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THE TIGHTEN 'EM UP SEMINAR®

Gary Haubold tightens the lug nuts on his 1930 Coupe, formerly owned by Roger Aday. Gary says late at night when it's quiet, you can hear them loosening up!

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Secretary's Report!

by Lee Jackson

May Board Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order by President Bev Marsh at 7:03 P.M. May 20th the Kuester's home.

Treasurer, Michael Kuester:

Mike reported that the club's funds are in good order. The 1996\1997 budget was reviewed through March 1997. Based on historical income and expense data it appears the club will have adequate reserves to cover all expenses for the 1997 Pancake Breakfast. In order to achieve this goal, all club functions need to break even or create additional income. A discussion was held about different club functions where the expenses cannot exceed the donations.

Activities:

The 1996 tour schedule was reviewed. It will be published in the *Distributor*.

Special Events:

Dennis Griffin gave an update on the 1997 Pancake Breakfast Program. There are 10 committees formed that will be responsible for specific area\functions. Because of the close calls we have had with rain during the past five years, there is consideration to change the month of this event. Alternative dates will be reviewed and brought to the Board of Directors at the June meeting. Larry McKinney reported, via Bev Marsh, that the May swapmeet was a financial success.

New Business:

Bob Ferazzi purchased microphones for donation to the Santiago Elementary School where we hold our General Meetings. The July and August General Meetings will be held at Hart Park due to the Summer closure of the school. A donation in leu of flowers was made to the American Heart Association in the name of Wade Robert's father who passed away May 12th. It was suggested that reservations for the 1997 Christmas Banquet be obtained in October 1996. A shoe box swap meet will be held at the June General Meeting. The August 11th Angel's tickets will sell for \$4. each.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.✍



Schedule of Club Activities!

June!

2nd, Sunday

Antique Nationals. Drag race & car show. Los Angeles County Raceway, Palmdale, CA. Gates open at 8:00 A.M. Hosted by Four Ever Four Cylinder Car Club. General Admission Adults \$12. Children 6-15 \$1. Info 909-695-3717 or 909-787-0672. Or contact Larry McKinney 714-963-2724.

9th, Sunday

Lindbergh Tour to San Juan Capistrano. Leave the Mall of Orange at 8:45 A.M.

13th, Thursday

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

15th, Saturday

Technical Seminar. 8:00 A.M. Dennis & Judy Griffin's home. The subject will be greasing wheel bearings, adjusting the steering and setting the toe in.

17th, Monday

Board Meeting. 7:00 P.M. Tom Endy's home.

20th, Thursday

Summer Tour Departure! From the Mall of Orange at 9:00 A.M.

27th, Thursday

Distributor publication deadline.

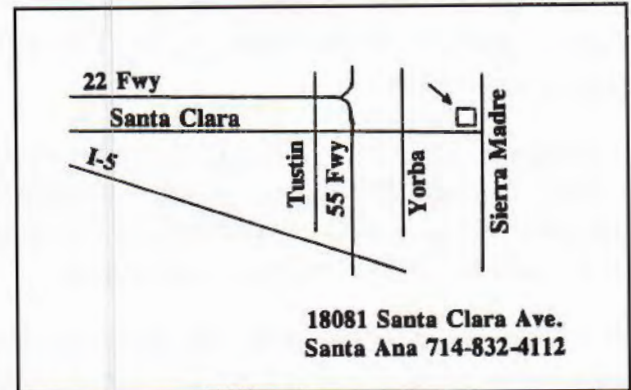
30th, Sunday

Tour of Orange Historical Homes. Leave the the South Coast Plaza Mall (in front of May Co.) at 10:00 A.M.

