

# *The Distributor*

## *Orange County Model A Ford Club*

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**THE RAFFLE SEMINAR®**

**.....No tampering going on here!**

**He always wins!**

## 1996 Board Members

## Secretary's Report!

by Lee Jackson

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### January Board Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 P.M. February 15th by Bev Marsh.

### Treasurer, Michael Kuester:

The club's finances were reviewed. Twelve 1995 club members have not paid their 1996 club dues. It was suggested that when it comes time to pay next year's dues a post card bill be sent out to each member. A question came up if the members did not pay their National dues, is the club or individual covered by the National insurance? Mike Kuester stated that he would make an inquiry with the National.

### Activities, Gerry Valiquette:

No march tour will be scheduled due to the Pancake Breakfast. It was determined that members who drive their Model A to the MAFCA National in Toronto, Canada this summer will qualify for club mileage for the trip.

### Technical, Bob Ferazzi, Dennis Griffin:

The February Horn Seminar was attended by 35-40 members. Five horns were repaired. The March Seminar will be held at Dennis & Judy Griffin's home. The subject will be the Model A electrical system.

### Editor, Tom Endy:

The 1996 Rosters will be handed out to the membership at the March General Meeting. Tom Endy wanted to ensure the new board was aware of the *Distributor* publishing deadline, which is one week after the scheduled board meeting.

### Special Events, Wade Roberts, Larry McKinney:

Wade Roberts updated the board on the progress made for the Pancake Breakfast.

### New Business:

Jim Nichols will have a liquidation sale of outdated club T-shirts at the Pancake Breakfast. Lou Spielberger has made up "New Member" packages. Pieter Dwinger has made reservations for the Annual Christmas Dinner at The Orange County Mining Co. for Saturday, 12-7-96.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M. 



# Schedule of Club Activities!

## March!

### 14th, Thursday

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

#### **The Great White Elephant Sale.**

Clean out your garage, closets, etc. Bring all that stuff laying around that you know you should get rid of to the General Meeting. Paul Steed will be our Auctioneer.

### 15th, Friday

Technical Seminar. 7:00 P.M. **sharp!**  
Electrical (Ignition) trouble shooting.

**Please don't be late, the presentation begins promptly at 7:00 P.M. Arrive as early as 6:30.**

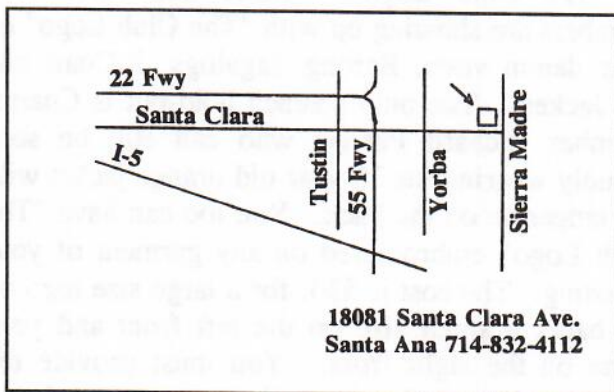
Ladies Craft Seminar will be held at the same time, same location. Dennis & Judy Griffin's home. 18081 Santa Clara Ave. Santa Ana. 714-832-4112

### 17th, Sunday

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

### 21st, Thursday

OCMAFC Board Meeting. 7:00 P.M.  
Dennis & Judy Griffin's home.



**Map to Dennis & Judy Griffin's**

## April!

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

Annual Laughlin Tour, sponsored by the Pomona Valley Model A Club. For information call Robert Gomez @ 909-829-9629.

The OCMAFC tour will depart the Mall of Orange Thursday, April 11th @ 9:00 A.M.

**"Paker, Anyone? Watch for details in the April Distributor!"**

## May!

### 4th, Saturday

Annual OCMAFC World Class Swap Meet. Vintage Ford parking lot, 7:00 A.M. Beach Blvd, City of Stanton.

### 16th - 19th, Thursday - Sunday

Annual OCMAFC Santa Barbara Tour.

### 16th - 19th, Thursday - Sunday

34th Annual Northern California Round-Up hosted by the Modesto A's. For information contact Dorothy Langill @ 209-632-9554.

