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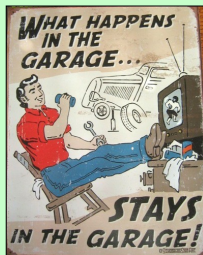
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Harbor Area Model A Club's 66th Anniversary picnic, August 2023

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 Meetings:

The September meeting will be Friday, Sept 29th, 7:30 PM
At the Torrance Clubhouse
The October meeting will be Friday, October 27th

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be
Saturday, October 14th 2023
At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez



I hope this newsletter finds you well. Wow, the summer seemed to fly by and the local car show season is done, but still a few flyers were handed out at the last beach show. If you are like me and you were not able to attend some club events, don't worry about missing the fun as there will be more events and opportunity to join in. While waiting for the next event, take your Model A out for errands or just to drive around. Although I missed the Progressive, I drove Margarita to the USS Iowa POW/MIA event.

Yes, it does get interesting taking the Model A out for some errands. I needed to get creative after a recent Costco shopping trip. I didn't think I bought that much but had to get creative loading everything into the rumble trunk and passenger seat area.

Keep it running and I will see you out on the road.

Rob

A Big Thank You to Rob, our president, for putting in a new 6-volt battery in my Model A. We really appreciate him taking the time to come to our house. Rob is very knowledgeable, and we always learn something from him. Thank you Rob.

Sue Hankins and Pat Yacklon

Dear Harbor Area Club Members:

We are so sorry to inform you that our long-time member and past president, *Carla Hibbard*, passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with Walt and family at this time.

More information to follow.
Dennis Simpson, VP



Editor's Corner
By Dick Wyckoff

A little off topic, but the El Segundo 10-12 year old Little League baseball team won the **World Championship** this last month. My city of 16K people went crazy with parades and ceremonies for these kids.

Just had to let you folks know. . . . **Go Gundo!**



Back on topic, our club's activity team has been working overtime organizing events during our 66th anniversary year. An annual picnic, tours, movies, luncheons, more tours. . . And lots of food! We gotta eat, you know! You gals are the greatest. . .

The last event for the month will be the monthly club meeting where we bring items to be auctioned off. Always a fun event. Some nice items get sold and the money goes to the club.

HARBOR AREA MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: August 27th, 2023 **LOCATION:** Lomita Park, Lomita, CA

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez --- Called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM. Rib asked for the approval of the minutes of the July meeting. Steve Thompson made the motion to approve July minutes as published in the Harbor Light. Terri Harrison second the motion, all were in favor. Rob thanked everyone for coming to the picnic.

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

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS ATTENDING: Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff, Pat Yacklon, Monty Bates, Tim Harrison and Wayne Sterling.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- Today we are having a 50-50 drawing, hubley races, bingo, and RLC game.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- No Report.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff --- Send pictures and articles.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- No Report.

TOURS: Open position --- Donniss has sign-up sheet for upcoming events.

Sept 10th - Movie for Ladies

Sept 16th - Progressive Lunch

Sept 29th - White Elephant sale at Business meeting

Sept 30th - Garage Sale at Janet Winter's home. Please mark your merchandise for sale.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- New member Steve Adam is doing better.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- No Report.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- No Report.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- No Report.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- No Report.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights --- No Report.

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

OLD/ON-GOING BUSINESS: White Elephant sale Friday Sept 29th meeting. Sept 30th Garage sale.

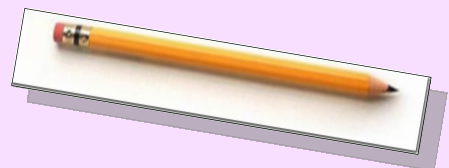
NEW BUSINESS: Consider nominations for open officer positions in Jan 2024. Nominations will be at October business meeting. Open positions will be President, Vice President, Secretary, Technical and Tour.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: September 29th 2023

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:20 AM

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 have arrived

Contact Dennis Simpson for more information. (oldfordor@gmail.com)
Limited number remaining. Order yours today!



Good morning Fun-Loving Party People!

We had a fantastic time yesterday at the Harbor Area Model A Club Annual Picnic. We had over 50 members attend (I don't have an exact count as not everyone signed in...).

Congratulations to Ursi for winning the 50/50 drawing (\$155.00). Congrats also to Joan Gordinier, the Overall Hubley Race Winner!! followed by Linda Simpson and Phyllis De Crescenzo. Men's Division was Wayne Sterling, Jim Huizdos and Bobby De Crescenzo. Exciting racing all around!!

Other activities included BINGO! with numerous winners and Left-Right-Center with Sue Hankins as the big winner. And of course... EATING!!!

