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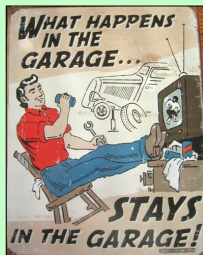
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Dr. Steve and Weeg at Torrance Memorial celebration
Story on Page 7.

Technical Activities

Saturday mornings.
We meet from about
9:30AM to noon to work on
Model A projects.
Bring your Model A by and
we'll work on it.
Al's Garage,
907 Van Ness, Torrance
CA
(in the alley)



Next Club Meeting

The August meeting will be
Sunday at the club picnic August 27th
The September meeting will be
Friday, Sept 29th

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting
will be
Saturday, Sept. 9th
2023
At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez

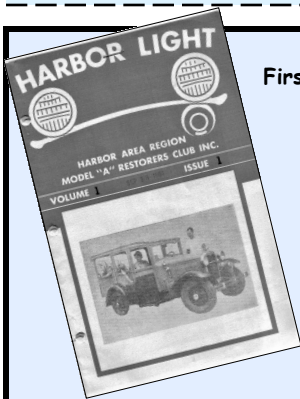


September already? Yes, it was a fast and fun summer and the children are starting back to school. Stay aware around school zones as some will be zipping around on electric bikes going much faster than they should.

The end of summer for us does not mean the end of our driving season since we have such wonderful weather. Okay, except for our first Tropical Storm. Nothing like a good thunderstorm with hail or a cloud burst like other parts of the country enjoy. We got a good amount of rain so Margarita stayed dry in the garage.

I have recently experienced triple digit dry heat and 90+ percent humidity, which reminded me of just how wonderful our weather really is. Perfect for driving the Model A around. Stay safe and I hope to see you at the next meeting or on the road.

Rob



First Harbor Light
Sept 1961

Editor's Corner
By Dick Wyckoff



So many car shows, so little time!

The club has participated in several car shows recently. The fun thing is the reaction of the visitors. Things like "What is it?, Did you buy it new?, Does it use regular gas?, How fast does it go?, . . .You get the picture. When we give them the answers, they appreciate what they see. Fun. . .

The club's "Activity Girls" have been keeping us busy with activities like movies, luncheons, picnics, tours, shows, etc. The club really appreciates what they do. We are so lucky to have them. An annual picnic is next on the list of events. We will be celebrating the club's 66 years. WOW!

As I write this, I am getting ready to show the Cabriolet at the El Segundo annual car show on Main street. I just checked with the Chamber and we have over 350 cars signed up. As a police volunteer, I help with traffic control and registration and I get to see (and hear) all the cars as they find their parking spot. (Been doing this since 2000).

That's all for now.

Dick

Business Meeting notes

DATE: July 29th, 2023 LOCATION: WALTERIA Park Clubhouse, Torrance, CA

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez --- Absent.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Jack Gordinier lead the flag salute.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS ATTENDING: Dick Wyckoff, Carla Hibbard, Monty Bates Tim Harrison.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- Called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Dennis asked for the approval of the June business meeting minutes as appeared in the Harbor Light. Motion by Dick Wyckoff, Jim Speights seconded - all approved. Dennis reminded members to be aware of telephones scams. Don't give out your personal information. Nine cars are twenty one members attended the Relay for Life car show. Several members put their Model A's in the Rock Around the Block car show. Dennis and Steve Thompson said the club car medallions are being made. Jim Runyon brought the Orange County Model A Club medallion for over members to see.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported balance

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff --- Send articles and pictures to him for the Harbor Light. Dick emails approximately 100 Harbor Lights and 17 by mail.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- Absent. Dennis reported the guys will be working on Bill Kealey's car on Saturday.

TOURS: Open position --- Activities committee have been organizing upcoming events. Sign-up sheet for events are on the table.

Aug 19th - El Segundo car show

Aug 27th - Club Picnic: 10:30AM Lomita Park. E-mails will be sent for members to sign up for box lunch.

Sept 16 - Progressive Lunch - Poker run

Sept 29th - White Elephant sale at Business meeting

Sept 30th - Garage Sale at Janet Winters with a bake sale on site.

