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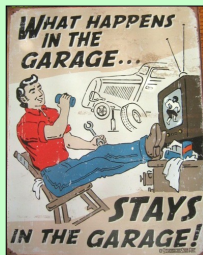


Happy Thanksgiving

HARBOR LIGHT

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 October meeting will be Friday, October 27th.
Pot luck event. Set up 6:30pm.
The November meeting will be a week earlier, Friday Nov. 17th

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be
Saturday, November 10th 2023
At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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*A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez*



Fall is here and although we don't have to worry about snow or freezing rain in SoCal, it is getting dark much earlier. So, time to check the headlight alignment and for the moderns your windshield wipers since it rain is coming soon. Yes, the wet stuff.

My schedule has been busy and I have missed a few of the Club outings. If you are having the same issue, it means making the effort to drive the Model A when you can. I am in Lancaster for a state VFW meeting and drove Margarita. She got hot going up the incline, but did fine and of course got into the green once going down. Unfortunately, LA traffic out on a Friday was typical...terrible. Freeway time mostly in 2nd gear.

The last meeting was fun with the White Elephant auctions. To help with time and make it more interesting, we will adjust the rules of engagement for next year. I won't tell you now, so you will have to wait and see. Don't forget, our next business meeting is a Pot Luck event, which is always a delicious evening. It is also time for nominations for Club positions. Keep it running and I will see you out on the road.

Rob



*Editor's Corner
By Dick Wyckoff*



November 11th is Veterans Day.

As I write this, I think back to all the men and women who have served in the military. I served in Vietnam and later as a Chief Petty Officer reservist on many ships, I have a deep appreciation for all those that served and are now serving. Several of our club's members are veterans and I salute them for their service.

On a slightly different note, I salute the ladies of the Activities Committee who have organized functions of many types for our club members. Picnics, movies, tours, charity events, and (of course) different places to enjoy a meal! I salute them, too. . .

The White Elephant sale went over well as did the garage sale the next day. I even found a couple treasures. You never know what turns up. . .

Christmas parades are just around the corner. I am the club's contact for the parade down Main Street in El Segundo on Sunday, December 10th. It usually starts about 1PM and lasts about two hours or so. We meet on the North end of Main street. Let me know if you are interested.

That's all for now.

Dick

Business Meeting notes

HARBOR AREA MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: September 29th, 2023 LOCATION: Walteria Club Park

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez --- Called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. We will have a short meeting so that we can have the White Elephant Sale.

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

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS ATTENDING: Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff and Tim Harrison.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- Gave Daffy Wagner (treasurer) \$85 from the Progressive Lunch and Poker Run. Dennis reminded members to update their information cards that we take on tours. Most of the Club Medallions have been sold.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported a balance :

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

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- No Report.

TOURS: Open position --- Pat Harrison reported the Progressive Lunch and Poker Run was a success.

Sept 30th - Garage Sale and Bake sale at Janet Winter 8 AM-1 PM

Oct 14th - Board Meeting

Oct 18th - Ladies Lunch at Café Marmalade at 11:30 AM let Pat know if you will be attending.

Oct 21st - Tour meet at Harbor Freight at 9:30 AM leave at 9:45 AM. Lunch after to be determined.

Oct 27th - Business Meeting with Potluck starts at 6:00 PM. "Food for Kids" bag to be returned.

Nov 11th - Feed the Fireman at San Pedro Harbor 11 AM.

Dec 9th - Miracle on 34th St - lunch before pay by Oct 27 meeting.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Reported Carla Hibbard passed. Walt thanked everyone for cards and calls. He will go to Wisconsin next week. Pat Tucker on oxygen and doesn't drive. Noralene is doing better and doesn't drive anymore. Don Knott is still having testing done. Steve Adams is doing great.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- No Report.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Recently loaned club tools and it has been returned.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- No Report.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- No Report.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights --- Club clothing for sale.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson - LeFalls brought the refreshments tonight.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: Garage and Bake Sale tomorrow Sept 30th 8 AM -1 PM.

