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The Great Flood of 1938

The above photograph was taken in March 1938. The location is Buena Park, California. The building on the extreme left is Schiller's Feed & Supply Company, then located at 737 Grand Ave. The location today is where the I-5 Freeway crosses Beach Blvd. In March of 1938 Los Angeles and Orange County experienced heavy rains and disastrous flooding. Loss of life and property were extensive. History tell us that March is not a good month for the Orange County Model A Ford Club to sponsor the Annual Pancake Breakfast. Photograph from the Historic Collection, First American Title Insurance Co. Santa Ana, California. ☺

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Secretary's Report!

by Lee Jackson

September Board Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order by President Bev Marsh at her home at 7:30 P.M.

Treasurer:

Mike Kuester reported on last month's expenses and income. The expenditures for sending flowers to club members for death or illness in the family was discussed. \$357.82 was spent during the month of August. There were no expenses in June and July. Mike reported that we are under budget for the year. A motion was made by Dennis Griffin that only the immediate family (husband, wife, kids) of a club member be sent flowers. All others are to receive cards. Bob Ferazzi seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0. Listed for the minutes: The phone motion made in the month of August, for the deposit of \$500. for club T-shirts passed 5 to 0.

Activities:

Plans for upcoming tours were discussed. We need a volunteer to plan and lead the Christmas Light Tour. Lou Spielberger will explore the possibility of a Christmas Harbor Tour.

Election Chairperson:

Vince Mariola gave an update on his efforts to identify 1997 Board Member candidates.

Editor:


A motion was presented by Tom Endy for the expenditure to print and mail post cards to the membership in the form of a bill for the 1997 membership dues. The format and language of the post card was discussed. The Second was by Mike Kuester. Motion passed 5 to 0.

New Business:

The club still needs a 1997 Pancake Breakfast Chairperson. The next Pancake Breakfast Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14th at Dennis and Judy Griffin's home at 7:30 P.M. The membership is encouraged to attend. Lou Spielberger will check with the City of Orange to learn which dates in April Hart Park will be available for the Pancake Breakfast.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Lou Spielberger for the club to pay the cost of food for the Garage Tour. The second was by Lee Jackson. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 P.M. 



Schedule of Club Activities!

October!

10th, Thursday

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

11th, Friday

Technical Seminar. 7:00 P.M. Bob & Patty Ferazzi's home. The subject is tire mounting and transmission tower repair.

12th, Saturday

Heritage Days! The Annual Placentia Car Show! Kraemer Park on Chapman Ave., one mile east of the 57 Freeway, in the city of Placentia. If you haven't received your invitation and registration form in the mail by now, contact Glenn Johnson at 714-528-0891. The entry fee is \$10. and the festivities begin at 10:00 A.M. ☺

14th, Monday

Pancake Breakfast Committee Meeting.
Dennis & Judy Griffin's home 7:30 P.M.

17th, Thursday

Board Meeting. 7:30 P.M.
Mike & Robyn Kuester's home.

20th, Sunday

Apple Tour! Depart the Mall of Orange at 9:00 A.M. Sharp!

24th, Thursday

Distributor publication deadline.

Get Well Soon

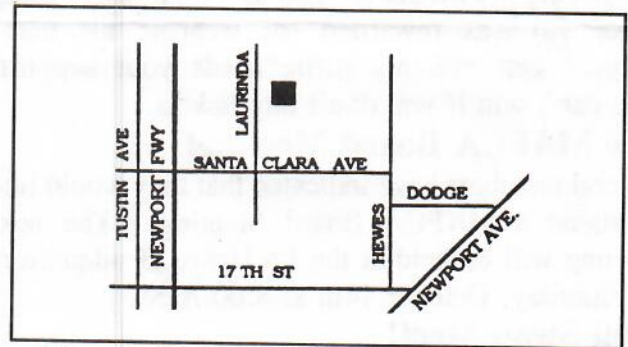
Greg Carcerano

Greg underwent neck surgery September 26th at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach. He will be recuperating at home for a number of weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back on the Model A trail soon.

