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JULY 2017

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Paul Winchester

The first day of summer has come and gone, bringing hot weather to San Diego. Jim Taber is working hard to get our July Parades in order, and Stan and Judy Boyer are thinking up fun tours to go on, and Patty and I went on vacation.





I am writing this from the MAFCA Northwest Regional

Meet in Coos Bay Oregon, where our first few days were cold and windy, but now is nice and warm. Many of the locals we have meet here once lived in the San Diego area.



Our drive here was not uneventful, four Model A Fords and three moderns left southern California to discover that detours were required to get around closed sections of CA1 in Big Sur and Muir Beach. In the confusion and fog of fatigue I left my credit card at a restaurant in Monterey. Just past Eureka one of the Model A's developed ignition problems. Then a few miles from Oregon another Model A broke an axle.

As we prepare to leave the cool coast and head home on US 101 all the Model A's are repaired and running good. The

plan is to take the Lost Coast Highway south from Ferndale, come to the next meeting to hear about that part of the trip. Editor's Note: This is the trip that the Frazee's organized, then Dianne broke her ankle and they were not able to go.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Mark your calendar

JULY: 2 East Lake Car Display

4 Scripps Ranch Parade & Mira Mesa Parade

8 Descanso Parade

10 Board Meeting at the Lovell's 7 pm

14 Business Meeting San Carlos Rec. Center 6:30pm

22 Ca. Wolf Center (Julian area)

29 Pine Valley Parade



AUGUST: 11 Business Meeting San Carlos Rec. 6:30pm

12 Tour

19 Chula Vista Harborfest???

POP QUIZ: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? (correct answer on a following page)

QUAIL CALL

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E-mail: info@mafca.com Website: www.mafca.com

Dues are \$40.00 per calendar year.



TOURS: Stan & Judy Boyer

No tour in June due to car displays, parades, and the Coos Bay, Oregon trip that some in our club went on. (Hopefuly Paul & Patty will share with us some of their Trip.

California Wolf Center (near Julian / Sunrise Hwy.) Saturday, July 22, 2017

Meet at Target parking lot, 250 Broadway in El Cajon, and leave by a revised time of 7:30 am for a 9:30 arrival.





We will be going on the "Public Tour" titled 'Wolf Recovery Today' starting at 10:00am. The tour includes an educational presentation and guided observation of two wolf packs. \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors (55+), military (present ID at check in), students (present ID at check in), and children 12 and younger. Afterwards, we'll go for a picnic lunch to William Heise County Park, near the town of Julian, followed by a visit to an antique store located in a barn near Old Julian Hwy. and Wynola Road. Note: After this issue of the Quail Call is sent out, we will send out an e-mail notice to those people who have signed up with any specific instructions, picnic information, and any changes or additions that may come up.

Bruce Howe's Vintage Car & Memorabilia Collection Saturday, August 12, 2017

Unfortunately this tour had to be <u>cancelled</u>. In the future, Bruce would still like us to come but we don't know when. Judy and I are researching another tour and should have a sign-up sheet ready at the next general meeting on Friday, July 14th, so save the August 12th date!

International Model A Day Tour Saturday, September 9th or Sunday, September 10th, TBD)

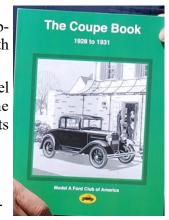
Our club's International Model A Day tour to be determined. Exact date, time of departure, and tour information to come. <u>Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the tour of the Ocean View Gem Mining Company (tourmaline mine) is also cancelled.</u>

Model A Coupe Book

The long awaited **Model A Coupe Book is now available** for purchase for \$24.95 plus shipping. This book was put together by some of our most dedicated members, Alex and Ruth Janke, Les Andrews and Garth Shreading, with assistance from many others.

This is a superior compilation of all of the articles ever published in *The Restorer* on Model A Coupes, plus some written by Les Andrews and never before published, until now! The book has a terrific introduction written by Alex Janke, which includes all of the data sheets with the original fabric, paint, and stripe combinations available on the various Coupes.