## *The 1996 Roster!*

The 1996 Roster will have been published and will be available for distribution at the March General Meeting. Members attending the meeting will be given their Roster. The remainder of the Rosters will be mailed out right after the General Meeting. 😊

## *Jim Willett*

Jim Willett had surgery recently and it went extremely well. He is doing fine and is planning to return to work as soon as possible. This is very encouraging news. We all wish Jim a speedy recovery.



## *Bev's Blurbs!*

Bev Marsh



## *OCMAFC Award!*

### **The President!**

The time is getting near for our Annual Pancake Breakfast. Wade & Jan Roberts have been hard at work organizing this event. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather. Pitch in and help, this is our biggest fund raiser of the year, It will be a lot of fun too!

John & Gwen Riggs did an excellent job putting together our tour to the Point Vincente Lighthouse and Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo. Even though the tour has not yet taken place, as we go to press, I'm sure a good time was had by all - especially if there were no breakdowns.

Tom Endy (our award winning editor) will have the 1996 Rosters ready to distribute at the March General Meeting. He and Mike Kuester have worked very hard at getting an up to date membership list together. (I, as many others, I'm sure) appreciate all of their hard work.

The MAFCA National Board Meeting will be held Saturday, April 20th at the La Habra Headquarters. The meeting begins with the agenda at 8 A.M., lunch is provided and the meeting continues into late afternoon. Try to attend. See how the "higher ups" operate. Also, the MAFCA International Convention will be held in Toronto, Canada July 14-20, 1996. Registration forms will be available at our March General Meeting.

Our March General Meeting will be the site of the "Great White Elephant Sale". Bring your "junque" which someone else might "treasure". Keep Paul Steed, our Auctioneer busy. All the proceeds go to the club treasury.

And, last of all - wear those name badges, you might be a \$5. winner! Sheila Plotkin won in February. ☺

### *Joe Wavra!*

Joe would like to thank the membership for their kind words of encouragement during his recovery from the accident he was involved in last December. Joe says he is doing well and is slowly on the mend. We all look forward to seeing Joe soon and wish him a speedy recovery.



## *Club Memorabilia!*

by Jim Nichols

### **The Club Logo!**

The new old club logo has been around and accepted long enough now to be referred to simply as "The Club Logo". More and more club members are showing up with "The Club Logo" on their denim vests, Barong Tagalogs, P-Coats and Ike Jackets. The only staunch hold-out is Charter Member Richard Parrish who can still be seen proudly wearing his 35 year old orange jacket with the tangerine on the back. You too can 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. You must provide the garment. We need to have six garments per lot to have a lot done. Contact Jim Nichols for more information. 714-380-1067. ☺



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

by Bill Melater

### **It rained on John's parade!**

At the February General Meeting President Bev Marsh was looking for the monthly scapegoat to hang the hard luck trophy award on. When she asked if anyone had any hard luck to report there was a deathly silence. John Riggs noticed that everyone was eyeing him. He proclaimed that he was clean! Several people pointed out that the reason he was clean was because he had been standing out in the rain adjusting the points on his 1930 Town Sedan during last month's tour. By coincidence the very same car was the car of the month and it was sitting on display in the meeting room mocking John. After some amount of encouragement from the membership John finally did admit that during the February tour to the Nixon Presidential Library he may have been observed standing in the down pouring rain alongside the Seal Beach Blvd off ramp of the 405 freeway adjusting the ignition points that had closed up on his Town Sedan. John did graciously accept the hard luck trophy, but he threatened to whack someone in the head with it. During John's car of the month presentation he shared with the membership the name he had chosen for his newly acquired Town Sedan. **Open Hood Betsy!** ☺



**Yo Dennis!  
The simulator is smoking.**



## **Technical!**

by Bob Ferazzi & Dennis Griffin

Approximately forty club members attended the February Technical Seminar. A number of AHOOGUH horns were tuned up, but not many people attempted any body work on the housings. The march Technical Seminar will be held at Dennis & Judy Griffin's home on Friday, March 15th. at 7:00 P.M. **sharp!** Dennis says you can arrive as early as 6:30 P.M., but please don't show up late because of the nature of the presentation, which **will begin promptly at 7:00 P.M.** The subject will be the Model A Ford's electrical (ignition) system. Merle McClellan will be our special guest expert and presenter. Dennis Griffin has built an excellent simulator that will enable us to do Model A Ford electrical trouble shooting. The April Technical Seminar will be on the Model A Ford brake system. The membership has not indicated any interest in a garage tour seminar. Please let Dennis Griffin or Bob Ferazzi know if you are interested and would like have your garage involved. ☺