Dues Are Due!

Membership!

The 1997 membership dues for the Orange County Model A Ford Club are due starting in October and are hopefully collected by the end of the year. The amount is the same as last year for the Orange County Chapter, however the MAFCA National has raised their dues to \$30. per year. The Orange County membership is encouraged to pay their National dues directly to MAFCA. The Orange County dues are \$22. for membership and \$3. for ACCC, total \$25. In order to better streamline the dues collection process this year, the Orange County Chapter will be mailing out a post card to each current member. The card is in the form of a bill. Members are asked to return the card to the club along with their remittance. Make any changes such as address, phone and Model A ownership on the front of the card. It is hoped that this process will encourage prompt payment by providing a bill rather than having to remember to tear a page out of the *Distributor* in order to pay dues. ☺



Map to Bob & Patty Ferazzi's home!

BOB & PATTY FERAZZI
13402 LAURINDA WAY
SANTA ANA, CA
(714) 838-1036



In Memory of

Mr. Peno Dwinger.

Pieter Dwinger's father passed away on August 5, 1996. Mr. Dwinger was a resident of Laguna Beach. Our condolences to the Dwinger family.



Bev's Blurbs!

by Bev Marsh

The President!

The 1997 Board of Directors!

Do you want our club to continue? Would you like to see some changes made? Do you want to help? Elections are coming up, we need you! I have enjoyed serving on the Board this year. It does take some time and effort, but it has been a lot of fun and very rewarding. If you are interested in serving on the Board, talk it over with some of the current Board members or Vince Mariola, who is the Elections Chairperson. Perhaps you will volunteer to run for office.

Santiago Elementary School!

It was nice to return to Santiago Elementary School for the September General Meeting. Ed Cote' has reminded us that we could easily lose our ability to hold our meetings there and we must always leave the premises as clean as we found it. Maybe even cleaner! Thank you to Helen Loffler for taking the minutes at the September General Meeting. She did an excellent job. Carl Erickson won the drawing for driving his Model A Ford to the meeting. Greg Carcerano was rewarded for wearing his name badge. Our monthly raffle needs your support. You can't win if you don't buy tickets.

The MAFCA Board Meeting!

Several members have indicated that they would like to attend a MAFCA Board Meeting. The next meeting will be held at the La Habre Headquarters on Saturday, October 14th at 8:00 A.M.

Mini Swap Meet!

We will have a mini swap meet at the October General Meeting. Bring your Model A stuff to the meeting, mark them with your name and price, put them on the table.

Lou Spielberger and wax candles!

Lou has offered to make "Noel Candles" for the Christmas Banquet. He needs a lot of wax. If you can donate, please bring new or used candles to the General Meeting.

The October General Meeting!

Come to the General Meeting October 10th, drive your Model A Ford, wear your name badge, wear your club jacket!an orange one! ☺



Club Memorabilia!

by Jim Nichols

Bargains Galore!

Much of the vintage club memorabilia is going on sale at reduced prices. We are clearing our inventory! Now is your chance to own a genuine Richard Parrish vintage orange Cal-Trans club jacket,and at a vintage price. For more information, see Jim Nichols at the General Meeting, or call him at 714-380-1067. ☺

The Godfather...Again!

Election Time!

Vince Mariola has been appointed Godfather-in-charge of the election campaign for the 1997 Board of Directors for the Orange County Model A Ford Club. Vince may be contacting you soon with an offer you can't refuse. Each year at this time a worthy person with vast powers of persuasion is assigned the task of soliciting the membership for candidates for the various board offices. If you are asked to serve it means that Vince considers you an outstanding club member with far-reaching talents well suited for the job. He may also consider breaking your arm if you refuse. For those asked to serve, please give it some thought. Serving on the Board of the Orange County Model A Ford Club is very interesting, and it gives you a chance to interact with a lot of the Model A folks who are members of the club. ☺

Editor

Is There a Volunteer?

We need one!