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PARADES & Car Displays: Jim Taber

I'm writing this article on June 18 evening as we are going on travel for the rest of this month. On June 11, we had 12 cars turn out for the display at **Villa Bonita Assisted Living.** Food was good and several of the residences came out to see the cars.



Cars, tire kicking, and Sharing our cars with the residences. Good Time





Next was the **Monte Vista Village** display on June 17 where we had 5 cars and again a lot of look loos. The Lantern Crest retirement home was a problem. First it was scheduled for June 17 at the same time as Monte Vista. There was 4 cars scheduled for that one. They had an internal problem and the event was canceled. Then I got a call to reinstate it. Allen Breese volunteered to do this show and went to Lantern Crest early to check it out and they told him that it had been canceled. Pictures below from the Monte Vista Display.



UPCOMING PARADES & DISPLAYS:

The next event is the display at **East Lake Shopping center** on **July 2 at 5-7 PM**. We need 10 cars and we'll received a donation to our treasury for our effort. We need to be in place at 4:45 the address is 878 East Otay Lakes Parkway, Chula Vista, CA. 91914. If you would like to travel there with the group we'll leave the Costso/ IKEA shopping center on Friars Rd at 4:15pm.

Then on the **4th of July**, comes **Scripps Ranch Parade** which starts at 10:00 followed by the **Mira Mesa parade** which starts at 11:30. We'll meet at the I-Hop off Miramar Rd & I-15 (9449 Kearny Mesa Blvd.) Departing at 8:45am. Those going on over to the Mira Mesa Parade which starts at 11:30 will proceed to Mira Mesa as a group

On **July 8**, we are invited to join the **Descanso Parade** where we will meet in the Target parking lot in El Cajon. They want an 8:30 check in, so we should leave at 7:45 am.

To round out the month, there is the Pine Valley parade on July 29. Details to follow.

In August, on the 19th, There is the Chula Vista Harborfest. Details to follow.

BORG WARNER OVERDRIVE INSTALLATION



INTRODUCTION

The Borg Warner Corporation was a manufacturer of transmissions and first introduced their Overdrive in 1934. The overdrive modified for the Model A is the R-10 model and was identified as "The Warner Automatic Overdrive". These are post war overdrives and were installed in the following cars beginning in 1949: Ford, Chevrolet, Mercury, Nash, Frazier, Packard, Hudson, Studebaker, Kaiser, Willys, and Lincoln.

Although the same overdrive was used in all of the above automobiles, the case, input and output shafts and torque tube lengths differed by auto maker. The overdrive unit most desirable for the Model A was used in the Nash and Studebaker, the main difference being the length of the output shaft. This is a 30% overdrive.

The Borg Warner Overdrive is an electrical/mechanical overdrive. It uses an electrical solenoid (6 volt or 12 volt) to engage the overdrive, in addition to a mechanical Push/Pull cable to place the driveline in or out of overdrive.

The Model A torque tube and drive shaft must be cut and couplings machined to join the overdrive input and output shafts to the Model A drive shaft. A section is cut from the Model A torque tube and drive shaft and flanges are welded to the torque tube that will bolt directly to each end of the overdrive unit (Figure 4-96). This procedure does not describe modifications to install the Borg Warner overdrive in the Model A torque tube. An experienced machinist should be consulted to adapt the Borg Warner Overdrive into the Model A driveline and torque tube. Most machinists involved in rebuilding the Borg Warner Overdrive for the Model A will provide a complete unit with modified torque tube and drive shaft, ready to bolt directly into the Model A, replacing the existing torque tube and drive shaft. This procedure describes installation of the overdrive unit with modified torque tube and drive shaft, ready for installation into the Model A. (Source: The Model A & Early Ford V-8 Overdrive, Bill Swigart, Jr., 9537 Peaceful Lane, Redding, CA. 96003 -(530) 221-1628 and Ray's Automotive Repair, Ray Hugenberger, 12760 Ridge Road, Grass Valley, CA. 95945 - (530) 273-1739)

