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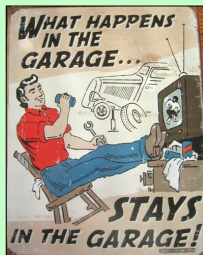
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The Harbor Model A Club As at the 'Feed the Firemen' tour at the firehouse in the harbor in San Pedro CA on Veteran's Day, November 11. A great tribute to both the firemen and the Veterans.

### 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 November meeting will be a week earlier, Friday Nov. 17th.  
The December meeting will be a week earlier also, Friday December 15th.

### Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be  
Saturday, December 2nd  
2023  
At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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HARBOR LIGHT



A Note from  
Harbor President  
Rob Hernandez



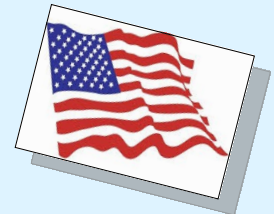
Here comes the rain again, falling on my head like a memory... Yes, the rainy season has arrived in SoCal. Even if you do not plan on driving in the rain, it is a good time for a new coat of RainX or other treatment to keep the water beading and flowing off of the windshield. Got the squeegee?

There are still Club events planned and of course driving the Model A through the neighborhood looking at the lights is always fun and an added treat for others enjoying the lights. I missed the recent Feed the Firemen event due to participating in the City of Gardena's Veterans Day ceremony. As an added bonus, I was able to talk with Representative Waters about mental health treatment for veterans and first responders to curb the high suicide rate. With all the money flowing out, I think we can focus more on our needs at home.

Parades, parades...it looks like I won't make the wonderful El Segundo parade, but I will be at the Wilmington parade. I turned down the ride in a convertible 50s Chevy as I have my own ride. LoL

Stay safe and I hope to see you at the next meeting or on the road.

*Rob*



*Editor's Corner*  
*By Dick Wyckoff*



This has been a fun year for the Harbor Model A Club. The Activity Committee has taken us on some fun tours and some new adventures. I tried to capture some of the events in this issue of the Harbor Light.

(A little bragging here). As mentioned in a previous newsletter issue, my city of El Segundo is home to the Little League World Champion baseball team. Just this last week, the El Segundo based DIRECTV company is sponsoring a float for the team in the Pasadena Rose Parade. What fun!

The Harbor As will be in two Holiday parades this year on December 10th. One in San Pedro and the other in El Segundo. (We could use a couple more cars in El Segundo). People always enjoy our 90+ year old cars!

The trip to the firehouse in San Pedro was a fun tour. The date was especially important to me and a few other members as it was on Veteran's Day, November 11th. We have a 95 year old Korean war vet, Art Wagner, and Vietnam vets Monty Bates, Jack Gordinier, and myself. 24 year vet, Rob Hernandez (our club's president) appreciated the tribute, also.

Looking forward to the new year and the new adventures planned. AHOOGA!

*Dick*

## Business Meeting notes

DATE: October 27th, 2023    LOCATION: Waleria Park Club House

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez --- Called the meeting to order at 7:27 PM after everyone enjoyed delicious pot luck. Rob brought in poppies for member to take. Poppies honor our Veteran's on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day. Rob drove his Model A to Lancaster for a meeting last Saturday.

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

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- Reported he has a few Club medallions left. The price of Medallions is \$25 and \$2 for spacers. Dennis reminded members it is important to update their medical cards that we take on tours. We will have nomination of officers tonight.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported a balance :                      Club made a deposit of \$1,500 to Blue Water Grill to hold the room of our Banquet Jan 27, 2024.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff --- Send articles and pictures of club events. Dick said that he has been the Editor of the Harbor Light for 16 years.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- Garage will be open tomorrow. The tur on Oct 21 was great.

TOURS: Open position --- Activities committee reported the upcoming events

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - Feed the Fireman at San Pedro Harbor 11 AM.  
Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> St - lunch before pay by Oct 27 meeting.  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> --- Parades in El Segundo and Wilmington  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup> --- Cookie exchange at business meeting.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Steve Thompson's dad Gerry fell and broke his leg and cut his head. Will check on Don Knott.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- Local Club dues are \$40 for 2024. National dues are \$50 for MARC.

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

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- No Report.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- No Report.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights --- Merchandise for sale.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Club furnish the desert for tonight.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: Tim Harrison is collecting plastic bottle and cans for the club. Pat Harrison organized the food for Kids drive, a lot of full bags were returned tonight.