The Club is looking for an outstanding individual to lead the Annual Christmas lights Tour. We will even accept someone who is less than outstanding. If you are capable of organizing and leading the tour without getting us lost more than a dozen times, you are considered outstanding and we want you. Volunteers please contact Lou Spielberger @ 714-751-5102. If the phone is busy, keep trying, operators are standing by. ☺



Hard Luck! . . . and a sad story! by Carlotta Stress

Overdrive Madness!

The Hard Luck Trophy was not awarded at the September General Meeting because nobody fessed up to any hard luck. But there was some! It is not certain who had the hard luck, Mel Collings, John Riggs or Tom Endy. The story has to do with Mel & Terry Collings' new 1931 Model A Town Sedan. When they acquired it, it had an Orville type Borge-Warner overdrive installed. But it didn't work! Model A enthusiasts from around the world visited the Town Sedan to poke and prod the hesitant overdrive. But no amount of persuasion could get it to work. Several weeks after all the dust had settled, a Riggs-Endy coalition was formed to get serious about fixing the overdrive. The Town Sedan was brought over to Tom Endy's house where all the vital signs were once again checked. The overdrive was found to be low on oil. Some oil was added. The missing oil was later found in the rear-end housing. Next the solenoid was checked for proper installation and it's ability to operate. The mechanical lever was also checked to be sure it actuated completely. Everything seemed to be in proper order, but still the overdrive refused to work. The decision was made to pull the rear-end out of the car and remove the overdrive from the drive train. Mel then took the overdrive to the overdrive store to be fixed. The overdrive mechanic at the overdrive store reported that the problem was that the "framus" inside the overdrive housing that gets pushed by the solenoid plunger had been installed backwards. The "framus" was then installed rightwards and the rear seal was replaced to keep oil from running into the rear-end housing. The overdrive was brought back and attached back onto the rear-end. With the rear-end reinstalled in the car, the Town Sedan was taken on a test drive. The overdrive didn't work!

What to do next!

With confidence lost in the overdrive store, Mel decided that the best option was to install a Volvo type overdrive in place of the balky Borge-Warner. One such overdrive is presently on order. When it shows up the rear-end will once again be removed from the Town Sedan and the hopeful Volvo will be installed. The coalition hopes that the new overdrive will not be plagued with the broken butt-weld phenomenon. Anyone for a Ryan? ☺



Technical!

by Bob Ferazzi & Dennis Griffin

September Technical Seminar!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the garage tour on Saturday, September 21st. Special thanks to Dennis Griffin, Paul Steed, Bill Shaner, Dick Riha and Glenn Johnson.

October Technical Seminar!

The October Technical Seminar will be held on Friday, October 11th at 7:00 P.M. at Bob & Patty Ferazzi's home. The seminar will have the following two topics; How to fix a flat tire and how to rebuild the transmission shifting tower. Hope to see all of you at the seminar. ☺

Ladies Seminar!

by June Riha & Gerry McKinney

Creative Memories!

The Ladies Technical Seminar for October will be a special presentation by Janet Parrill of *Creative Memories*. She is their representatives and she will show us how to create a photo album that will not only protect pictures, but will make them so attractive that even if you don't know the people in the pictures you will enjoy looking at the album. The cost of the class is \$10. per person. We must have a confirmed group of at least five people in order to schedule the seminar. I must have a commitment and money from those who wish to attend right away. The class is scheduled for the same evening as the men's technical seminar, 7 P.M. Friday, October 11th at Bob & Patty Ferazzi's home. **Please call Gerry McKinney at 714-963-2724 with your conformation.** Please bring with you to the seminar eight to twelve recent photographs and memorabilia relating to a single event, along with sharp scissors and a pen. Hope to see you at the Ladies Seminar. ☺



Car of The Month!

The October car of the month will be Dick Riha's 1929 Model A Ford Cabriolet. The car will be on display at the October General Meeting. Dick will give a presentation on the history of the car and tell you why this particular Model A is one that Henry Ford never knew about. ☺



Rim of The World!

by Gwen Riggs

A tour to Big Bear!