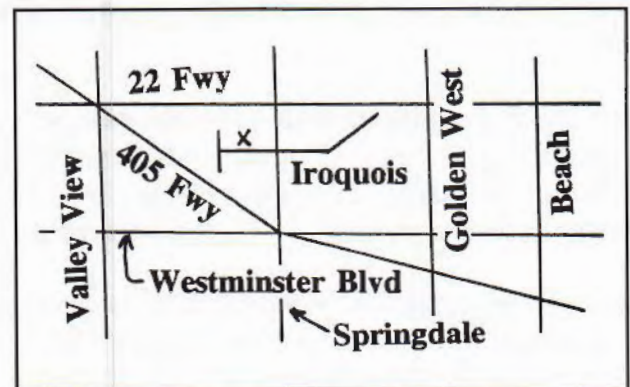
July!

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.



Map to Dennis & Judy Griffin's



Map to Tom Endy's

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Westminister, CA
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Bev's Blurbs!

by Bev Marsh

The President!

Larry & Gerry McKinney once again did a great job chairing a successful swapmeet for our club. The McKinney's and their faithful helpers sold spaces, set them up, directed swappers and cleaned up afterwards. Gerry served up breakfast and lunch to hungry shoppers. Her very able assistant was Judy Griffin. By the way, Gerry donated a hot dog cooker to the club and it worked great! Thanks to everyone who helped.

The Griffin's hosted the first organizing meeting for the 1997 Pancake Breakfast. Several committee heads volunteered, but more are needed. Please let Dennis know if you are willing to participate.

Lee Jackson went home from the May General Meeting \$5. richer for winning the name badge drawing. Dick Riha gave the hard luck trophy a home for the next month.

The Kuester's hosted the May Board Meeting. Thank you Robyn & Mike for opening your home to us.

Gary Discher volunteered to fill a vacancy on our telephone committee. The committee serves an important of communication among the club members. Thank you Gary for stepping forward.

Clean out the garage and bring those left overs from the swapmeet to the June General Meeting. We will be having another shoe box swapmeet.

Have you ever noticed the people who are always helping the Cote's with the refreshments at the General Meetings? They are Beverly and Allen. Be sure to say Hi! to them.

The June meeting at the Santiago Elementary School will be the last one for the Summer. The July and August meetings will be held at Hart Park. We will return to the school in September. ☺



The Fallbrook Tour!

by Wayne Krug

Camp Pendleton!

This year's trip to Fallbrook was a little different thanks to Gary & Marilyn Chambers. They arranged for us to tour through Camp Pendleton to see what California looked like before it was paved over. After arriving at Fallbrook High School for the car show, swap meet and a break, we continued on to the city of Fallbrook where we had lunch. After lunch the nine Model A's and one modern split into two groups. One group took the coast route, the other took the inland route home to Orange County. All the Model A's ran well the entire day. No hard luck trophies on this tour. ☺

1996 Toronto National!

by Jennifer Dwinger

The Youth Seminar!

The youth seminar that will be held during the Toronto Convention is being finalized by Jeanne Bloom and myself. I have asked Jeanne to be the youth chairperson at the convention due to my not being able to attend. The seminar will be along the lines of a TV game show format. I am sure that all the kids will really enjoy it. I will let everyone know in the August *Distributor* how the seminar went. I am very grateful that Jeanne has accepted the duties to chair the event.

Thanks Jeanne!! ☺



Santa Barbara Tour 1996



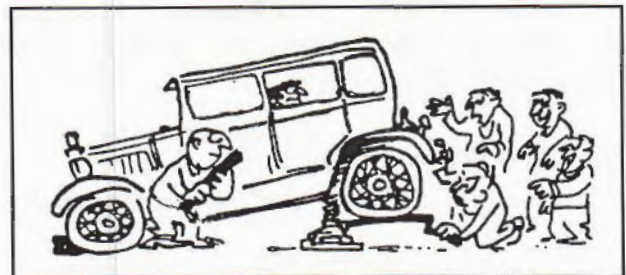
Hard Luck! . . . and a sad story!

by Pieter Dwinger
(and unnamed others)

The Riha Riley "Go Fast" Sedan!