Overall, we are all winners for having such good friends to spend the day with.

Dennis Simpson, Vice President

Service Information

PLATE LEVER NOTCH IN DISTRIBUTOR BODY MUST NOT BE ALTERED

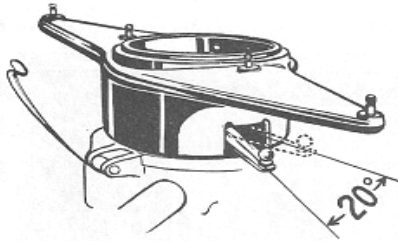


Fig. 950

Several instances have been reported of dealers increasing the width of the plate lever notch in the distributor body in endeavoring to increase the travel of the plate lever.

This is exceedingly poor practice and must be discontinued at once.

The plate lever notch in the distributor body is accurately machined to permit the lever to travel 20° from the fully retarded to the fully advanced spark lever position. See Fig. 950. When the width of the notch is increased it permits the lever to travel beyond the recommended 20° range and this of course affects the timing.

Before timing an engine always check the travel of the plate lever. This can be easily done by fully retarding the spark lever on the steering gear quadrant then noting whether the plate lever is touching against the side of the notch. Next pull the spark lever all the way down on the quadrant to the fully advanced position and see if the plate lever is touching the opposite side of the notch. If the plate lever does not make the full 20° travel disconnect the spark control rod (see Fig. 951) and slightly bend the control rod lever (see Fig. 952) until the plate lever

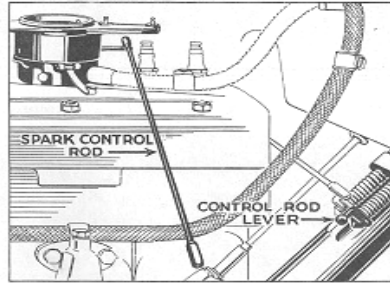


Fig. 951

touches one side of notch in distributor body when spark lever is fully advanced and touches opposite side when lever is fully retarded. Do not under any circumstances attempt to correct this condition by increasing the width of notch in distributor body.

After checking travel of plate lever proceed with timing operation in usual way. When the timing operation is completed the travel of the lever should again be checked. When timing ignition do not remove distributor body.

Inasmuch as there has been some misunderstanding on the part of mechanics please make correct travel of plate lever a part of your regular inspection.

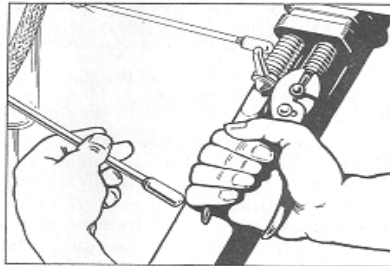


Fig. 952

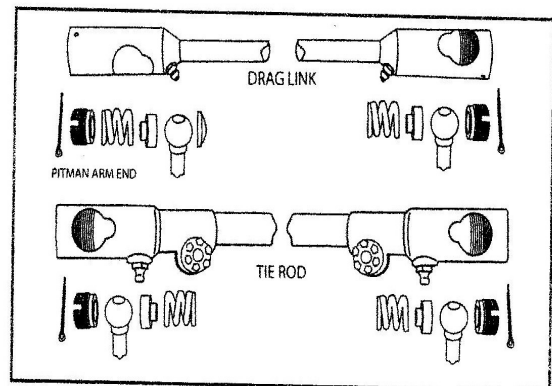
ARE YOU READY???

White Elephant at Friday's meeting. Bring your unloved items that you no longer need marked with what you think is a good starting bid. We will then auction them off (remember—one man's junk is another's treasure). What, not everything got auctioned—it gets a second chance Saturday at the Club's...

Garage Sale Saturday, 9/30, at Janet Winter's, 1636 Nelson Ave, Manhattan Beach, from 8 am to 1 pm. Maybe you have other items for the garage sale (they were too big, or not right for the White Elephant). Well you are in luck--you can take those priced items to Janet's the week prior, Tuesday, 9/26, 8:30 am -9 pm; Friday, 9/29, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Wednesday, 9/27, & Thursday, 9/28, 5:30 pm - 9pm; or bring them the morning of the sale. Proceeds from both go to our Club. Signup or call to volunteer.

Call or email Pat Harrison if you have any questions:
310-218-9014.

Proper assembly sequence of the drag link and tie rod end hardware.



To tighten, run plug down to the bottom and back one and a half turns (3 slots) and line up the slot to nearest cotter pinhole in the tie rod end. Be sure to lubricate.