The Orange County Model A Ford Club went chugging up the mountain to Big Bear the week-end of September 14th & 15th to the site of the Annual Rim of The World Meet sponsored by the Whittier Chapter. The event was a four day'er for those who started out on Thursday. The Thursday folks departing from the Mall of Orange were Vince ("The Godfather") & Joann Mariola, Richard & Jeanne Parrish (Richard was wearing his vintage orange Cal-Trans club jacket), Bev Marsh, and John & Gwen Riggs, all driving Model A Fords. Joe & Marion Wavra were with the group, driving a modern iron. Richard Parrish had a story about being up the night before till 1:00 A.M. getting his Model A ready. More likely he had the zipper stuck on his vintage orange Cal-Trans club jacket. Half way up the hill we all stopped for a Big Mac and met up with Doug Marsh, who was driving the Marsh 1929 Phaeton, "Harriet". Further on up the hill Doug veered off from the group and said he was going fishing (we're not sure what that means). The group arrived at Big Bear at the Parrish's cabin, where Richard hung up his vintage orange Cal-Trans club jacket and served us all lunch.

Others joined us!

On Friday, the very next day, Bob & Patty Ferazzi showed up driving their 1930 Roadster. They were followed by Dennis & Judy Griffin driving what appeared to be a modern iron. That evening at the Frontier Lodge we enjoyed a BBQ and were entertained by a disk jerky and the "Macarena" starring our own Bev Marsh.



**John & Gwen Riggs
Seen joining the Birch John Society!**

The Saturday morning Gymkhana!

We all lost! More Orange County folks started showing up. Larry & Jill McDonald and Mike Kuester arrived driving Model A Fords, and Larry ("McSpeed") McKinney was with them driving his Hybrid Town Sedan (Varoom!). The group also included Robyn and Kelly Kuester driving the family modern iron.

Snow Summit!

After the Gymkhana a group of us went to Snow Summit where bicycle races were going on. We rode the ski lift to the top where we watched the racers speed down the slopes. The view of the lake was beautiful. On the lake were a number of restored vintage motor boats manufacture by such names as Chris-Craft, Garwood, Century and Hawkins. The next event of the day was a tour around the lake. That evening at the traditional banquet Joe Wavra was honored by MAFCA for his years of participation in the Model A Ford Club.

Sunday, time to head for home!

We all gathered for breakfast before heading down the hill. Part way down the hill Doug Marsh veered off again to go fishing (probably the same lady!). Everyone arrived home without mishap, we had a great time, the weather was perfect and Richard Parrish was still wearing his vintage orange Cal-Trans club jacket. Our thanks to the Whittier Chapter for sponsoring a fun week-end. The Orange County Chapter is looking forward to next year's event. ☺

Lou Has It Wired!

by Lou Spielberg

A November Tour!

A one day tour is planned for Sunday, November 17th. The plan is to head south on the 405 to Oceanside, then on to Fallbrook and Temecula. We will roam around the back country and see if we can get ourselves lost. If we don't, we'll travel on to Lake Elsinor, Riverside and then home. Plan to pack a lunch! It should be a good tour. That part of the world is good Model A touring country. Details will be printed in the *Distributor* as soon as we figure out what they are. ☺

Richard's Apple Tour!

by Richard Parrish

We're not going to Apple Valley!

And we won't see Roy Rogers and his stuffed horse Trigger. It was all bad information. We are going to a different apple place. The date is Sunday, October 20th and we are going to Oak Glen "Apple Country". We will depart the Mall of Orange at 9:00 sharp! There is lots of apple pie and antique shopping, and for the kids, there are llamas, goats and ostriches. The Arcadia Model A Ford Club will also be touring to Oak Glen that day, so we will get a chance to visit with them. There is sometimes a problem getting food in a reasonable length of time due to the popularity of the area. I would suggest bringing a picnic lunch. The official tour will favor scenic country roads, so you won't need an overdrive. For the "Freeway Flyers", Instructions will be available where to meet us. Bring grandma, grandpa, cousins, the kids and your Model A Ford. Still anxious about venturing out in a Model A? Drive your modern iron. The weather should be chilly, so bring a jacket,a club jacket,an orange one. ☺



Dennis points out upholstery stuff!