Bags are available to fill with cans and plastic bottles. Bring to our meeting and Tim will recycle for the club. Pat Harrison talked about the upcoming picnic.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Absent. --- Dennis reported new member Steve Adams had a heart Attack. Carla Hibbard is getting ready for another session of chemo. Art Wagner had a nightmare and fell out of bed; he fractured his ribs and scraped his arm. We wish them all well.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- Welcome new members, Jenny Vogel and Marty Fox.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Club tools available for club members to use.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- Updating the Website.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- Everything is okay.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights --- Hats and shirts for sale.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson - Andy Soto, Arlene and Jim and Ruxella Speights furnished the refreshments tonight.

OLD/ON-GOING BUSINESS: A few new club medallions will be available for \$25/each, contact Dennis Simpson. Clock prize winner Renee Covarrubias. Men's drawing winner Tim Harrison. No winner for Women's drawing after three draws, next month \$15.

NEW BUSINESS: Dennis Simpson reported at the August Business meeting we will not have a raffle but a 50/50 drawing.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: August 27th 2023 - At the Club Picnic at Lomita Park.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 5th 2023 - 9:30AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:10 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Gloria Younkin, Secretary.

Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering is Alive and Well!

If you are looking for a little tire-kicking adventure on **Saturday** mornings between 7 and 9AM, check out the Caffeine Cruisers at the corner of Artesia Blvd. and Hawthorne, in Torrance, CA. Several of the Harbor Model A club members and other car enthusiasts of all car types meet to talk cars. There are some very nice autos and some nice people there, too!

The address is 17400 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance CA. (at Artesia Blvd.)

Come on by and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



2023 Membership, Roster and Club Merchandise Items

Ruxella and Jim have a selection of new **Club merchandise**. We have hats, shirts, patches, t-shirts and we still have 60th anniversary items for sale at a discount. More to come. The updated **2023 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available from Ursi free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail. Contact **Ursi Schmidt** at 310-561-4895. Make sure Ursi has your latest info.

Just a note: We regularly update the roster. If you have any address changes, phone number changes or email changes, let Ursi know. Let Dick Wyckoff know, too. He'll put the info in the *Harbor Light*.

Harbor Area Model A Club Medallians

will be arriving soon!

Contact Dennis Simpson for more information. (oldfordor@gmail.com)

Limited number remaining. Order yours today!



Welcome our newest member

#1092 Steve Adams

Steve has a 1928 Leatherback Sedan.

His address is 3500 Knoll Crest Ave.

View Park, CA 90043

Phone# 323-422-4323

Email: LANDSCP8@gmail.com

*Preparing For
Launch -*

*An Event Not To Be
Missed*

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY

*The Harbor Area
Model A Club is
having our annual
Progressive and
Poker Run*

*Saturday, September 16th, 2023
8:30 - 3:30*

*Multiple surprise locations. Fun
drive, photo shoot, and, of course,
FOOD! Continental Breakfast, Lunch
and Great Desserts!*

*Cost: \$30 per person
Optional Poker Run: \$10 per person
Pot split three ways, 40% to the
best hand, 30% to the second place
hand and 30% to the club.*

Drive your Model A



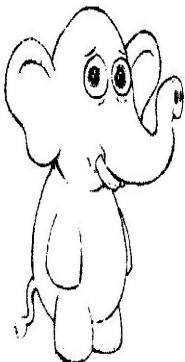
Don't miss out. Come and join in the fun!

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

CLUB MEETING

September 29, 2023

Don't miss your chance to find or liquidate that "unique, rare treasure."



White Elephant Auction coming to our Club Meeting on Friday, September 29, at 7:00pm. This event is a favorite!

(Short agenda meeting - no opportunity drawing)

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The latest happenings from the
Activities Committee

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> AI's Garage 9:30-12
3	4 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD	5	6	7 <u>ACTIVITY COM MTG</u> 10:00am 	8	9 <u>BOARD MEETING</u> AI's Garage 9:30 am  <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> AI's Garage 9:30-12
10	11 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD	12	13	14	15	16 <u>INTERNATION MODEL A FORD DAY—PROGRESSIVE</u> 
17	18 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD	19	20	21	22	23 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> AI's Garage 9:30-12
24	25 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD	26	27	28	29 <u>CLUB MEETING</u> <u>White Elephant</u> 7pm Walteria Club House 	30 <u>CLUB GARAGE SALE</u> 

*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH – International Model A Ford Day, Progressive & Poker Run

DRIVE YOUR MODEL 'A'

Coordinators: The Activities Committee

Location: Multiple locations with a fun drive and a stop for a photo shoot – it's all a surprise!

