.

#### **About the New Gas!**

by Roland Barber, Modesto A's

At the last Model A meeting, Hank Welch made a report about the new gas we will start putting in our cars. Because some of the club members were not present, I thought I would write about this subject. This new gas will be very hard on cars that are not driven regularly, because the gas will dissolve the gaskets. As of now there is no additive that can be purchased that will counteract this process. Car owners should shut off the gas valve on your "A" and run the car until all gas is out of the carburetor. If your shut off valve does not shut the gas flow off completely; sometimes buying a new valve is not the answer. Some of the new valves leak; I experienced this on our own car, so I purchased a brass valve from a hardware store. I cut the gas line and installed the brass valve. These valves are reasonably priced, and are easy to install. I believe this procedure would also work on other, older cars, that some of the members own. ☺

#### **Editor's Note!**

Dick Riha, better stock up on Riha-Riley head gaskets! ☺



## **Touring!** in 1996!

### **The Paul & Carolyn Lindbergh Tour!**

by **Jim Nichols**

When you mix good friends, good cars and good food, blend in a relaxing back road tour, then warmed to perfection by the early morning sun; you have all the correct ingredients for a fun filled day. Ten Model A Fords and four moderns left the Mall of Orange early Sunday morning June 9th to begin a back road tour through Southern Orange County eventually arriving for brunch at Sarducci's Cafe in San Juan Capistrano. The tour traveled through nine cities, reaching speeds as high as 50 MPH at one point. Past fields of strawberries, green beans, cabbage and corn. Up and down hills, through valleys and past lakes. Only one slight problem was encountered when a road closure forced the tour to detour through a shopping mall parking lot. (it was rumored that Jo Nichols had spotted an antique shop in the mall, but the rumor proved false when none were found.) The tour arrived in San Juan Capistrano around 10:00 A.M. with all cars present and accounted for. The tour group of 28 Model A'ers enjoyed a wonderful brunch prepared by Sarducci's and served in the out door patio area of the cafe, under a beautiful warm Sunday morning sun. The manager of Sarducci's prepared a special personalized brunch menu in honor of Paul & Carolyn Lindbergh. All members of the tour signed a copy of the menu, which was presented to Paul & Carolyn in recognition to their contributions to the Orange County Model A Ford Club. After lunch we were free to meander around town. Many members were seen checking out the antique shops, while others relaxed in the shade; talking and watching the cars and people pass by. John Riggs opened the hood of his Model A like always and drew a small crowd. The club will miss the Lindbergh's as they relocate to the San Luis Obispo area. Their participation and enthusiasm in club activities, special events and seminars will be missed. Especially the "wooden leg shop" seminar they hosted. Our thoughts and best wishes go with them on their new adventure. ☺

## **Lou has it Wired!**

by **Lou Spielberg**

### **A Great Tour is Planned!**

This is a tour for everyone, novice, expert, stay-at-homes and especially those folks who are afraid to take their Model A Ford out on the road. We won't be going on any freeways and we won't be going very far or too fast. The plan is to meet at South Coast Plaza Mall in front of the May Company on **Sunday, August 18th at 10:00 A.M.** Bring a brown bag lunch. If that doesn't suit your fancy, put it in a picnic basket instead. Then put the lunch in the ol' Model A Ford and come join us. The first stop will be the Sherman Gardens in Corona Del Mar. For those who don't know, Sherman Gardens is a botanical garden under the curatorship of club members Wade & Jan Roberts. A visit to Sherman Gardens has always been a delightful experience. After we have smelled all the flowers, we will move on to Cliff Drive Park in Newport where we will have our picnic lunch. After lunch we will travel on to the Makeral Flats and Goathill Railroad Station in Costa Mesa for a visit to a miniature railroad exhibition. The railroad is operated by a club association like the Model A Ford Club, only it's all about railroads. The miniature exhibit has 3 to 4 miles of railroad track and the miniatures are large enough for people to ride on. Those who want to go for a ride will have the chance to do so. Lets have a big turn out. It will be a fun day with interesting things to see and it will allow Orange County to see what Model A Fords are all about. ☺