Dennis is still pointing!



Up the hill at the "Rim"!



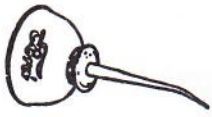
Line up at the Garage Tour!



A group of upholstery skeptics!



FOR SALE! \$12,500. 714-544-0718



Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

The Overdrive!

If a survey were taken of the number of overdrive transmissions installed in Model A Fords, the Orange County Model A Ford Club as a group would probably account for the largest number. This is due to our extensive use of Southern California freeways, the long tours we go on and our propensity to want to go fast. The advantage of the overdrive is that you can travel at speeds above 45 mph, typically 55-65 mph without overspeeding the engine and vibrating the body to pieces.

What kind are there?

There are actually five different types of overdrive transmissions available. At present there are only four of that number that I am aware of installed in Orange County club member's cars. The first and most widely used is the Borge-Warner conversion.

The Borge-Warner!

This type of overdrive was used in a number of domestic cars with 3-speed transmissions from the 1940's through the late 1960's. Some enterprising fellows figured out a way to incorporate them into the Model A torque tube and drive shaft. Conversions are available from any number of suppliers, but also in a wide variation of quality. The down side to the Borge-Warner is that it has a free wheeling attribute. When you take your foot off the gas when the overdrive is engaged, the car will coast like it is out of gear, an absolute detriment when traveling down a hill. They are the least expensive and they work very well as long as you get one converted by a quality supplier.

The Volvo!

The Volvo conversion is similar to the Borge-Warner in that it is installed by modifying the Model A torque tube and drive shaft. The good part is that it has a single control (an electric solenoid) as opposed to the Borge-Warner's use of a mechanical and an electrical control. It also does not have the free wheeling problem. The down side is that it is difficult to check the oil volume. You have to drain and re-fill it to be absolutely sure you have the proper amount of oil in it. There is also a quality problem concerned with the welding of the drive shaft elements. There have been numerous reports of butt welds breaking, which have stranded several unsuspecting Model A motorists.

The Ryan!

The Ryan overdrive is not a conversion, it is made from scratch by the Ryan Company. The Ryan overdrive housing bolts right up to the Model A banjo and comes with it's own torque tube and drive shaft. There is one single mechanical control, no electrical control is involved. They are of excellent quality and are very well supported by the Ryan Company. The down side is that you have to cut a slot in your floor board and carpet to accommodate the shifting lever. The Ryan housing will also interfere with the dropped floor pan on some Model A body styles, and you have to develop a double-clutching downshifting skill for shifting out of overdrive. The Ryan works very well for mountainous driving because you essentially have 6 speeds forward and can use all six for hill climbing and compression braking. The Ryan is more expensive than the previous two mentioned.

The Mitchell!

The Mitchell overdrive is very similar to the Ryan, in that it is not a conversion and comes fully manufactured and bolts right up to the banjo. No one that I am aware of in the Orange County Model A Ford Club has a Mitchell installed. The cost is comparable to the Ryan.

The Wilton!

The Wilton is not really an overdrive, it is a complete 4-speed transmission that replaces the standard Model A transmission. The fourth gear is an overdrive gear. There are only two individuals in the Orange County Model A Ford Club who have a Wilton installation, and both are very pleased with it. The cost however, is about twice the cost of a Ryan.

The choice is yours!

The installation of an overdrive in a Model A Ford is highly recommended if you intend to drive it on long tours. You can travel faster without tearing up your car and the smoothness of the ride makes Model A'ing much more enjoyable. The choice of overdrive type is up to the individual. Factors such as cost and convenience are the big consideration. My personal choice is the Ryan. I have owned several Borge-Warner overdrive installations and was very pleased with them, but the Ryan is of very good quality, is simpler to operate, doesn't free wheel and is excellent for mountainous driving. ☺



SwapMeets!