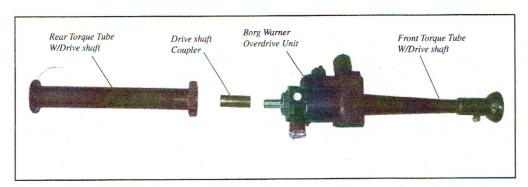


Figure 4-96 Borg Warner Overdrive Unit

MYSTERY PART: Identify this Model A part and send an email to Richard Books at: <u>julianindservice@yahoo.com</u> with your answer or educated guess. Your answer may be the part name or an accurate description. The names of those who correctly identify the part will be placed in a box for a drawing at the next meeting. Remember you must also attend the meeting to receive the \$10 award.





ERA FASHIONS & LIFETYLES 1928-1931: Patty Winchester:

FARM EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS IN THE 1920's AND 1930's













Tractors: Caterpiller, Farmall, John Deere. And for a long time horses were still used.

Guest speaker on tractors, our very own Clyde Marion!

It would be wonderful and fun if all of our club's Mid West Model A'ers would bring in pictures of their farms to share with us West Coast Model A'ers to put on my boards. Of course does not have to be from the Model A Era, just the farm you grew up on!

Please bring in any pictures of or items of farm equipment from our Era.

SEWING TOOLS OF THE 1920'S AND THE 1930'S









Please bring in any and all sewing tools from our Era or anytime.

CLASSIC ending....

This isn't a Model A story but interesting ending....

The proud owner of a magnificent 1956 Chevrolet convertible, wrote to say he had restored the car to perfection over the last few years, and sent this:

On a very warm summer afternoon he decided to take his car to town. It needed gas, as the gauge was practically on empty, but he wanted ice cream, so he headed first to his favorite ice cream shop.

He had trouble finding a parking space and had to park the car down a side street. He noticed a group of young guys standing around smoking cigarettes and eyeing the car rather covetously. He was a bit uneasy leaving it there, but people often take interest in such an old and well-preserved car, so he went off to enjoy his ice cream.

The line at the ice cream shop was long and it took him quite a while to return to his car. When he did, his worst fears were realized... his car was gone.

He called the police and reported the theft and then went back and bought a quart of pistachio ice cream. About ten minutes later the police called him to say they had found the car abandoned near a gas station a few miles out of town.



It was unharmed and he was relieved. It seems just before he called, the police had received a call from a young woman who was an employee at a self-service gas station. She told them that three young men had driven in with this beautiful old convertible. One of them came to the window and prepaid for 20 dollars' worth of gas.

Then all three of them walked around the car. Then they all got in the car and drove off, without filling the tank.

The question is, why would anybody steal a car, pay for gas that they never pumped and then abandon the car later and walk away.??????

Many of us have probably thought what if my Model A was stolen? If you haven't figured out why the Chevy was abandoned keep reading.....

Editor's Ramblings: Valarie Basham

Summer is definitely here, and many members have taken off on vacations for some R & R. Rest & Relaxation to most folk but if you own a Model A, R & R stands for Repair & Restoration. John & Dianne Frazee were heading up a tour to the Coo's Bay Meet, but Dianne had a little accident and broke not one but two bones in her ankle, needless to say they didn't make the trip, she had surgery and is now having some real Rest & Relaxation, but John on the other hand is Running & Retrieving what ever Dianne needs. Heal quickly Dianne, John's got some projects to get back to in the garage: Repairs & Restoration. Come to the July 14th meeting to hear all about Paul & Patty's trip to Coo's Bay with the group. The club has quite a few parades and car displays coming up, some of those displays put a few dollars back in our treasury so come on out and share your cars with the different communities around San Diego. Janet Books needs a few more names on her sign up sheet



for Goodies each month, come on guys you can buy something at the store, it doesn't have to be homemade.