NEW BUSINESS: Nomination of officers is as follows ---

Technical Director: Cliff LeFall

Tour Director: None

Secretary: Gloria Younkin.

Vice President: Tim Harrison

President: Dennis Simpson



All members were present and accepted the nominations. At November Business Meeting we will open the nominations again. Gloria Younkin made a motion to close the nominations, Dick Wyckoff second the motion and all were in favor.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING/POTLUCK: November 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 - 7:30 PM at Waleria Park Club House.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 - 9:30AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:58 PM all in favor

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*.

### **FOOD FOR KIDS**

Well, you did it again! You filled 46 bags with food (463 pounds—that's how they count it) and donated enough money for the other 4 bags to be filled by the volunteers! That means we met our goal of donating 50 bags of food to Food for Kids run by the Volunteer Center in Torrance.



Our donation came at a good time because they were running low. Our bags will be used to feed identified children that need food so they can eat during the weekend. Thanks, too, to Trader Joe's for donating the bags for us to fill.

Great job everyone!!!

### CHRISTMAS MOVIE

Get in the holiday spirit with "**Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> 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.

Pat Harrison has details.



2023 in review in photos



## Happenings from the Activities Committee

### October 21<sup>st</sup> Mystery Tour

At last, an event with plenty of sunshine for the 24 of us who attended—maybe a little too much for those in the 10 Model A's whose only air conditioning was their rolled down windows but we all survived.

Our day started with a tour of Alan's car collection and shop. Boy, does he have a lot of parts and cars—it was amazing! We piled back in our cars and started our 20-mile trek to Pat's Mystery Lunch. It was funny how many had trouble not knowing where we were going (can't imagine what it must have been like for their parents at Christmas). Speaking of Christmas, there was snow on the roof of our destination restaurant, Northwoods Inn— guess we zoomed right through autumn and arrived at winter. We couldn't have asked for a better lunch with a room just for our group.

I think we all felt a little like Santa when we left—Ho, Ho, Ho.



## WHAT HAPPENED ON 11/11 @ 11???

### FEED THE FIREMEN



What a wonderful event! Give yourselves a big hand and a pat on the back. You all brought lots of food and everyone had a good time. The Firemen loved our cooking and was so impressed with the variety that we offered. We all stuffed ourselves and enjoyed a delicious cake made by Weeg with decorations to honor both the Firemen and our Veterans. The decorations were supplied by a generous donation from Jack & Joan Gordinier. We're hoping the fire station will want us to come back again!

We enjoyed a ride on the fireboat around the harbor. The weather was beautiful and the trip provided such an awesome view of San Pedro. The captain, John Gonzales, narrated where we were and what we were seeing. The crew helped getting our folks on and off the boat with special attention to those that have some mobility challenges. These hard working first responders are definitely appreciated for all they do.

Since this was one of our clubs **community service events**, we want to thank you for your generous support! See you all next year!

*Donnis & Weeg*

(Check out some pictures on page 8)

## Tech Tips

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### MODEL A MECHANICAL

## Would your Model A car pass a Test Drive?

From Model A Basics ([modelabasics.com](http://modelabasics.com))



- Start the Model A it should start easily
- Move the spark advance lever all the way up and all the way down, you should notice a difference in the sound of the engine
- Close the GAV and the engine should want to starve for gas
- Check to see if the generator is charging
- Check all lights
- Check to make sure the horn works
- Check operation of windshield wiper
- Check gas gauge to make sure it works
- The clutch should have about 1 inch of play before engaging
- The clutch should not chatter when engaged
- Before moving any distance, check to make sure you have brakes
- Bring the vehicle up to speed and check your stopping distance. It should stop smoothly and in a straight line
- The steering should not have more than 2 inch play
- The Model A should steer easily and not shimmy
- The vehicle should run smooth/strong and relatively quiet
- Whine the engine out between shifts and listen for excessive gear noise
- The transmission should never pop out of gear. Test: going uphill, downhill and over a bump
- When traveling over a bump the A should not pull, jump or shimmy
- Take it up a long hill to see if it boils over.
- A stock/restored Model A will easily do 55 mph and ride very close to a normal car.
- After test ride and being parked, there should not be more than a quarter coin sized puddle under the flywheel housing.