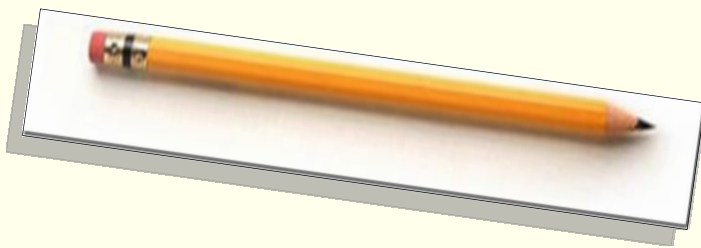
NEW BUSINESS: Nomination of officers at October meeting.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING/POTLUCK: October 27th 2023 - 6:00 PM at Walteria Park Club House.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 14th 2023 - 9:30AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00 PM to start the White Elephant Sale

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 Medallions have arrived

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



CHRISTMAS MOVIE

Get in the holiday spirit with "**Miracle on 34th Street**" at the Old Town Music Hall & Lunch (place to be determined) on Saturday, December 9. We will meet for lunch at noon and the movie begins at 2:30. The cost for the movie is \$10 per person. Bring your checks made out to Harbor Area Model A Club at the **October 27** meeting or get to Pat Harrison, 81-17th Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254 by the 27th.

Historian's article

By Janet Winter

Back in 1981, the Harbor Area Model A Club was chosen to host the National Model A Restorers Club's West Coast Judging School. This was a great honor, since the Schools were always held in the Eastern region. On April 25, 1981, the School was held at the Holiday Inn in Torrance (now the Doubletree by Hilton).

According to the May 1981 Harbor Light, there were about 70 attendees. They came from far and wide, including Ontario, Canada, and many western states.

Training was offered in two judging areas: Electrical (Area 2) and Upholstery (Area 12). An experienced judge, Jerry Wilhelm, spoke for three hours on the Model A's electrical system, and another, Bill Sturm from Wisconsin presented information on Model A upholstery for another four. It's safe to say that after all that time, attendees would certainly have been well informed, and if they wanted to be, certified judges in those two areas.

It appears that the trainings are no longer offered at Schools. They are handled remotely, with three steps: 1) Obtain judging standards books and corresponding tests [such as Electrical/Area 2 and Upholstery (Area 12) above.] 2) Take "open book" tests in those area(s), and send them to National for grading. A score of 80 or greater is considered passing. 3) Volunteer for a regional, divisional, or national meet as an apprentice to experienced judges. Once all of these requirements are fulfilled, the Judgeship is conferred. With further experience, positions as a Senior Judge, or a Master Judge are available.

For anyone interested in further information about judging, or becoming a judge, information can be found at the MAFCA website: www.mafca.com/v_about_judging.html

WHAT IS HAPPENING 11/11 @ 11???

FEED THE FIREMEN

Yes, it is **VETERANS DAY**, and we want to honor all of our men and women who have served our country! Thank you one and all.

FEED THE FIREMEN

When: Veterans Day - Saturday, November 11th, at 11:00 am

Coordinators: (Contact with any questions)

Donnis Bates (310) 713-5830 &

Weeg Thompson (310) 346-6409

Fire Station: 444 S. Harbor Blvd, Port of Los Angeles, Berth 86, San Pedro 90731

Meeting Location: Spires, 1750 Sepulveda Blvd, Torrance, 90501 (Corner of Western & Sepulveda)

Time: Meet at 10:00am, leave at 10:15, surface streets, and arrive around 11:00am

Food: Yes, we are supplying lunch for the firemen, members of our first responders team! Let's come out and show our support for all they do. Many thanks!

POTLUCK – Last Names

A-L: Side Dish or Salad








M-Z: Main Dish

This is the event not to miss; it has become a favorite among our members. This is the Fireboat, and yes, sometimes, they will give us a cruise in the fireboat. It is never promised because they may have real firemen duties to attend to. Hope to see you there for another fun day!

We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting on October 27th. If you cannot attend the meeting, please give us a call or text so that we can add you to the list.

See you soon!

**November happenings from the
Activities Committee**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 BOARD MEETING Al's Garage 9:30 am  MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT Al's Garage 9:30-12
5 <u>Daylight Savings Time Ends</u> 	6 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	7	8 <u>ACTIVITY COM MTG</u> 10:30 	9	10	11 FEED THE FIREMEN Meet at Fire Station 10am  VETERANS' DAY
12	13 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	14	15	16	17 CLUB MEETING 7:30 pm Walteria Club House 	18 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT Al's Garage 9:30-12
19	20 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING 	24	25 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT Al's Garage 9:30-12
26	27 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	28	29	30 NATIONAL AWARDS Santa Maria 11/30-12-2 		

*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

Upcoming Event



November

Saturday, November 11th, Veterans Day – FEED THE FIREMEN
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December

Saturday, December 9th – OLD TOWN MUSIC HALL MOVIE & LUNCH
Miracle on 34th Street
 Coordinator: Pat Harrison
 Location: 140 Richmond Street, El Segundo, 90245
 Time: Lunch noon (Lunch location TBD), Movie 2:30pm
 Cost: \$10.00 for movie ticket (Please pay at our **October** Meeting on 27th, Checks made out to Harbor Area Model A Club)

Friday, December 15th – COOKIE EXCHANGE
 Coordinator: Activities Committee
 Location: Walteria Club House, 3855 W. 242nd Street, Torrance, 90505
 (If you would like to volunteer your home for this event, please let us know)
 Time: 7:30
 Cost: Bring a batch of your favorite cookies to share!