## **Ladies Seminar!**

by June Riha & Gerry McKinney

The ladies will be holding a seminar at the same time and location as the men's seminar. While the men are out in the garage electrocuting themselves and burning things up, the ladies will be making moss covered wreaths. The hosts will supply the bases, you need only bring silk flowers, ribbons, glue gun and glue sticks. There will be enough bases for each person to make more than one wreath. ☺



## **Car of The Month!**

The March car of the month will be Jon & Pam Heiland's 1929 Phaeton. Actually the car belongs to Pam because she owned and drove the car when she was in high school before she met Jon. We're not going to tell you when that was, we will leave that to Jon when he presents the car at the March General Meeting. Then we can all watch as Jon tries to worm his way out of that one. ☺

# CAR AND ERA FASHIONS JUDGING

**TROPHIES**



**RAFFLE**

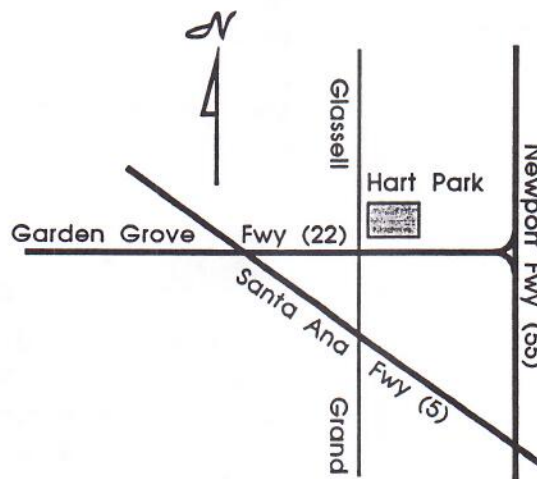
Join us for our annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
Sunday, March 17 at Hart Park in the City of Orange  
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

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

Donation: Adults \$3.50, Kids \$2.00

**RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE: Model A Overdrive**

**CARS**



**FUN**

**FOOD**

**TIRE KICKING**

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



## **Touring! in 1996!**

by Glenn Johnson

### **Moderns, Model A's and Rain:**

Saturday night February 24th, I spent a few hours servicing and cleaning my Model A and getting ready for Sunday's tour. On my way to the house about 9:30 P.M. I noticed that the sky was clear, the stars were out and the moon was shining. Sunday, tour day, 6:30 A.M. I was woken from a deep sleep by the telephone. It was John Riggs. "Glenn!" he said, "it's raining". "What do you think we should do?" We agreed to meet at Coco's for breakfast as originally planned and see who showed up. While we were eating breakfast more and more club members arrived in their moderns, along with the Nichols' and the Haubold's in their Model A's. At 9:45, tour time, the rain had stopped and we all left Coco's headed for the Point Vincente Lighthouse in Palos Verdes. Our surface street tour crossed the Gerald Desmond Bridge and the Vincent Thomas Bridge and up Palos Verdes Drive with fantastic views of the stormy Pacific Ocean. Point Vincente Lighthouse is an active Coast Guard Station with an operational vintage 1926 lighthouse. John Riggs arranged a fascinating tour for all of us with the Coast Guard. We were joined at the lighthouse by Joe & Marion Wavra with their daughter Judy and we all continued on our tour to a park in El Segundo where John had picked out a wonderful private spot for our picnic. By this time the sun was out and what had began as a stormy day turned out to be beautiful. After lunch we stopped for a few minutes to see the three project houses that Ed Cote' and family are building in El Segundo. We then continued on to the Old Time Theater. At the theater we heard the mighty Werlitzer organ played by Bell, the owner. We then saw the movie "Strike Up The Band", a 1940 Buzby Berkley musical starring Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland. On the way home we encountered more rain and even some hail, but everyone had a good time and arrived home safely. Thanks to John & Gwen for a fun day and a great tour. ☺

