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## AUGUST 2024

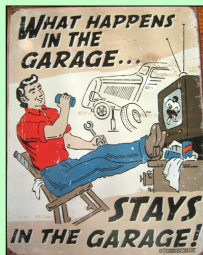
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The 'Harbor Honeys' Supporting the 'Relay for life' car show in Redondo Beach. The money raised at the show went to the American Cancer Society for cancer research. The event raised by the cancer survivors was over \$12,000. . . Fun event!

### 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 July meeting will be our regular date  
Friday, July 26th @7:30 PM

The August meeting will be Friday, August 30th

### Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, August 10th at Al's garage, 9:30AM



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A Note from  
Harbor President  
Dennis Simpson



**The Second Gear Grind**

Each of us has a story of how we became custodians of Model As that are in our care. For me that day came when I was out for my daily walk.

I would walk past this old codgers house most days. "Bob" (Speaks) would always be working on his Model Ts and As. As I passed by I would ask him if he ever drove any of his cars or just worked on them all the time...

I also met this other old codger at Bob's house one day. Some of you may know him as "Art" (Wagner).

Being a car nut myself, I would always jokingly ask him if he wanted to sell any. I had my eye on a 1922 Model T "Center Door" Sedan he had. He would always say NO!!

Then one day Bob took me by surprise. He said the Ts were fun but a Model A would be better suited for driving around town and going on tours. He then said he had a '30 Town Sedan I might like. So Linda and I went and looked at the Ol' Girl and after much discussion, we brought her home.

But our story just starts with the Town Sedan. This next part involves Art. He mentioned he belonged to a Model A club. Which led me to Ursi (Schmidt), whom I had worked with for years at the Chevron Refinery. It's a small world after all.

Without the purchase of the Town Sedan, we would have never experienced all the wonderful adventures with the Harbor Area Model A Club or met all of the great new friends we have made, not only just in our club but many like minded people that also enjoy Model As.

Who knew that an old Ford would bring so much happiness to our lives...

Now if I could just find second gear...

Till next time, remember, The world needs more kind people so don't forget your random acts of kindness.

*Dennis*



**Editor's Corner  
By Dick Wyckoff**



I have been going to the Friday afternoon car gathering at the old Ruby's in Redondo Beach on Friday afternoon. Lots of cars of all kinds there with a few Model As in the mix. Sadly, some of our old regular attendees are no longer with us. We use to have supper there, too, but Ruby's is now closed.

The annual summer picnic planning is coming together. Donniss and her team are working hard to make it a memorable event. Bobby D. has the Hubley race track all ready for the races. Hubley tune-up meetings are already in progress. Always a fun time. We celebrate the club's 67th anniversary this year at this event!

Stay tuned for more fun activities from the Activity Committee. They are working hard on future events.

**HARBOR AREA MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING**

DATE: June 28th, 2024 LOCATION: Walteria Park Club House

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

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

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

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson reported the approval of the minutes as appeared in the Harbor Light. Dennis said the weather is nice and everyone should drive their Model A's. Our club received a Thank you letter from Orange County Model A Club for donating a battery for the raffle at their picnic. Donnis Bates was presented Women of The Year 2023 plaque and Steven Thompson was presented Man of The Year plaque. Both plaques were made by Steve Thompson. Recognition of July Birthdays and Anniversaries, congratulations to Sandy and Ron Ragon on their 60 year Anniversary.



VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison reported at our annual club picnic August 18<sup>th</sup> we will have Hubley races. If you need help with your Hubley car we have two seminars scheduled – July 20<sup>th</sup> & August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Al's Garage.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner reported a balance. Some bills are still outstanding. Tim has been recycling to make money for the club.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff thanked Janet Winter for her article. El Segundo Main Street Car show is Aug 17<sup>th</sup>. Car shows on Friday's at the old Ruby's from 3-7pm. Send articles and pictures.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall talked about the Model A water pumps.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Open Position—Donnis Bates reported for the Activities Committee. The MAFCA Convention in New Mexico was canceled because of a large fire.

July 20<sup>th</sup> – Hubley seminar at Ale's Garage. 9:30am-12pm

July 21—Relay for Life event, meet at Simpson's at 7am for continental breakfast.