SAN DIEGO MODEL A CLUB, INC

General Business Meeting

June 9, 2017

President-Paul Winchester: Great job to the Boyers for the Pendleton tour. And Jim Tabor for the parades. We received a thank you letter from MAFFI for our donation. Marc has invited Presidents and Past Presidents for a meeting on August 1st, in Gettysburg, Pa.



Refreshments-Janet Books- Thanks to all who donated goodies.

Ways & Means- Dave & Kris Francis- McGuire's wash & wax, with a spoke brush. Valarie donated a beautiful patriotic basket filled with decorations and goodies, 1930's license plate holder, Craftsman folding driver set, brake adjustment tool, ford photos. \$15.00 gift card to In & Out Burger. And the 50/50 drawing.

Tours-Stan & Judy Boyer: 2 representatives from the YMCA came to promote a fundraiser they need some display cars for, on Oct 7th in Balboa Park. The July 22nd tour will be to the Wolf Center. Aug. 12^h tour will be @ Bruce Howell's home to see his private car collection.

Parades-Jim Tabor: Eastlake July 2nd, Monte Vista Display June 17th, Lantern Crest was cancelled, Villa Bonita display, Mira Mesa July 4th, Scripts Ranch July 4th, Descanso Parade July 8th.

Apparel- Paul shared some examples of logo transfers for t-shirts.

Quail Call- Valarie Basham: Tom Hurley has Model A parts for sale.

Membership-Ed Woodruff: New member Tom Garity – he owns a 1930 - 2 door. it was his father in laws.

Fashions & Ect. - Patty Winchester: Theme-Tools for the Car & Home. We saw a tool for a double A truck wheel. Reen showed off his tool inventions for adjusting the car. Vintage spark plug wrench and tire gauge. Rolling Pin, cherry pitter, beater, sieve, butter churn, juicer, knife sharpener, peeler, scissor, salt shaker and wash board. Next month's theme- Farm items"

Technical-Richard Books: Seat belts for added safety and additional turn signals.

Defender-Ray Beardslee: Updates on the gas tax. Many are trying to fight it. Registration fee will be going up 2020.

Ect. Dave Sohr invited the Model A club to his house to for a party and the fireworks across the street. Just contact them to let them know you're coming.

Jokester-Rick Bonoront: A retired persons perspective on life.

Respectfully Submitted, Recording Secretary JoBeth Stelzer



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Why did they

abandon the Chevy?

They couldn't find where to put the gas!



Answer to pop quiz

On the bottom of the page.

Submitted by

Bill Corson



Reminiscing by Bill Corson

With the present high cost of living I find delight in recalling the "good old days", when things seemed much more simple, especially during my youthful years. I'm certain many club members share the same sentiment.

As a farm kid I received a stipend of \$1.00 per week to spend on personal pursuits. That meant a Saturday morning trip to town. Since it was only about six miles and bus service was sketchy I resorted to good old shoe leather. My source of entertainment was the Pastime theater that only showed "B" western movies and selected short subjects that were usually "cliff hangers" so you had to return the following week to see the outcome on how the hero prevailed in saving a damsel in distress.

For that there was a hefty 25 cent admission fee. A nickel candy bar and soda rounded out the bill-of-fare. With change still tinkling in my jeans I was able to join a few buddies at a local burger shop (15 cents), before heading home to tend cattle and do other chores.

What a time to be on this planet. I would not have changed those experiences for the electronic gizmos of today's generation. One has to wonder what the future holds for them. As they look back, will this be their "good old days"?

Swimsuits—Model A Days!

As you can imagine, swimming was a popular outdoor activity in the days of our Model A's. Remember, there was NO air conditioning then. Many places in the country still didn't have electricity so there weren't even any fans to help. So swimming was a wonderful way to escape from heat of the summer. I'm sure many of you picture the old Victorian suits down to the knees when you think of this time frame, but that's not quite right! In the 1920's swimming suits started to get smaller and better fitting. But there were still a lot of diAerence between those "bathing suits" and the ones we wear today. For one thing, they were made from wool, or in a few instances from cotton. Wool was supposed to help keep you warm in the cold water. But once it got wet, it stretched! So did the cotton. I can't imagine how uncomfortable wet wool would have been! But the modern stretch fabric we have today just didn't exist back then.