The morning of the tour departure to Laughlin via Lake Havasu was a delightfully balmy day. All the cars ran well with the exception of the Riggs rig, which when the tour reached Morongo Valley (by Hwy. 111) did a 180 and the Riggs nursed the 1930 Town Sedan back to it's home. The following morning John & Gwen headed off to Laughlin in their trusty 1928 AR Coupe. But, the real drama was with the Riha Riley "Go Fast" engine in Dick Riha's 1931 Slant Window Sedan. All was going along quite well Friday morning from Lake Havasu on to Laughlin until, without much warning, (quoting Dick) "the @#!^** son of a **%@!## engine quit". We can always count on Dick to give the proper descriptive adjectives, to express his inner most feelings. After much roadside seminaring, without success, (this is going to be hard to believe) but the Riha Riley would not run, and (here it comes) Dicks Model A Ford had to be **towed!!** 30 miles into the parking garage at the Ramada Express Hotel in Laughlin! Wow! This was so extraordinary that we were compelled to tell everyone. From all parts of the convention, came a phalanx of great Model A trouble shooting minds. The carburetor, distributor, coil, spark plugs, etc, etc, were changed, not once but several times. The spark and coil wires were tested, the valve cover was removed and the valves checked for bent stems or broken rocker arms (Model A's have rocker arms???) oh well! The valves were also checked for broken springs. None were found. The timing gear cover was removed and the timing gear and the timing were checked. The battery was recharged several times. I think someone even suggested rotating the head lights and getting rid of the stale California air in the tires which then might make the engine run again. But alas, all the King's horses and all the King's men couldn't make the Riha Riley run again. One by one those great minds sauntered off to the casinos, hoping that they would have better luck at the tables than they did in solving the mystery of the very silent Riha Riley. The efforts to locate the problem continued on. Starting fluid was injected into the carburetor, then the spark plugs were removed and the magic startuig fluid was injected directly into the combustion chambers,

but the Riha Riley refused to run, or even backfire very much. Finally on Saturday afternoon, the choke was propped open and some more starting fluid was injected into the carburetor while the engine was being turned over by the starter motor, when without warning, a great spray of starting fluid was forced out of the carburetor and deposited unceremoniously onto the nearest bystander, who happened to be the person injecting the starting fluid into the carburetor. The problem was solved. A blown head gasket! Within 20 minutes the Riha Riley's head was off and lo and behold the head gasket was found blown between #1 & #2 **and** between #3 & #4. Dick who is always well supplied with the appropriate spare parts had a Riha Riley head gasket with him. This was most fortunate because this is not an off-the-shelf acquirable item. The Riley uses a special head gasket. After proper cleaning of the head, and the block, the new head gasket was installed and all the parts put back where they belonged (no extra parts left over!). The tension was mounting as Dick got into the driver's seat and with a few turns of the starter the engine roared to life again. The smile on Dick's face was from ear to ear, especially since having to trailer or tow the famous Riha Riley powered "Go Fast" Sedan home was not setting well with Dick. Now Dick of course will say it was just a minor problem, and a simple head gasket replacement cured it. But in reality there were many excellent minds at work trying to locate the illusive problem. With a head gasket blown out at the usual place, between #3 & #4, the engine will start and run, though not very well. Here with all four cylinders affected, the usual symptoms did not add up. A compression gauge would have provided answers a bit quicker, so henceforth I am sure that Dick will have one along in his tool box. Congratulations Dick on being awarded the Hard Luck Trophy. ☺



Yo! Riha! Who's Riley?

Technical!

by Bob Ferazzi & Dennis Griffin

Toe In!

The May technical seminar was a great success. Over 30 members attended. Sixteen backing plates were welded by Art Moore, who worked harder than anyone. Six ladies were also in attendance. We all owe Art Moore a special thanks.

The June Technical Seminar will be held on Saturday, June 15th, 8:00 a.M. at Dennis and Judy Griffin's home. The subject will be greasing wheel bearings, adjusting the steering and setting the "toe in". Each process will be demonstrated. ☺



Car of The Month!