July 27<sup>th</sup> – Lions Museum Tour. Meet at Harbor Freight 9am, leaving at 9:15am. \$15 entrance fee and an additional \$18 for a boxed lunch.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Hubley seminar at Ale's Garage. 9:30am-12pm

August 10—Watercolors by Fran Earhart at the Gordiniers, 1pm

August 18—Club Picnic at Lomita Park

HISTORIAN: Janet Winter—Will have pictures of old Solvang tours in next Harbor Light.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Absent.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- No report.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Glad to see Janet back after her fall. Amy and Don Knott are feeling better. Diane Runyon is having health issues. Pat Tucker passed on June 21<sup>st</sup> and Jim Hamilton passed recently.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson – Has updated website.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- Everything okay.

MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos --- New shirts and hats.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Thanked Sandie and Ron Ragon for bringing a cake to share for their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Donnie reported about a project the club might do, Wreaths Across America. Wreaths are \$17, club gets \$5 for every wreath our members buy. The Wreaths are put on national cemeteries. Dick Wyckoff that the club participates, Pat Harrison second the motion and all were in favor. Tim, Gloria and Ursi donated their winnings for the clock women's and men's drawing, totaling \$15.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: July 26th, 2024 7:30PM at Walteria Park Club House.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 13th, 2024 9:30AM at Al's garage

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:15PM

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 9 AM, 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.



### 2024 Membership, Roster and Club Merchandise Items

**Jim Huizdos** has 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 **2024 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*.



**Pat Tucker**

Our long time member and dear friend passed away peacefully recently. She was a Harbor Club member since Feb 1965, almost 60 years! Her contributions to the club were many, but the ones most remembered were the BBQ events at her home and several safety inspections that she and her family hosted. She was a wonderful host and friend and will be greatly missed. RIP my friend.



# HARBOR AREA MODEL A CLUB 67<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

Saturday, August 18th, 2024

## Lomita Park

24428 Eshelman Avenue  
Lomita 90717

**HUBLEY RACES** 10 AM - 3 PM **LEFT-CENTER-RIGHT**  
Lunch at 11:30 AM **Bring \$3**

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## August 2024 Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 2024  HARBOR A HAPPENINGS				1	2	3 <i>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT &amp; HUBLEY'S TUNEUP DAY</i>  Al's Garage 9:30-12
4	5 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD	6	7 <i>ACTIVITY COMM. MTG. 11 am</i> 	8	9	10 <i>BOARD MEETING &amp; MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</i> Al's Garage 9:30-12  <i>WATERCOLOR W/FRAN 1:00</i> Additional info. below
11	12 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD	13	14	15	16	17 <i>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</i> Al's Garage 9:30-12  <i>EL SEGUNDO CAR SHOW 8-3</i>
18 <i>HARBOR AREA ANNUAL PICNIC &amp; Hubley Races</i> Additional info. below 	19 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD	27	28	29	30	31

\*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

### AUGUST EVENTS - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, HUBLEY WORKSHOP**

Location: Al's Garage, 907 Van Ness Avenue, Torrance 90501  
Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm  
Cost: None

Bring: Your Hubley or Hubley kit, small screw drivers and files if you have them; if not, we have some and will share. Also, you may need gloves, sharp edges! Bring something to transport your Hubley home in. Some people use a small domed lunch pail. Call Tim Harrison @ (310) 920-3319 to sign up. Our experts will have the rules and requirements to make our Hubley's lightning fast and legal, too!

**Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, WATERCOLOR WITH FRAN EARHART**

Location: Gordinier's home, 2017 W. 238<sup>th</sup> Street, Torrance, 90501  
Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm  
Cost: \$10.00 for supplies per person

One of our members has a talent to share with us. Fran will be guiding us in a simple watercolor project. Please eat your lunch before the event, we need the time to play with paint. It will be a FUN time! Desert provided

**Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, EL SEGUNDO CAR SHOW**

Location: Main Street El Segundo  
Time: 8:00am – 3:00pm  
Cost: \$35.00 entry fee  
Meeting time & Location: 7:15am leave at 7:30am - The Simpson's home, 2402 Burritt Ave., Redondo Beach, 90278  
Any questions contact Dick Wyckoff (310) 779-5772

**Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, HARBOR AREA MODEL A'S ANNUAL PICNIC**

Location: Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Avenue, Lomita 90717  
Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm  
Setup Time: 9:00am  
Boxed Lunch Orders: Weeg Thompson (Text 310-346-6409)  
Selections and Cost: Rizzo's, \$20.00 per person. Refer to flyer for selections and additional information.