October, 1996

6th, 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 - 11-10, 12-8.**

Pomona! October 13th.

Upcoming Swap Meets!

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.

Turlock! January 25th & 26th (1997).

FOR SALE:

Model A Ford parts. NOS late exhaust manifold \$110. Mint late exhaust & intake manifold, matched & surfaced, \$85. original 30-31 cowl lights, \$75. mint slant pole coil, \$50. NOS Phinney Walker clock mirror, \$150. Burns down draft intake manifold, polished aluminum, \$150. Original restored tire pump, \$75. mint restored perch bolts, \$40. each. Boyce steering column mounted temp gauge, mint restored, \$250. Running Indian with spear radiator cap ornament, mint chrome, \$135. Terry Lucas 714-633-0390
12651 Overbrook Dr. Santa Ana, CA 92705



Classified Ad's!

FOR SALE:

Borge-Warner overdrive. Traditional Orville conversion for a Model A Ford. Removed from a running car, disassembled and repaired and is ready for installation. \$550.
John Riggs 310-431-8783

FOR SALE:

Era Fashions. 1930's lady's afternoon dress, peach color, size 8, handkerchief hemline, with matching straw cloche hat & gloves. All in excellent condition. \$200.
Sylvia Berbiar 714-997-5647

WANTED: Model A Ford parts. Main bearing caps for "B" engine. ten leaf rear spring.
Lou Spielberger 714-751-5102

FOR SALE:

1931 Model A Ford S\W Town Sedan. \$12,500
Bill Tillotson 714-544-0718

FOR SALE:

Model A parts. One pair 30-31 rear fenders for Coupe\Roadster\Pick-Up, New-Repo. \$300. "B"-block (empty) \$80. Motor assembly stand \$20.
Ted Loffler 714-644-5136.

The Square Bowl King!

The king of square bowl carburetors is announcing the final close-out sale of **rebuilt square bowl carburetors for your Model A Ford at \$40.00 each.** It's a little known fact that Henry Ford designed the Zenith carburetor as a high tech boat anchor, but found that the Model A Ford would also run on it, so he installed it on all his cars during the Model A production.

Wayne Krug 714-528-1206 (leave a message) ☺

April and Pancakes!

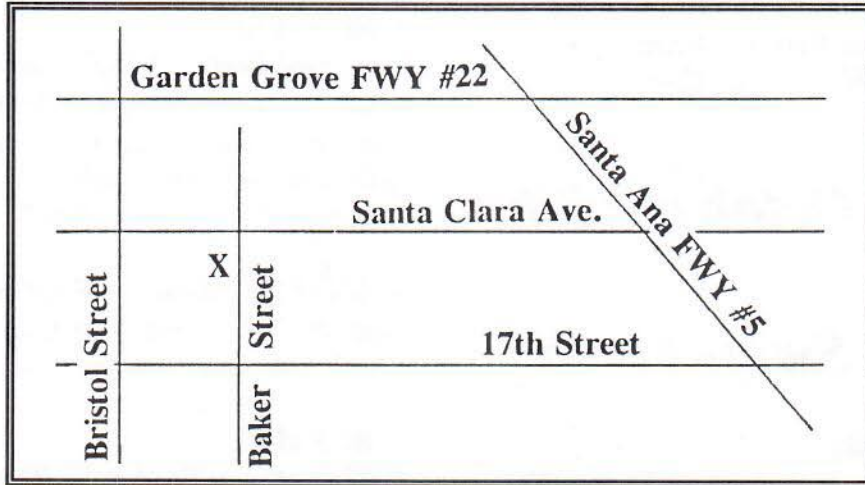
The 1997 Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held in April ~~instead of March~~ due the the number of close calls we have had with the weather man in past years. ☺

➔ GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

October 10, 1996 @ 7:30 P.M.

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



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