Cost: \$30.00 per person (This fee pays for the food for our continental breakfast, lunch and great desserts)

Poker Run: \$10.00 per person (Participation is optional)

- The pot will be split 3 ways; 40% to the best hand, 30% to second place hand and 30% to the club. (Fundraiser)

Time: Estimated: 8:30am – 3:30pm

More information to follow. LOTS OF FUN AHEAD!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, White Elephant Sale (Fundraiser)

- Following our monthly meeting at the Walteria Club House
- Please bring your donations and label with minimum bid
- After a short meeting, we will have fun bidding on the treasures that are donated that evening.
- Anything that is left will be included in the Garage Sale the next day

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, Garage Sale

Location: Janet Winter's home, 1636 Nelson Avenue, Manhattan Beach 90266
Volunteers needed to make signs, price the goods, set up and clean up, and, of course, work the day of the event helping customers.

New Added Fundraiser: Bake Sale - please let us know if you would like to donate any delicious baked goods.

Both the White Elephant Sale and the Garage Sale are fundraisers for our club. We hope to raise sufficient funds so we can use the money to offset the increasing cost of our activities. Thank you all in advance for your donations and support!

**SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 11TH, FEED THE FIREMEN,
SAN PEDRO FIREBOAT - POTLUCK!**

On Sunday, July 29, club members Steve and Weeg Thompson participated in Torrance Memorial Medical Center's 50th anniversary of the hospital's Burn Unit, one of only two certified burn units in Los Angeles County. The Thompsons dressed as hospital founders Jared Sidney Torrance and Helena Torrance. In 1920, Jared had the vision for a community hospital, but passed away in 1921 before his dream could be realized. His wife, Helena, saw his vision through to fruition, with the hospital opening in 1925.

The Thompsons drove their Deluxe Phaeton to the event, and the car provided a nice backdrop for photos, including with city and hospital dignitaries, members of the Torrance Fire Department, and some of the hospital's clowns.

Weeg

Ford Form 3027

NEW CAR DIRECTIONS

SPEED Avoid high speeds while the car is new. To obtain best results, IT SHOULD NOT BE DRIVEN FASTER THAN 30 TO 35 MILES PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST 500 MILES.

OIL Keep the oil at "F" on the measuring rod, especially during the first few hundred miles. Never let it get below the mark "L." Remove measuring rod and wipe with a dry cloth before testing the level. OIL SHOULD BE CHANGED AFTER THE FIRST 500 MILES AND EVERY 500 MILES THEREAFTER.

BRAKES This car is equipped with 4-wheel mechanical brakes which are quick and positive in action. Keep the car under control at all times to avoid the necessity for sudden application of brakes which might result in discomfort to passengers or collision from rear.

FAN BELT Do not tighten fan belt. The V-type fan belt does not require tight adjustment for proper operation. Too tight an adjustment will result in excessive wear on fan belt and generator bearings, particularly at higher speeds.

TIRES For easy riding qualities, proper braking and long life keep the tires, both front and rear, inflated to 35 pounds.

INSPECTION To insure best results have an Authorized FORD DEALER (preferably the Dealer from whom you purchased your car) inspect this car and make necessary minor adjustments after the first five hundred miles of running.

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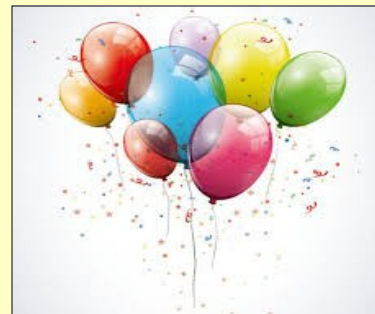
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September Birthdays

- 5 Dennis Simpson
- 6 Darlene Funk
- 6 Jim Beardsley
- 8 Bob Olsen
- 8 Rob Hernandez
- 11 Ursula Schmidt
- 14 Cliff LeFall
- 17 Art Wagner