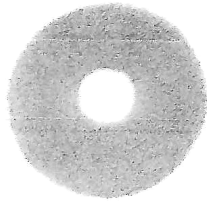
*CHECK BACK HERE NEXT MONTH FOR MORE FUN*

*SEE - SAVE THE DATE -*

*A new addition in The Harbor Light!*

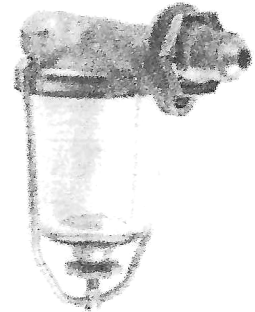
## Jim's Tech Tip

Ford originally used a fine mesh brass screen at the top of the glass fuel strainer bowl that's mounted to the Model A firewall. The bowl gives a place for water to settle into (water is heavier than gasoline) and a place for dirt and rust particles to collect.



The screen also keeps these particles from traveling down to the carburetor (where you have another screen). With all these screens, I think Ford knew that gasoline supplies at the time were prone to contamination (more than today)

Many people have started to install a small pleated paper filter element in the glass bowl instead of the brass screen.



I'm not so sure it's needed; I think the brass screen is enough. The Model A has no fuel pump, it relies only on gravity feed, and I'm concerned about adding another restriction to the fuel flow.

But IF you use one of these paper filters, you need to know that the rust, dirt, etc. is trapped INSIDE the paper element, not on the outside of it like you'd think. Therefore, you can be collecting a lot of junk inside the filter, plugging up the filter element on the inside, and not even know it. One day, you lose all your power and the engine really acts like it is starving for fuel. You thought you would see the rust and dirt collect on the outside of the filter... but you don't. Surprise! (I hate surprises!)



So, if you are going to use these pleated paper filters, get into the habit of replacing them regularly, maybe once a year, since you can't see how dirty they are inside. And carry a spare filter and gasket with you in the car. It's a pretty easy thing to swap out in a parking lot. Kind of messy, but it can be done without tools. Use some disposable gloves and you won't smell like gas for the rest of the day.

That's all for now. Keep driving, help each other out, and Have a Model A Day!

- Jim Cannon

From the Cliff Moebius Archives —



Of everything I learned in grade school, avoiding cooties was the last thing I expected to be the most useful.

# Redondo Beach Car Show



Jim checking the treats



Breakfast at Simpson's



Thanks to the Simpsons  
For breakfast...



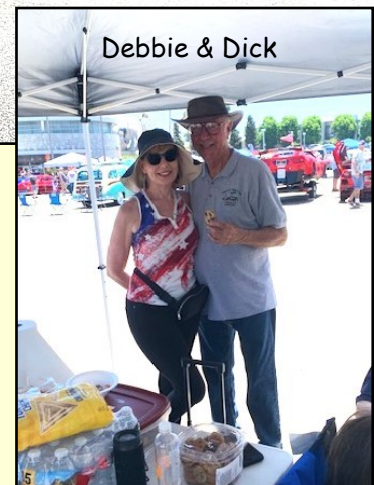
Lunch/snack time at car show



Relaxing at the car show



Harbor A's at the car show



Debbie & Dick



Different view of Harbor As



## August Birthdays

- 1 Sandy Ragon
- 13 Phyllis DeCrescenzo
- 18 Julie Hernandez
- 20 Dorothy Knott
- 23 Jack Gordinier
- 24 Gwen Valot
- 25 Dick Valot
- 31 Theresa LeFall

## August Anniversaries

- 4 Dr. Steven & Weeg Thompson
- 6 Mickey & Bea Fruchter

### 1930 Era Fashions



## MAFFI Minute

Well, the MARC National Meet in Asheville will be over by the time you read this, and I'm hoping the MAFCA folks who were unable to have their meet because of wild fires got to join in the MARC meet. And, I'm really hoping you ALL get to Hickory Corners, Michigan -September 20 and 21 for Model A Days.

This year will be like no other . . . the commercial bus that so many have worked on and supported with donations is scheduled to be unveiled on September 20! And if that isn't enough excitement, the addition to the museum should be underway. We are literally just waiting for the proper permits to break ground!

We'll have all the usual fun in addition to the bus and expansion to view: the "first" start, museum cars, personal Model A's, Model A gifts, seminars, music, swap meet items, and more!

Did you get your "my A" plaque for the museum expansion yet (contact Val Maron at 847-951-5858 or email at [TheMyAProgram@gmail.com](mailto:TheMyAProgram@gmail.com)), so that you and your car can have your name on the wall as part of the fabulous museum? Is your wardrobe updated with attire from Model A T-shirts (go to [MAFFI.org](http://MAFFI.org) and click on "store"), and did you get your Sweepstakes ticket yet ([MAFFI.org](http://MAFFI.org)), so you have a chance at a historic Model A? So many ways to support your museum . . .

There are less than 60 days until we all gather 'round to celebrate Model A Days!! I can't wait!