Girls suits could be one or two pieces, but no bikini's (the word bikini for swimsuit didn't even exist back then). Notice that the girl's suits had short-like bottoms too, no high cut leg opening back then! Girls often wore rubber swim caps to keep their hair dry and holding it's shape. the boys didn't seem to care!

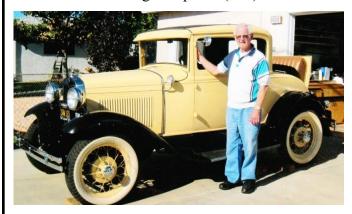
Men and boy's suits always had a top. It was illegal most places to go topless for both genders! The average suit was a pair of shorts and a tank top. It was worn with a belt, and the trunks have belt loops!

Summer is here, if you have Grandkids check out A World.

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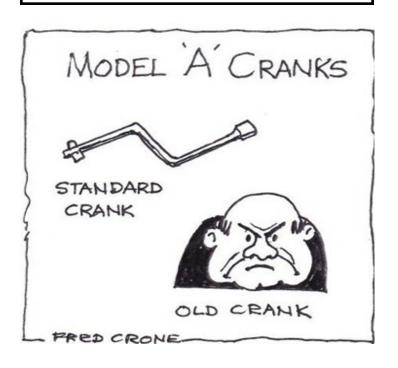
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Refreshments: Janet Books

These members are sign up to provide goodies for the July 14th business meeting.



Dave Sohr Judy Boyer
Karen Richardson
Judy Swartwood Dalene Jensen

Please help provide refreshment for upcoming meetings. Homemade is special but store bought is great too. The ladies could us some help guys!

July Birthdays

- 3 Paul Abbott Dave Sohr Ed Woodruff Jessica Mackey
- 6 Tom Hurley Jimm Kiklis
- 15 Bob Weckman
- 16 Fred Meyers
- 18 Billie Bonnoront Patricia Potts
- 23 Karen Wittkop Bettie Withem
- 24 Stan Boyer
- 25 Selena Forman
- 27 Richard Books
- 28 Reen Kotas Judy Swartwood Steve Lovell



July Anniversaries

Walter & Roxy Faust July 2, 1966
Michael & Joan Dainer July 1, 1967
Rob & Robin Roland July 29, 1979
Don & Joan Minnick July 9, 1989
Joe & Susan Valentino July 7, 1990
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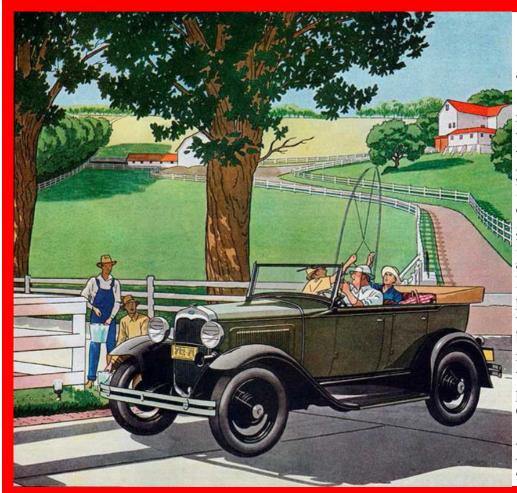
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. .Wow! I don't think even Henry realized just how accurate these words were. The idea that these cars would still be driving almost 90 years later never crossed his mind, I'm sure! But here we are, hundreds of thousands of miles later and still going strong!

I see a picnic basket in that back seat and some tangled fishing rods. Looks like a nice afternoon is planned. Bet those two guys whitewashing that fence (see the paint brush leaning against the bottom rail?) wish they were going too! But there looks to be miles of fence to paint too!

Oh well, maybe next time!

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