## **John Riggs!**

### **Wants to know!**

John is trying to reconcile the club's tour records for this year. He needs to know who went on the December 1995 Christmas Light Tour and the January 1996 Tour to the Nixon Library. If you were on either one or both of the tours and you want to receive credit for tour mileage, please contact John at 310-431-8783 and let him know if you were on either tour. ☺



## Follow Me!

by Wayne Krug

### The Lompoc Vandenberg Tour!

We have a great tour planned. It is a four day event and will depart from the Citadel at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, August 1st. Some of the highlights are;

#### Thursday:

Tour to Lompoc. An afternoon visit to La Purisima Mission; original built in 1787, destroyed by an earthquake, then rebuilt in 1813.

#### Friday:

Tour of Vandenberg Air Force Base. Some of the sights we expect to see are; the Space Launch Complex including the Space Shuttle launch pad, the Titan Missile Silo, Point Honda (the site of the largest peacetime U.S. Naval disaster in history), the rescue center and weather station. Plus lunch at the Officer's Club. Want to buy some of those flowers surrounding us? Plan to visit the Farmer's Market in downtown Lompoc (hours 2 P.M. - dusk) about a mile south of our hotel at Ocean and "I" Streets.

#### Saturday:

The 19 mile tour of vibrant flower fields. In the afternoon you might want to visit the Lompoc Museum; 200 South "H" Street (hours 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.) or go antique shopping, or for a walk on the beach; Ocean Park is 15 minutes from downtown Lompoc. But be sure you're back in time for the BBQ along "H" Street in downtown.

#### Sunday:

Depart for home.

We have blocked a dozen rooms at the Inn of Lompoc. They will hold the rooms until July 19th. The rates quoted are \$59.00 for two people\one bed and \$69.00 for two people\two beds.

This is going to be an excellent tour. Don't miss it. Make your reservations now! ☺



## Club Logos!

by Jim Nichols

### Don't Miss Out!

A lot is happening. What we mean to say is that another lot of jacket logos is ready to go to mill. We need just two more to make up the required lot. Now is your big chance to be the only kid on your block with the latest Orange County Model A Ford Club logo on the back of the jacket of your choice. You can choose any jacket that suits your fancy as long as you provide the jacket. Denim jackets are now in vogue, with letterman jackets trailing slightly behind. Dead last is the traditional Orange Cal-Trans jacket, sometime described in the fashion world as the "Richard Parrish Look". The cost is \$30. which includes the large logo on the back, a small logo on the left front and your name on the right front. For more information contact Jim Nichols at 714-380-1067. ☺