From Script A News

Contributed by tech editor, James Broadhead

The latest happenings from the
Activities Committee

OCTOBER 2023
HARBOR A HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT AI's Garage 9:30-12
8	9 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD 	10	11	12 ACTIVITY COMMITTEE 12:30 	13	14 BOARD MEETING AI's Garage 9:30 am  MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT AI's Garage 9:30-12
15	16 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD	17	18 LADIES LUNCH  Smith's—Harmon Beach 11:30	19	20	21  VIEW A CAR COLLECTION & LUNCH—more info to follow
22	23 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD	24	25	26	27 CLUB MEETING Potluck—Food for Kids  6:30 pm Walter's Club House	28 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT AI's Garage 9:30-12
29	30 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD	31 Halloween 				

*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

Any customer can have a car painted
any color that he wants so long as it
is black.

Henry Ford

UPCOMING EVENTS

Food for Kids

This is a community service event that our club supports. If you would like to join us and donate, please take one of the bags we will supply and fill it with the suggested items. If you prefer, a cash donation is always appreciated as well. We will be collecting your donations at our October business meeting on the 27th. Pat Harrison has additional information (310) 218-9014, and there is more information about this in the Harbor Light. Thank you in advance!

Saturday, October 21st

View a local car collection, and, of course, we will eat together!
Please mark your calendar and save the date! It will be another fun day!
Coordinator: Pat Harrison (310) 218-9014
Lunch Location: TBD
Lots more information to follow.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 11th, Veterans Day - Feed The Firemen

Coordinated by the Activities Committee
Location: 444 S. Harbor Blvd. Port of Los Angeles, Berth 86, San Pedro 90731
Time: 11:00

- We will meet and travel over together. Meeting location & Time TBD

Food: This is a potluck, so bring your favorite dish. Weeg will coordinate to make sure we have a variety.
Housekeeping: We will be bringing cardboard to put under the cars.
Stay tuned for more information!

More Fun Times Ahead!



**Model A lineup at the annual picnic
At Lomita Park
Celebrating club's 66 years!**

A DAY IN THE PARK Our Annual Picnic

What a beautiful day to have a picnic! Our group of merry planners and worker bees arrived at 9:00 to set up for the day ahead. The weather was perfect, warm with a nice breeze. We had a great turn out (nearly 60 members and guests). So nice to see people we don't see often and new faces too. We had the traditional Hubley Races being led by our chief racing expert, Bobby DeCrescenzo. Our track, so beautifully built, always attracts attention, and the cheering from our members brings the children at the park over to see what's happening. It is so much fun to interact with them, and see the excitement on their faces. But, I am sure, what you really want to know is: *WHO WON?*

DRUM ROLL PLEASE:

MEN: 1st Place: Wayne Sterling, 2nd Place: Jim Huizdos, 3rd Place: Bobby DeCrescenzo.

WOMEN: 1st Place: Joan Gordinier, 2nd Place: Linda Simpson, 3rd Place: Phyllis DeCrescenzo.

THE FASTEST OVERALL: Joan Gordinier!

We then feasted on Joey's Smokin' BBQ, followed by the best watermelon. Good pickin', Weeg! What would a day at the park be without a couple of games? The first game was Bingo with a grand prize of a Ford Dog, generously donated by Gloria Younkin and won by Jim Huizdos. This was followed by a rousing game of Left, Center, Right with Sue Hankins as the big winner. Congrats to all the day's winners!

All in all, everyone seemed to have a great time!


See you all - next year!

Donnis Bates


(Hubley Pictures on page 9)

FOOD FOR KIDS

Last year was the first year we participated in "Food for Kids." Our Club did an amazing job supporting the children. We gave out 50 bags and we got 48 bags back filled with the suggested food items plus monetary donations from those who preferred to participate in that way. It was such a rewarding event for both our Club and the children we have decided to do it again this year. Please take a grocery bag (or 2, 3...) and fill with the items on the list below. You can bring your filled bag/s to our October 27th meeting. We will then deliver them to the Volunteer Center in Torrance. Or if you want to drop your donations off on your own, the address is 1230 Cravens Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501, M-F 8:30 to 4. If you do drop off on your own, please let us know so we can keep track of our total donations. Question: call **Pat Harrison 310-218-9014**.