Clip Art from [mafca.com](http://mafca.com)

# Our tour to San Pedro And "Feed the Firemen"





## December Birthdays

- 1 Gary Guttormson
- 10 Anita Perreten
- 11 Sue Hankins
- 11 Dr. Joan Wright
- 13 Elyse Beardsley
- 17 Bob DeCrescenzo
- 20 Ruxella Speights
- 21 Greg Clayton
- 23 Jeanne Parrish
- 25 Jim Valot
- 29 Gary Gaffney

## December Anniversaries

- 1 Jack & Julie Goldberg

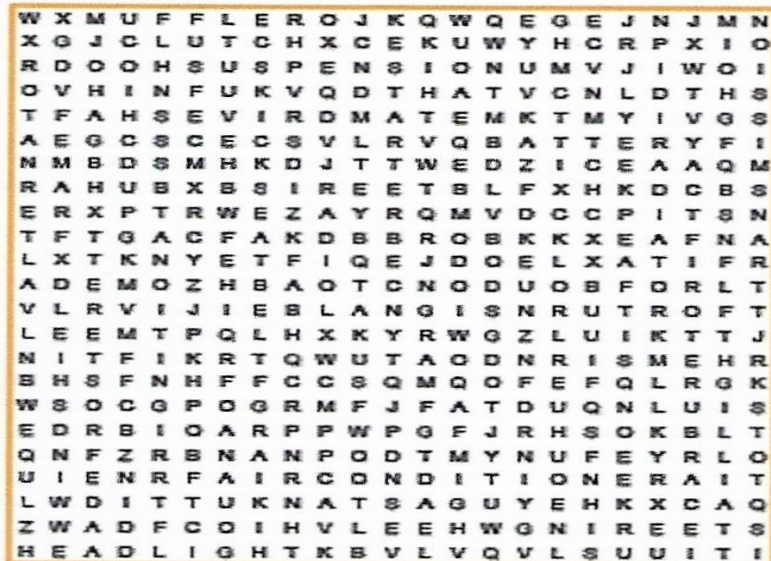


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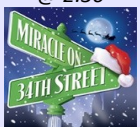







### Parts of My Car Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

- AIR BAG
- AIR CONDITIONER
- ALTERNATOR
- AXLE
- BATTERY
- BRAKE
- CARBURETOR
- CLUTCH
- DEFROSTER
- DOOR
- DRIVESHAFT
- ENGINE
- FRAME
- FUSE
- GAS TANK
- HEADLIGHT
- HOOD
- HORN
- IGNITION
- MUFFLER
- RADIATOR
- RADIO
- ROOF
- SEAT BELT
- STARTER
- STEERING WHEEL
- SUSPENSION
- TAILLIGHT
- TIRE
- TRANSMISSION
- TRUNK
- TURN SIGNAL
- WINDSHIELD



## Events Calendar for December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>					1 <b>ACTIVITY COM MTG 12:30</b> 	2 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Al's Garage 9:30 am</i>  <b>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</b> Al's Garage 9:30-12
3	4 <b>DINNER</b> 4:30 *Location TBD	5	6	7	8 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Hanukkah</b> 	9 <b>MARMALADE CAFÉ</b> Lunch @ 12 <b>MIRACLE ON 34<sup>TH</sup></b> @ 2:30 
10 <b>EL SEGUNDO (Dick W.) &amp; WILMINGTON (Elaine P.) CHRISTMAS PARADES</b> 	11 <b>DINNER</b> 4:30 *Location TBD	12	13	14	15 <b>COOKIE EXCHANGE</b> <b>HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER</b> Pisu's home More info to follow 	16 <b>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</b> Al's Garage 9:30-12  <b>Parrish Family &amp; Friends Christmas Celebration</b>
17	18 <b>DINNER</b> 4:30 *Location TBD	19	20	21 <b>Happy First Day of Winter!</b> 	22	23 <b>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</b> Al's Garage 9:30-12
24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> 	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> 	26 <b>Kwanzaa Begins</b> 	27	28	29	30
31 <b>New Year's Eve</b> 						*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

2024

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> –ANNUAL BANQUET – save the date!**

Coordinators: Tim Harrison & Daffy Wagner

Location: Blue Water Grill

Time: 11:00am – 4:00pm

The Elves have already been busy planning next year's activities!  
Fun times on the road ahead!  
Be sure to check here next month!

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