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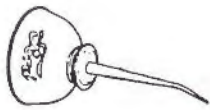
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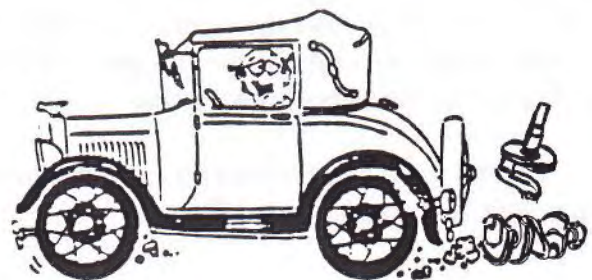
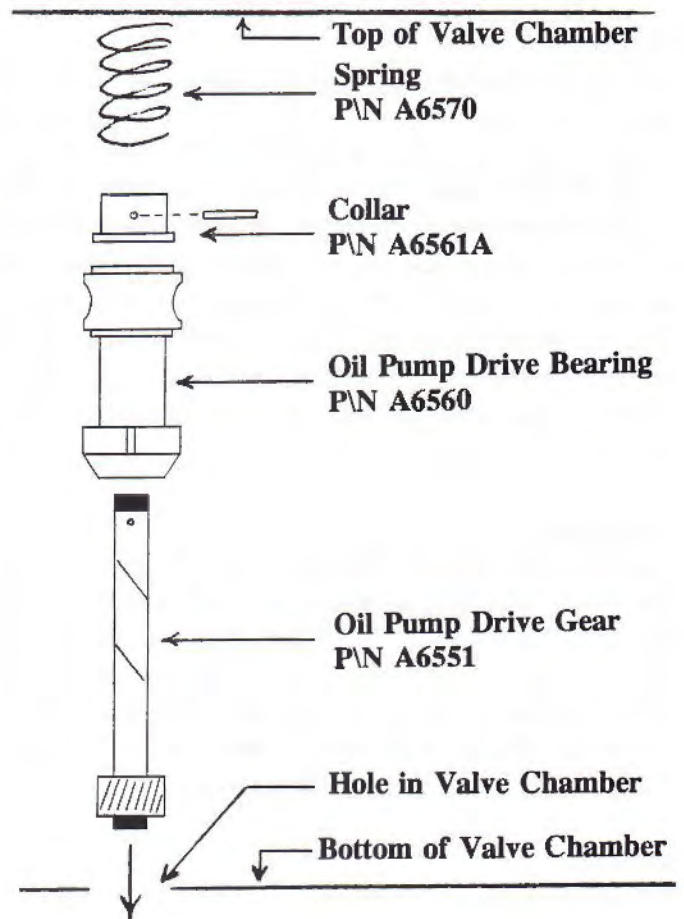
by Ben Hadd

## Oil Pump Drive Gear!

Once upon a time I was in the process of building up a Model A engine. I started with a newly machined block and started putting new engine parts in it. It seemed prudent to buy a new oil pump drive gear p/n A6551, and a new collar, p/n A6561A. Then I tried to figure out how they installed in the engine. I reviewed all of my "How to" books and could not find any reference to it. A fellow club member showed me an assembly. The problem I was having is that there is another part you need to complete the assembly and it is not available new as a purchased item. The part is called the oil pump drive bearing p/n A6560, and you have to find an original Henry one. Once you have all three parts you have to assemble them together with a drive pin through the collar and shaft to hold everything in place. You can assemble it backwards, so you need to know which way is correct. Once you have the assembly complete you drop it down the hole in the bottom center of the valve chamber, gear first, so it will connect with the gear in the middle of the camshaft. A large spring p/n A6570 snaps in over the top and holds it all in place in the engine. Now that I know how it goes together it might be worthwhile to provide a sketch in case someone else has the same problem. The other thing you need to know is that like most reproduction parts you buy for a Model A Ford nowadays, they don't all fit very well. The oil pump drive gear and collar that I bought fit so tight into the original Henry oil pump drive bearing after it was pinned together that it would have taken all of Henry's 40 horses just to turn it. I had to disassemble it and grind some material of the face off the collar flange to provide a little thrust clearance. This is something you definitely want to check. Another thing to look for is the direction of the diagonal oil groove in the shaft of the oil pump drive gear. The sketch shows the correct direction it should be oriented to. There are some reproduction parts around that were made backwards. Bratton's Antique Auto has the correct one. The oil pump drive assembly provides two functions. It drives the oil pump and it drives the distributor. The gear in the center of the camshaft rotates with the camshaft causing the oil pump drive

gear shaft to turn. The screwdriver like blade protruding past the bottom of the oil pump drive gear engages a mating slot in the oil pump when it is installed in the bottom of the block. A similar screwdriver like blade at the top of the oil pump drive gear shaft engages a mating slot in the bottom of the distributor shaft when it is installed through the top of the head. With the timing properly set and the engine running the oil pump drive assembly provides lubrication and ignition to the engine. ☺