September Anniversaries

- 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard
- 6 Danny & Nicole Schmitz
- 17 Dick & Gwen Valot

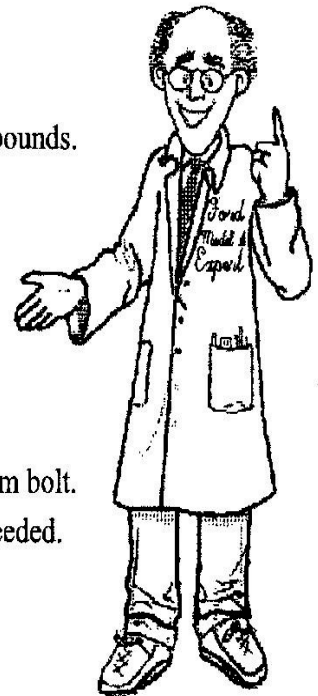


TECHNICAL TALK: with Arlyn Bieber

How Do I Get My Model A Ready for Touring?

The following list is what I do to get my Model A ready for touring -- short, local tours and the longer tours like the **Orange County Pancake breakfast**.

- Pack the wheel bearings if it has been more than 1000 miles since the last packing.
- **Check the tire pressure, including the spare tire.** If you are using stock Model A rims and tires (19 or 21 inch) the correct tire pressure is **34 or 35 psi**. (If you are using radial tires or early V-8 Ford rims the recommended tire inflation pressure is embossed on the sidewall of the tire.) The tire pressure should be checked at least once a month on a minimum. This is true even if you are not driving the Model A. The body weight of the Model A can deteriorate the sidewalls of the tire if they are underinflated. Check the tires for wear.
- Check the shock absorbers for oil, adjustment and connections.
- Check the following fluid levels: Radiator water level, Crankcase oil, Steering box, Transmission, and Rear end.
- Inspect the fan belt for cracks and tightness.
- Inspect the radiator hoses for leaks and cracks.
- Inspect the exhaust manifold gasket and torque the manifold nuts to 40-foot pounds.
- Inspect the tightness of the muffler clamps nuts.
- Check for fuel leaks in the fuel system.
- Clean and set the spark plug gaps.
- Check the point gap and lubricate the distributor cam lobes.
- Clean the battery terminals and check the water level in the battery.
- Do a quick inspection of all electrical connects for corrosion and tightness.
- Check the tightness of the tie rod ends, drag link ends, and steering pitman arm bolt.
- Check the brake system to be sure they are working correctly and adjust as needed.
- Clean the horn and lubricate the felts on each end of the armature .
- Check the headlights, taillights, turn signals and stop light.
- Grease all zerks on the Model A.
- Wash and wax the Model A. Apply Rain-X to the windshield. *Editor's note: (no rain allowed, only ocean mist)*