**Editor's Note!** It was reported that John Riggs **did not** have to adjust his ignition points in the rain on this tour! ☺

## **Laughlin Tour 1996!**

by Glenn Johnson

### **April 11, 12, 13 & 14:**

This year the tour to the Laughlin Meet will leave the Mall of Orange on Thursday, April 11 at 9:00 A.M. We will have lunch somewhere along the way and stop for the night at Havasu City. Friday morning after breakfast we will tour to the London Bridge where we will spend an hour or two before continuing on to Laughlin in time for their BBQ by the river. Information about the Laughlin Meet is in the latest Restorer publication (page 41). Make your reservations ASAP. ☺



## **Pancake Breakfast!**

by Wade & Jan Roberts

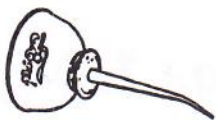
### **Car Show and Breakfast!**

Please look in your garage for restored or new Model A parts you will not be using. Why not donate them to the club's Pancake Breakfast Raffle. Bring them to the March General Meeting or deliver to Wade & Jan.

Preparation for the club's Car Show and Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 17, 8:00 - 11:00 A.M. are progressing nicely. We need to borrow 10 more ice chests. Please bring them to the March General Meeting or deliver them to Wade & Jan before the meeting. We also need 6 people to sign up to service tables while people are eating breakfast. We appreciate everyone's help. ☺

**Sunday, March 17th  
6 A.M. for Worker Bees!**





## Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

### Driving Lights!

You may have noticed that a number of club members have installed after market accessory driving lights on the front of their Model A's. Several companies manufactured them during the Model A era. One brand that you see around a lot in Southern California was made by the S & M Lite Company of Los Angeles. Besides providing some extra light for night driving, it adds a little character to the front end of the Model A. One way you can wire these lights up to your Model A's electrical system without having to install an extra switch in the cab is to use a headlight relay. Six volt headlight relays are readily found at swap meets for a dollar or two. Clean the relay up, test it, paint it and mount it on a piece of angle aluminum. Locate an existing hole underneath the car on the frame and bolt the angle aluminum to it. I found just such a hole on the forward crossmember on the passenger side. The relay assembly tucked up inside the frame and is out of the way and out of sight. I used some 14 gauge reproduction fabric covered wire I obtained from a local Model A parts store to wire everything up. Make sure that the accessory lights are well grounded to the bumper brackets. Run a single wire from the accessory lights (or light) to one side of the contacts of the relay. Run another wire from the other side of the relay contacts to the battery circuit. You can connect it directly to the output of the generator or run it over to the fuse. Now run a wire from the relay coil over to where the light bail is located at the bottom of the steering column. Unhook the bail and locate the contact that is used for the headlight high beam circuit. Solder the wire directly onto this contact. You don't have to use the heavy 14 gauge wire you used for the relay contacts because the amount of current that will flow in the coil circuit will be extremely low. An 18 or 20 gauge wire should be able to handle it. Make sure that the other end of the coil is grounded. Now when you turn on your high beams by using the regular Model A light switch, your accessory driving lights will come on at the same time. The good part is that none of the heavy current being supplied to the accessory lights is running through the headlight switch. It's all going through the relay contacts. 😊