*Cindy Ellenbecker*, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

### What's a Hubley, and why would I want one? By Janet Winter—Historian

The Hubley Manufacturing Co. was incorporated in the late 1800s, before our time. Started by John (you guessed it) Hubley, he didn't start producing Model A's until around 1959. Their main competitor starting in the 1930s was the Tootsie Toy company which was using a Zinc alloy ("Mazac"), a more modern material than the cast iron used by Hubley from the beginning.

Being a newbie, I had no idea what a Hubley was. I'm now the proud owner of what I hope will be a very fast pickup. Ready to race!

The company made a very diverse line of products over the years in addition to our 1:20 scale Model A's: tractors; motorcycles, even with sidecars; dogs; metal banks; and other cars like 1932 Chevys, Packards, Duesenbergs, and a few later models.

Our Model A's were produced between 1959-1974, manufacturing the models for almost four times as many years as the production of our full-size cars!

Hubley experimented with, and in some cases used, plastics and different metals, especially during World War II and the resulting metal shortages. Some of the toys made mid-century used plastic. For the sake of racing, I think we're glad that the A's were all metal!

Unfortunately, by the mid-70s, Hubley was out of business, which explains the smaller number of kits and cars currently available. Ultimately, CBS Toys acquired Hubley around 1980 and consequently sold the dies to Scale Models. It's possible that they still exist---somewhere. Some believe that Hubley suffered from an identity crisis by making so many different types of product lines. But we're glad that they chose to make seven types of Model A's: the Roadster, Town Sedan, Coupe, Station wagon, Victoria, Phaeton, and my personal favorite, the Roadster pickup.

See you at the track in August!

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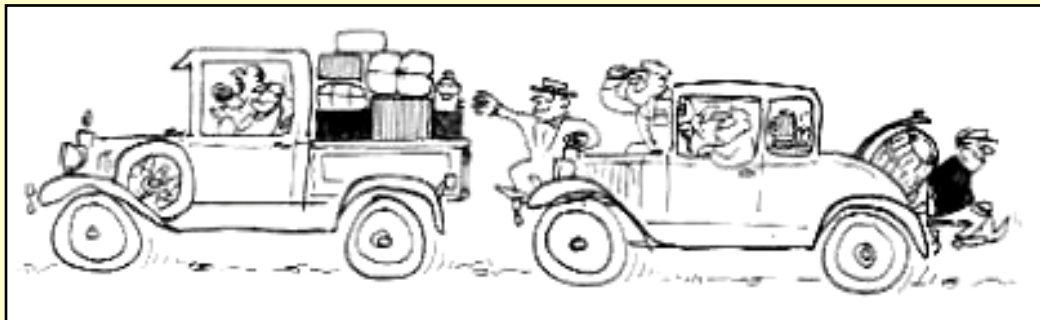
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Waleria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 1242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one 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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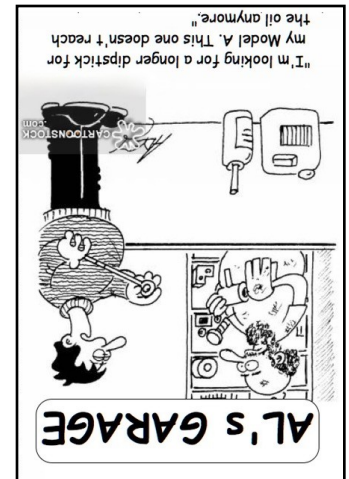
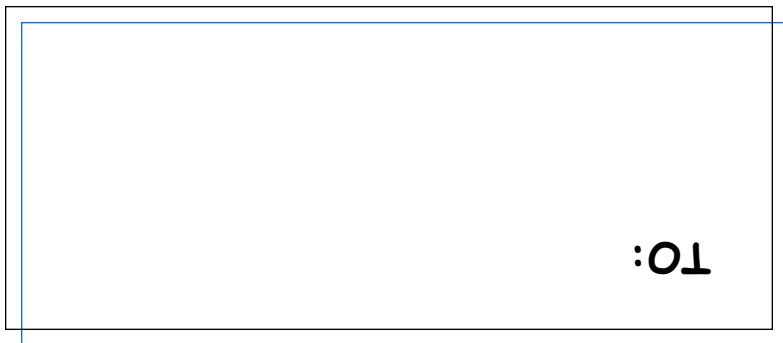
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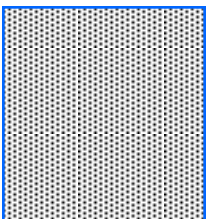
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