The June car of the month will be Sam & Wilda Vernola's 1931 Slant Window Town Sedan. The car will be on display at the general meeting. ☺

The Progressive Dinner!

We need volunteers!

The annual progressive dinner will be held September 28th. We need volunteer hosts to open their homes for each of the four stops. The four stops are hors d'oeuvres, salads, main course and dessert. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lou Spielberger at 714-751-5102. ☺



Our Condolences!

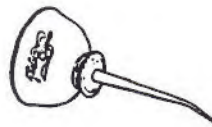
The Wade Robers' Family!

Wade Roberts' father, John Paul Roberts passed away on May 12th.

The Jim Manos Family!

Jim Manos' younger brother, Leo Manos died suddenly.

Our sympathy and condolences to the families.



Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

Spring Break!

A lot has been said about the precautions that should be taken when working around the rear spring on a Model A Ford. All the "How To" books advise you to use a good spring spreader when ever you remove the rear end from the car. One even suggests that if you remove the rear end with the spring still attached to the axle housings you should wrap a big heavy chain around the spring and the axle housings before you attempt to remove the spring. I personally feel it is prudent to leave the rear spring in the car when pulling the rear end. This way it won't have the opportunity to go through the roof of your garage if the spring spreader slips off. In the March-April MARC publication of the Model A News there was a letter to the editor describing a near fatal accident involving a rear spring. In the case described the rear end had been removed from the car with the spring still attached to the axle housings. A spring spreader was attached and the spring was being spread when the center bolt that holds the leaves together broke.

The letter is quoted below!

I had the rear end out from under a 1929 Model A Pick-Up truck that we were restoring the chassis on. I had the spring spreader in position to spread the spring to remove the shackles. Everything looked good, the bolt was still in place in the center of the leaves. I started cranking on the spreader. As I was leaning over to apply pressure to the handle, the center bolt broke and the top five leaves took off right past my face. I felt the wind. We have a ten foot high ceiling in the building and they hit it! What a sense of relief that they had not hit me; then I realized that they now had to come back down. I was not hit by any of them. Boy, was I lucky! I looked at the bolt protruding from the remaining spring. Most of the head had been broken from the bolt for a long time. The small portion that held it failed when the spring flexed with the spreader. I **will not** do any work in the future on springs, whether front or rear, without first putting a stout "C" clamp on it to hold the leaves together. I advise anyone else doing this job to use the same caution. It can't happen to you? It happened to me! **Rick Sturim, Wyoming, MI** ☺



Touring! in 1996! **The Santa Barbara Tour!**

by Sam Vernola

Wednesday, May 15th:

The Orange County Model A Ford Club departed on a "Journey of Happiness". After a 116 miles of a cinematic view of the ocean, Malibu and treasure hunting in the Oxnard antique shops we finally arrived at Santa Barbara's finest affordable Motel 6. We were somewhat disappointed in that Father Serra from the mission was not there to greet us, he elected to go to the dentist instead. After check-in we collectively decided to embrace Mr. Dennis Griffin's suggestion to head into the "Heart of Santa Barbara", and continue our treasure hunt for mascots of which resulted in "nada", Spanish term for "nothing". The evening was spent at an exquisite Mexican Restaurant named Julians.

Thursday, May 16th:

We awoke to the romantic sound of rain, but being "True Model Aer's we were undaunted, nothing was going to stop us from eating breakfast. We elected to walk across the highway to the Seaside Grill, where we ate outside under the patio watching the rain and the waves on the ocean. With our appetites momentarily satisfied, we declared Thursday to be our day of religion and elected to visit the historical site of the Santa Barbara Mission. Many of us bought souvenirs and made a contribution to the church. Vincent Mariola decided to save his money and did nothing! (A true red blooded Italian). Dinner time found us at Dennis Griffin's favorite Italian Restaurant "Pesto Pasta", The Italian version of America's finest, "McDonalds". After our scrumptious dinner it was off to view a gala-force movie, "Twister"! The consensus of opinion was that we would rather do battle with an earthquake than face the wrath of a tornado.