## Club Members!

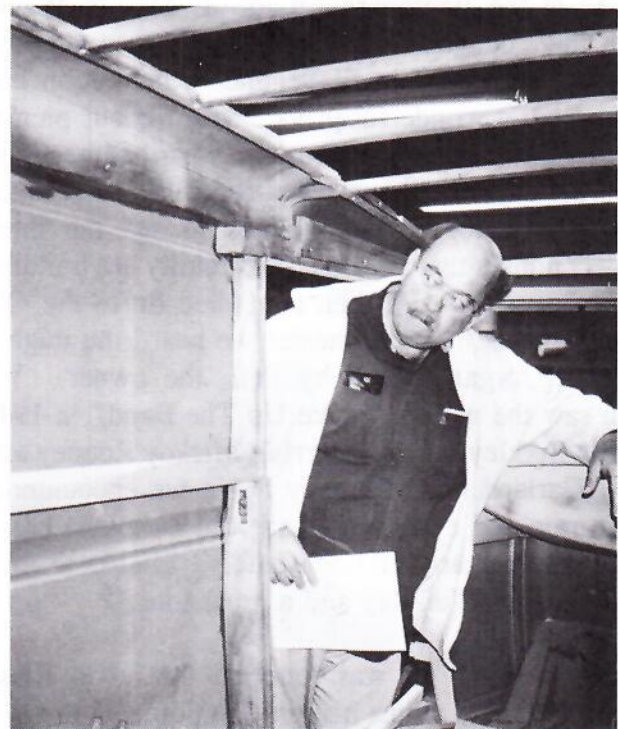
by Tom Endy

### 1996 Membership:

The total number of Orange County Model A Ford Club dues paying members (families) for 1996 is 133 as of February 16th, when the 1996 Roster went to press. Our 1995 number of paid members stood at 149 prior to the cut-off date. At the end of 1994 our club membership stood at 148. We lose a few members each year and we gain some new ones during the year.

This year we lost 19 actual members. Two of our members passed away last year, three moved away and three long standing members apparently lost interest in the club for whatever reason. A large number of the members we lost this year were the newer members who were only in the club for a year or two.

The breakdown is; 1995 (4), 1994 (3), 1993 (2) 1991 (1), 1990 (1), 1989 (1), 1983 (1), 1970 (1) Moved (3), Deceased (2), Total (19). 😊



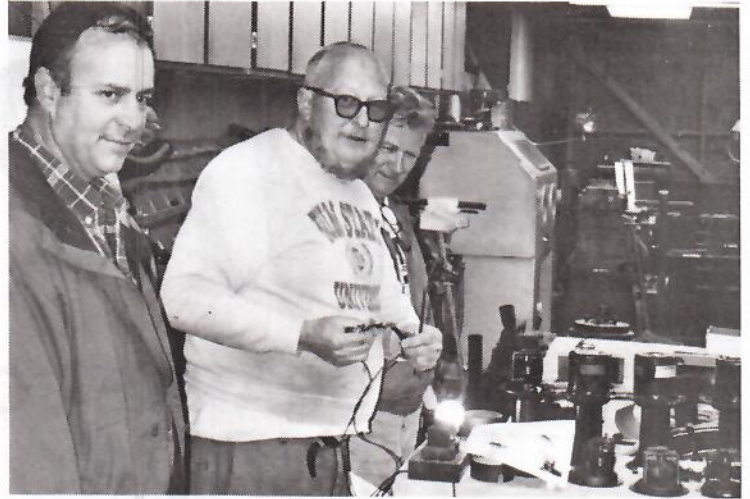
"Where did everyone go?"