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FOOD for Kids

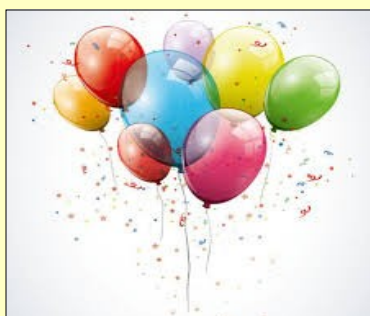
FOOD for KIDS Bag Packing Instructions

1 Weekend Family Meal Bag should include 9 Food Items:

- **Breakfast - 1 item** (box of cereal, large container of oatmeal, 8 -10 packet box of oatmeal) 
- **Vegetable - 2 items** (any canned vegetable) 
- **Lunch - 1 meal combo = 2 items** (*meal combo* - peanut butter and jelly OR *meal combo* - 1 can of meat tuna/chicken/spam & 1 canned fruit) 
- **Dinner - 1 meal combo = 2 items** (*meal combo* - pasta & sauce OR *meal combo* - bag of rice & can of beans) 
- **Packaged Meals - 2 items** (Mac & Cheese, Soup, Chili, Chef Boyardee, Rice-A-Roni) 
- **OPTIONAL!** 1 Bonus item - (Granola bar, Chips, Chocolate, Ramen, etc.)

October Birthdays

9 Julie Goldberg
17 Danny Schmitz
25 Tim Harrison
31 Rene Covarrubias



October Anniversaries

1 Jim & Ruxella Speights
20 Jim & Elyse Beardsley
31 Gary & Emma Gaffney

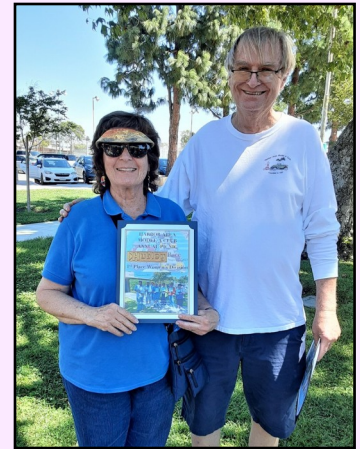
Some pictures from Harbor's 66th Anniversary annual picnic
 Hubley Race awards presented by VP Dennis Simpson



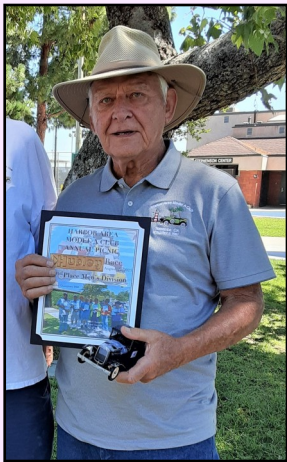
Grand Champion
Joan Gordinier



First place men
Wayne Sterling



First place women
Joan Gordinier



Second place men
Jim Huizdos



Second place women
Linda Simpson



Third Place men
Bob DeCrescenzo



Third place woman
Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Hubley racetrack
Built by Bob DeCrescenzo



Official starter
Jack Gordinier



Harbor's 2023 National Model A Day Progressive Tour



First stop with Model As lined up



First snack stop at Jim Huizdos' home



3rd stop at Janet Winter's home



2nd stop at Redondo Beach museum



Brunch at Janet Winter's home



3rd stop brunch with the "team" Weeg Thompson, Gloria Younkin and Donnis Bates



The Harbor Club's activity committee did it again. With the help of VP Dennis Simpson, the Model A Ford day progressive was a complete success. A tour around the Palos Verdes peninsula with printed directions from Dennis, we made the event fun and had plenty of time to socialize and (of course) plenty to eat! Thanks to Jim, Dennis, Weeg, Gloria, Donnis, Pat and Janet for their contributions to the event.

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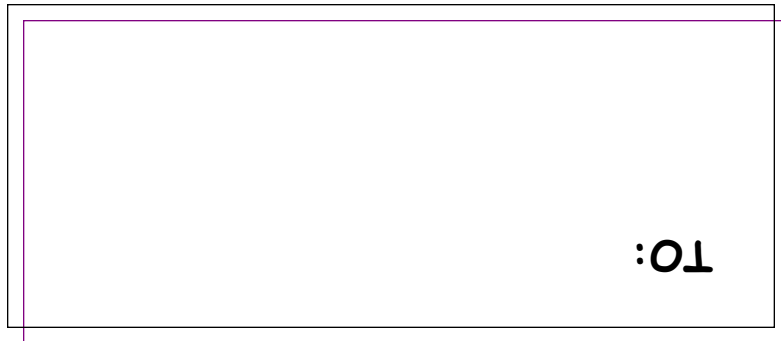
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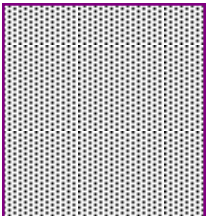
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