Sunday, December 10th, Wilmington & El Segundo Christmas Parades
 Coordinator's: Wilmington – Elaine Pisu,
 El Segundo – Dick Wyckoff
 More Info to follow

Come back Next Month for More Fun Times Ahead

Tech Tips

Jim's Tech Tips

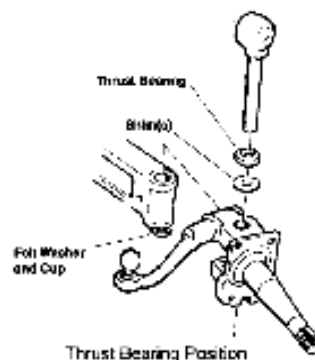
"Difficult Steering"

Many Model A owners find their car hard to steer when parking or maneuvering at low speed. After you confirm that there is oil in the steering gear box (not grease), the tires are all inflated to 35 psi, and everything on the front axle has been properly greased, you are left with the most likely cause: The spindle bolt (kingpin) "thrust bearings" are defective or they are not shimmed up properly to support the weight of the car. You can confirm this by using a floor jack to take some weight off of the front wheels, and then see if the steering effort is drastically reduced. If it is, the problem is the bearings.

To correct this, you need to remove everything from the spindles to get to the kingpins and remove them. See Les Andrews' Red Book, starting on page 1-209, for directions. The illustration below comes from later in that section.

Clean the thrust bearing and replace it if it does not turn smoothly or shows any signs of wear. Pack the bearing with grease before reinstalling.

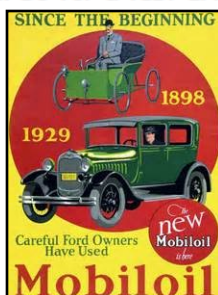
When reassembling, you need to test fit the spindle with the kingpin fully locked in place with the locking pin. Temporarily leave the large felt seal and metal washer off of the bottom of the spindle for this. Start with the number of shims previously used, then add 1 shim at a time until very little or no vertical movement of the spindle is felt on the kingpin. It can take up to 4 shims to compensate for wear.



At some point, adding a shim may jam up the spindle, making it hard to turn on the kingpin. If it does, take that last shim out, reassemble, and confirm that the spindle again moves easily, as it should. Now reassemble the spindle on the axle with the felt seal and the cupped metal washer installed between the axle and the bottom part of the spindle (the metal cup touches the axle, the felt touches the spindle). The added thickness of the felt seal may temporarily make the spindle a bit stiff turning on the kingpin, but it will quickly flatten out and move smoothly when you drive.

Now reinstall everything that attaches to the spindle, install the brakes, maybe use this as an opportunity to clean and repack the wheel bearings, then install the drums and the wheels. Grease all of the fittings well. Go for a test drive, enjoy the easier steering, and *Have a Model A Day!*


Jim




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.

Questions? 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.)

November Birthdays

8 Linda Simpson
14 Jim Runyon
26 Pat Yacklon



November Anniversaries

6 Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo
12 Dennis & Linda Simpson

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K8036—Clamp-on Relief Valve for Model A Ford... 1.95

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Clamps to the steering post bracket, (between steering post and instrument board), giving you a hand control for operating a cutout, radiator shutter, heater, etc. Handle lock permits nine different adjustments. Easy to reach. Nickel plated handle. Ship. wt. 1 lb.

K8038—Clamp-on Control for 1928-29 Ford... .65

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FOR 1928-29 FORDS

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C5718—Handy Choke Control... .85

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FOR MODEL A FORDS

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G7046—Steering Post Starter Button Model A Ford... .68

Crank Case Ventilator

Stops Oil Dilution

One thing the new Ford lacks to make it mechanically complete—that is this crank case ventilator. Practically all of the more expensive cars have a system of crank case ventilation to remove water vapor, gasoline and oil fumes from the inside of the motor. Consists of a special cap that locks on in place of

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C6985—Crank Case Ventilator for 1928-29 Ford... 1.45

Air Cleaner

Keeps dust, bugs, etc. from clogging up the carburetor and getting into the motor and causing excessive wear. No moving parts, nothing to get out of order, and easily cleanable. Ship. wt. 10 oz.