# *The Great AHOOGUH Horn Seminar!*



**Dennis sticks the instructions in his ear!**



**Roger Sowersby makes a light bulb light!**



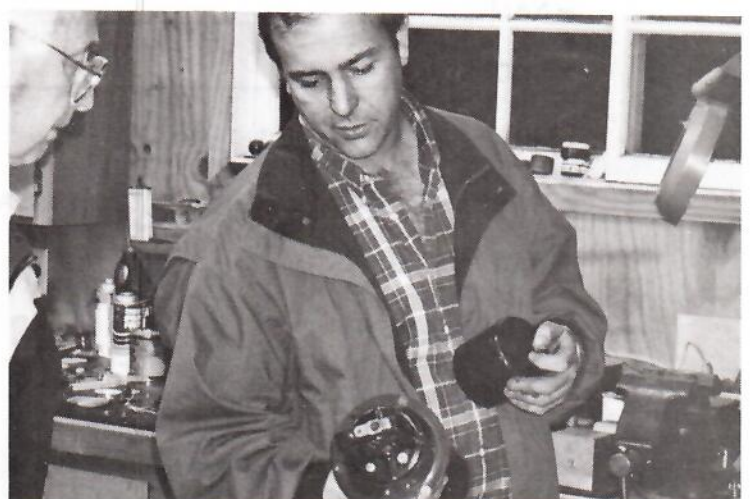
**Hogan hammers a horn!**



**Hogan gives up, Steed hammers the horn!**



**Be careful, AHOOGUH's may be loaded!**



**Bob Ferazzi unloads the AHOOGUH!**

# SWAP MEET

ORANGE COUNTY MAFCA  
SATURDAY MAY 4, 1996  
11318 BEACH BLVD  
STANTON

WE WILL BE IN THE PARKING LOT AT VINTAGE FORD PARTS BEGINNING  
AT 7:00 AM UNTIL 3:00 PM

2 MILES NORTH OF THE 22 FWY  
4 MILES SOUTH OF THE 91 FWY

\$10 PER SPACE FOR PRE-REGISTERED SELLERS, \$15 PER SPACE ON THE DAY OF  
THE MEET. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

LARRY McKINNEY (714) 963-2724

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NO. OF SPACES \_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO O.C.M.A.F.C.A.

MAIL TO:  
OCMAFCA  
c/o LARRY McKINNEY  
18103 FIRESTONE COURT  
FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA  
92708





# SwapMeets!



# Classified Ad's!

## March, 1996

3rd, Sunday  
.....and  
31st, 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 4-14, 5-12

10th, 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 admitted free. Fairplex (Pomona Fairgrounds). For recorded information call 714-544-7004. Future dates: 1996 - 4-28, 6-2, 8-25

**SWAP MEET**  
**Orange County MAFCA**  
**7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**  
**Saturday, May 4, 1996**  
**11318 Beach Blvd.**  
**Stanton, CA**  
**2 Mi North of the 22 Fwy**  
**4 mi South of the 91 Fwy**  
\$10. per space for pre-registered sellers, \$15. per space on the day of the meet. For more information call:  
**Larry McKinney**  
**714-963-2724**

### FOR SALE:

**Model A parts.** Two new (never mounted) Firestone 19" tires, cost \$83. + tax new, \$70. each. New in the box, 3X spark plugs, set of 4 \$90. Mint restored '30 -'31 headlights, \$125. pair. Mint original '31 radiator shell, \$140. Original '28 -'29 pop-out ignition, \$65. New-complete set brake lining, \$35. Mint original late '31 fan, \$55. Original Sparton horn - works good, \$115. Terry Lucas 714-633-0390

### FOR SALE:

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

### FOR SALE:

**1931 Model A Coupe.** New white wall tires, hydraulic brakes, trunk, stone guard. \$7,000. Carl Erickson 714-997-2854

### FOR SALE:

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



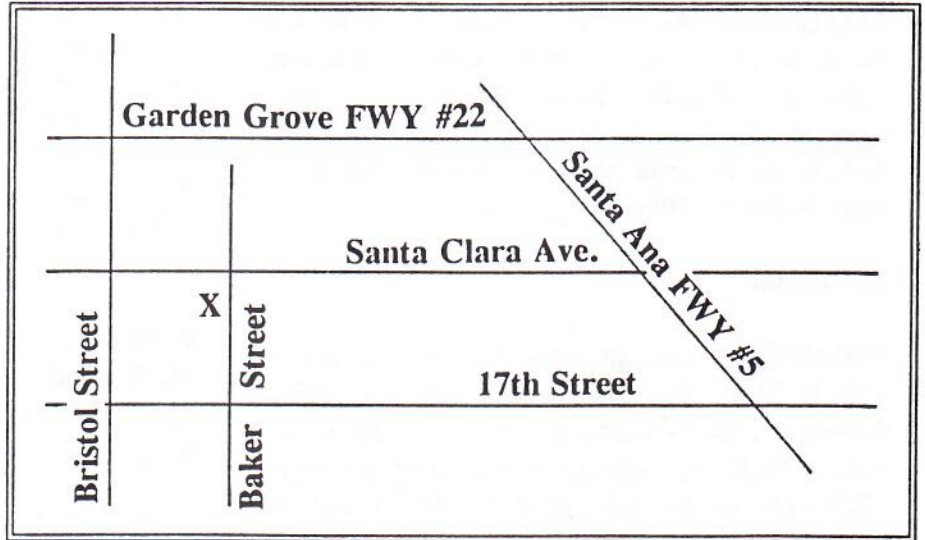
**Ferazzi sings to the Godfather!**

# GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

**March 14, 1996 @ 7:30 P.M.**

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



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