Friday, May 17th:

Our planned picnic, master minded by Dennis Griffin, was held under picture perfect skies. Participation and enthusiasm was contagious. After lunch, we visited the historical Botanical Gardens and proceeded to hike into the hills viewing the

beautiful wild flowers, trees and Mother Nature's water stream and rock formation. Complimenting this, was the wood peckers, wild birds, doves, fish and a baby turtle. We did have one disgruntled member, Vincent Mariola, who complained that he did not see any deer. The evening proved to be a rewarding success as we entered our Model A's in the BeBop Burgers Classic Car Cruise Nite competition. Mr. Dennis Griffin placed second for his great looking 1929 Roadster Coupe.

Saturday, May 18th:

Highlights of the day encompassed the ladies going on a shopping spree at the mall, while the men and ladies in attendance were hosted by the Santa Barbara Model A Ford Club to an excellent tour of the city via the beautiful hills overlooking the city and ocean. It was felt that this was more of an endurance run, testing man's prowess against his machine. The ladies finally returned from their shopping extravaganza tired and broke. We all rested to get ready for our planned evening harbor cruise. During the course of the day Dan & Valerie Simmons elected to go shopping at garage sales. Dan struck it rich and found a rare, new old stock rear window mascot, thereby outdoing Dennis Griffin who literally found nothing during the whole trip. Dan's mascot is a unique piece as it was developed and manufactured in the 1950 circa by an inventor named "Mooney". The mascot, when one pushes his button, has an uncanny way of demonstrating his brain sliding down to his lower extremities and showing off his lower back anatomy. Well rested, we headed for the "Love Boat". While waiting for the gathering of the clan at the pier, we overheard the fine voice of Bob Ferazzi imitating Dean Martin's favorite hit, "Watching All The Girls Go By". Patty commented, "Dream on Robert"! The time had finally arrived for everyone to go aboard the boat and cruise the coastline where we observed the seals and a show put on by the dive bombing pelicans. The climax of the cruise was the spectacular view of the sunset and coastline. Once again nice things come to an end, everyone departed the "Love Boat" and drove back to the motel, with the exception of Bob & Patty Ferazzi who elected to walk back the five miles.

Sunday, May 19th:

The time had arrived that no one wanted to face, going home. We all wondered where did the time go. As everyone had a most enjoyable time, we sincerely appreciated Dennis Griffin, for sharing his coveted, rare, world renown mascots (changing them twice a day). The 10 pieces he shared with us were extraordinary. The 1996 Santa Barbara Tour resulted in 14 Model A's and three modern cars with 42 members in attendance. A special thanks to Dennis & Judy Griffin for making this a most memorable tour. ☺

1996 Tour Schedule!

by Lou Spielberger

The following tours have been tentatively schedule for the remainder of the year.

- June 30, Orange Historical Homes Tour
- July 28, Henry Ford Picnic, Downey
- August 3, Vandenberg Tour (Krug & Chambers)
- August 18, Costa Mesa Railroad
- Sept. 12-15, Rim of the World
- Sept. 28, Progressive Dinner
- October 12, Placentia Heritage Days (no tour)
- October 20, Apple Tour (Richard Parrish)
- Nov. 17, Wine Country Tour, Temecula
- Dec. 7, Christmas Banquet
- Dec. 15, Christmas Light Tour

Summer Tour, Revised!

by Wayne Krug

Gambling & Ghost Towns!

The 1996 Summer Tour has been revised. The length of time has been reduced to eight days. We will depart on Thursday, June 20th, and arrive home on Thursday, June 27th. We will head up Highway 395 toward Reno, visiting a number of ghost towns along the way.

The Plan!