A5183—Air Cleaner for Model A Fords... .95

Dash Oil Gauge for 1928-29 Fords

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B5264—Water Pump Wrench 1928-29 Ford... .24

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D6071—Gasoline Line for Model A Ford... .35

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NOVEMBER 2022

HAPPY Thanksgiving

Editor's note:
I saw this magazine at the El Segundo Police station. Note the car in the background.

WHITE ELEPHANT/GARAGE SALE

Our members brought an amazing amount of fabulous merchandise to be auctioned off at the White Elephant. Joanne and Renee brought a van full of Model A parts that were hot ticket items and helped us raise a large sum for the Club. Members had a chance to shop before the auction and then we had a few bidding wars. Just about everyone got at least one item that they didn't know they couldn't live without. The leftover merchandise was packed up at the end of the evening and transported to the Club's garage sale.

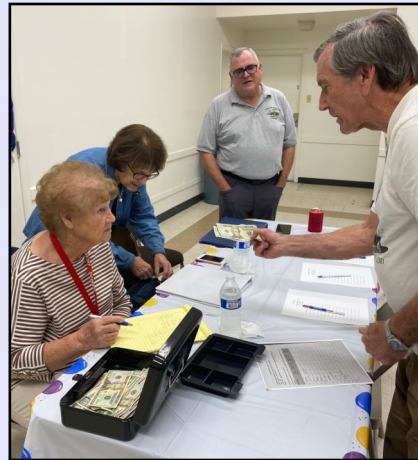
Janet was brave enough to hold the garage sale at her home after hosting the Progressive (hope we don't wear out our welcome). Gloria and her family provided the signs directing shoppers to the sale. There were a lot of helpers who worked hard to stage and man the sale. Thanks to the bakers, too, providing the goodies for the bake sale. Luckily the rain held off!

It was a lot of work, but everyone pitched in to make it a fun time and a very successful money maker for our Club raising a whopping \$1,365. Thanks to you all!

Pat Harrison



Ron, Jim and Cliff inspecting the 'treasures' before the auction at the Friday night meeting,



Leonard paying Daffy for something he couldn't do without! Auctioneer Rob looking on.



The next day at Janet's house selling more treasures

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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 1242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one block south of Pacific Coast Hwy.) We'd like to invite all interested parties, even if they don't own a Model A Ford, to come and join us. Our goal is to educate the public about Model A Fords and have fun while doing it.

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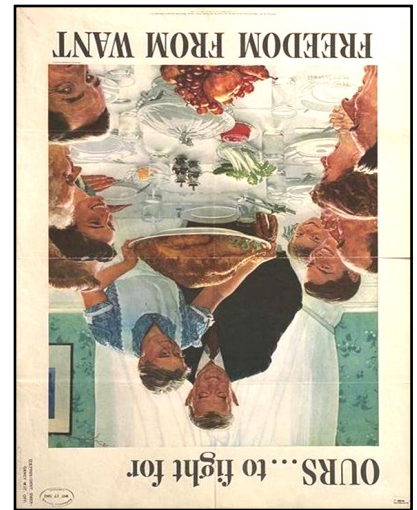
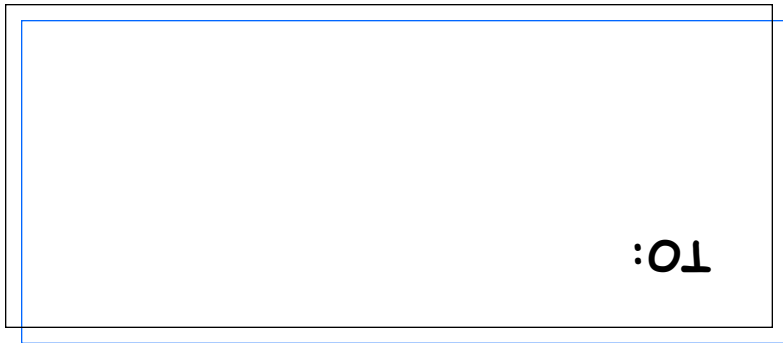
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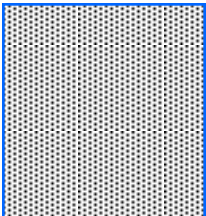
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