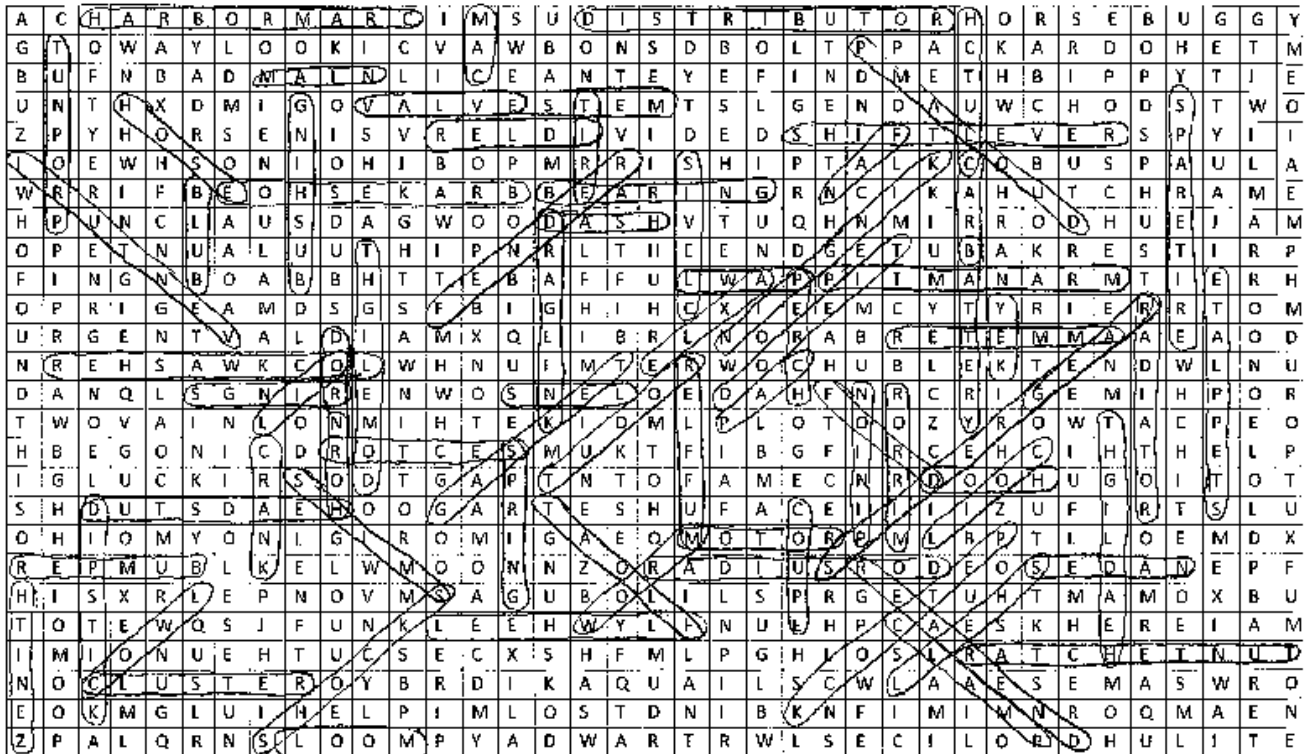
Don't forget your jack, jack handle and crank. Taking an extra carburetor and distribution would be a good idea.

Make sure you have a towing service through your insurance company or sign up for AAA's Plus towing service which is "Good for 100 mile".

Now go out and have fun with your Model A. It too needs fresh air and a change of scenery!

Thanks to my friend Arlyn Bieber
From the San Diego Chapter
For this article

Model A Word Search



Answer to the July issue word game

WEBMASTER WANTED

MAFCA IS SEEKING a volunteer to take over the position of Webmaster.

This person must have general knowledge of web infrastructure as well as a background in HTML editing using applications such as Dreamweaver.

Experience with PHP, CSS, and SQL, as well as other scripting languages, along with SFTP, will be helpful as well. Training with our current platform will be provided by interim webmaster Rick Black.

If your love of the Model A extends into the digital world, we could use your help. Here is an opportunity to contribute to the hobby you enjoy.

If you have an interest in volunteering for this position, please contact me at chaptercoordinator@mafca.com or directly at 405-812-8131 — or any current Board member.

— Will Langford, 2023 Chapter Coordinator/Web Liaison



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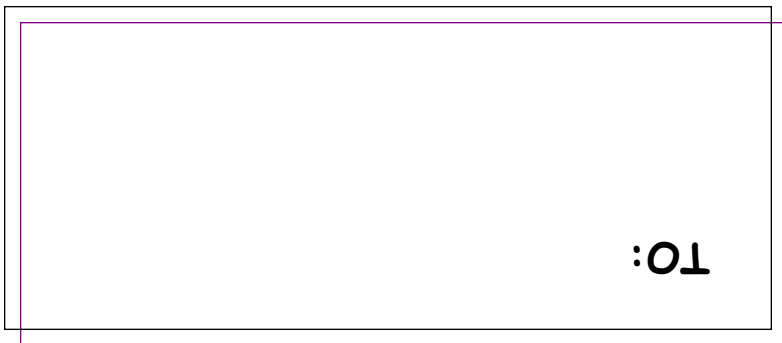
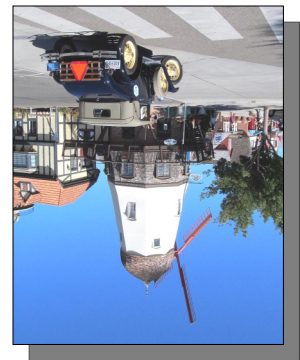
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