Day 1, Thursday, June 20. Depart Orange County for **Randsburg**, then on to **Ridgecrest** (overnight in Ridgecrest). Carriage Inn 619-446-7910. \$55.\1 bed, \$65.\2 beds.

Day 2, Friday, June 21. Ridgecrest to **Bishop** (overnight in Bishop) High Sierra Lodge 619-873-8426 \$75.\1 bed, \$85.\2 beds.

Day 3, Saturday, June 22. Bishop to **Bodie**, then on to **Bridgeport** (overnight in Bridgeport). Best Western Ruby Inn 619-932-7241 \$75.\1 bed, \$85.\2 beds.

Day 4, Sunday, June 23. Bridgeport to **Carson City** (overnight in Carson City) Best Western Trailside Inn 702-883-7300 \$59.\1 bed, \$66.\2 beds.

Day 5, Monday, June 24. Carson City to **Virginia City**, then on to **Reno** (overnight in Reno). Best Western Continental Lodge 702-329-1001 \$57.\1 bed, \$60.\2 beds.

Day 6, Tuesday, June 25. Overnight in Reno. Same hotel.

Day 7, Wednesday, June 26. Reno to **Lone Pine**. (overnight in Lone Pine). Dow Villa Motel 619-876-5521 \$58.

Day 8, Thursday, June 27. Arrive home.

A block of rooms have been reserved at the hotels listed. You must call and make individual guaranteed reservations. ☺



SwapMeets!

June, 1996

2nd, Sunday

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 admittref free.** Fairplex (Pomona Fairgrounds) For recorded information call 714-544-7004.
Future dates: 1996 - 8-25

9th, 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 - 7-14, 8-11, 9-8, 10-6.

Upcoming Swap Meets!

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:

1931 Sport Coupe. Original, restored to show condition. Rebuilt engine with less than 1000 miles, rumble seat, cowl lights, wind wings, quail, rear spare mount, Tacoma Cream, orange wheels. \$11,000 OBO. Bill Beattie 714-496-9434 Dana Pt.

FOR SALE:

16' flat bed trailer. Tandem wheels, hydraulic brakes, brown, cream pin stripe. \$1,500.
 Bill Beattie 714-496-9434 Dana Pt.

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. Make offer.
 Bill Shaner 714-758-8129.

FOR SALE:

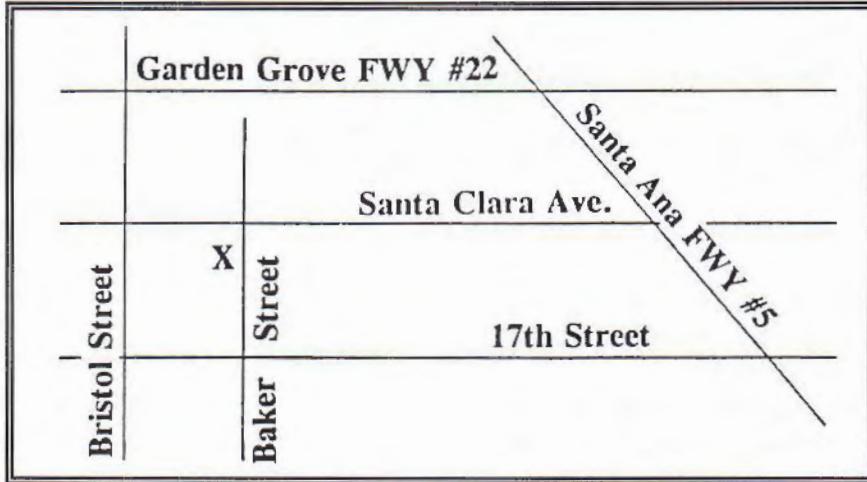
Bound book of Septemebr 1929 (just before the "crash") Los Angeles Times newspapers. \$50. OBO, Bev Marsh 714-531-7237

GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

June 13, 1996 @ 7:30 P.M.

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