## Oil Pump Drive Assembly!



**Yo! Merle! Did you remember to install the oil pump drive gear assembly?**





## SwapMeets!

**July, 1996**

**14th, 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 \$5. Free Parking. Seller's Sp. \$25. **Future dates: 1996 - 8-11, 9-8, 10-6, 11-10, 12-8.**

## Upcoming Swap Meets!

**Saturday & Sunday, August 3rd & 4th**  
Annual Model T Ford Club Swap Meet at Veteran's Stadium, Long Beach.

**Sunday, Sept. 22nd.**  
TRW Parking Lot, Manhatten Beach.  
Sponsored by Harbor Area MARC.  
Info. 310-425-8747.

**Sunday, Sept. 29th.**  
San Bernadino, Sponsored by Paradise Valley Model A Club. Info. 909-820-3097.

**Saturday, Oct. 5th.**  
Camarillo Airport, Sponsored by Conejo Valley Model A Club. Info. 805-529-8363.

**Saturday, Nov. 2nd.**  
Vintage Parking Lot - Stanton  
Sponsored by Diamond Tread Model A Club.  
Info. 310-316-3199.



## Classified Ad's!

**FOR SALE:**

**Four Model A 19" tires\tubes\wheels.** (mounted) blackwalls. \$125.00 Barry Stoute 714-544-7056

**FOR SALE:**

**1930 Model A Ford Cabriolet.** Dual side mounts, Stoneguard. luggage rack with trunk, 12 volt electrical system, turn signals, excellent condition. \$17,500. Dick 714-997-5647.

**FOR SALE:**

**1929 Model A Ford Tudor.** Black, older restoration, good running car. \$6,500. Nolan Burns 714-848-9640

**FOR SALE:**

**1932 Ford rolling chassis.** Complete, with matched serial numbers. \$4,500. Nolan Burns 714-848-9640

**FOR SALE:**

**1929 Model A Ford Deluxe Delivery.** Excellent condition, many extras, \$12,000. Will pay shipping from Hawaii to Long Beach, CA  
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**FOR SALE:**

**1929 Model A Town Sedan.** Good paint, brown\brown. Overdrive, hydraulic brakes, 39' transmission, C-head, Malory ignition, down draft carburetor, C.B. radio, AM\FM tape, trunk, tool box, bud vases, full carpets. \$10,000 OBO. Bill Shaner 714-758-8129.

**FOR SALE:**

**Bound book of September 1929** (just before the "crash") Los Angeles Times newspapers. \$50. OBO, Bev Marsh 714-531-7237

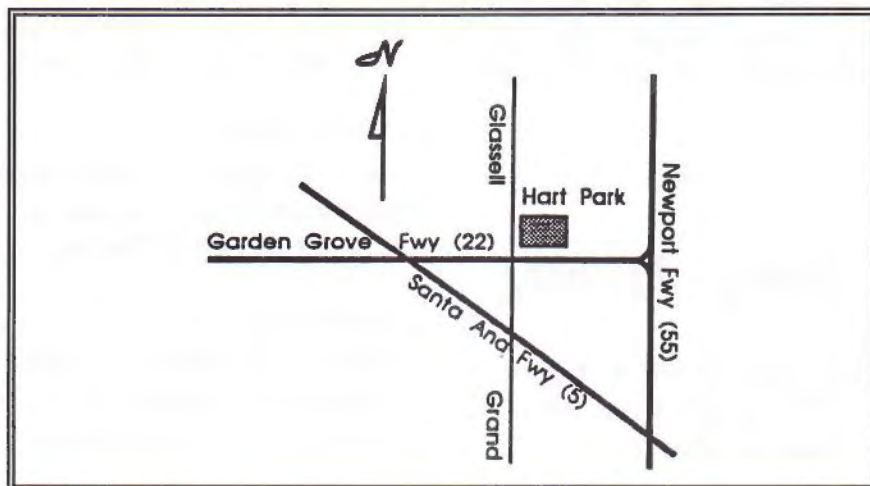


# GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

**July 11, 1996 @ 7:30 P.M.**

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