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The Harbor Model
A Club at the
"Feed the Firemen"
tour at station 112
in San Pedro CA.
26 members and 13
cars showed our
appreciation with
a pot luck lunch.

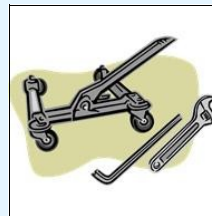
Tours

The Christmas season is fast approaching. The Harbor Club participates in two Christmas parades on the same day. The date this year is **Sunday, December 8th**. One is in El Segundo and the other is in Wilmington.

The club meeting on **Friday, December 20th** will be a tour of the light displays in the local community near the meeting hall. Drive your Model A and join the fun parade.



Technical Activities



We are still working on Al Avoian's AA truck (or any other projects) at Al's garage. We got the cab on the frame now. Meet there at 10am on Thursdays and we'll work on whatever projects happen to show up. Let's get Al's truck on the road again. Stop by and join in.

Upcoming Business Meeting

At the **November 22nd** business meeting, we will hold elections for officers for 2014-2015. The office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Tours, and Technical are up for election.

The meeting starts at 7:30PM. Come a little early and help set up. This is a great time to meet and greet old and new friends. See you there!

Next Board Meeting



The next board meeting will be the El Segundo Driving Museum on **Tuesday, December 3rd** at 7PM. We'll discuss current status and future events. All members welcome.

Please visit our awesome website
Check in it at:

www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

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Monty's Message
A Note from our President
Monty Bates



A Time to be Thankful

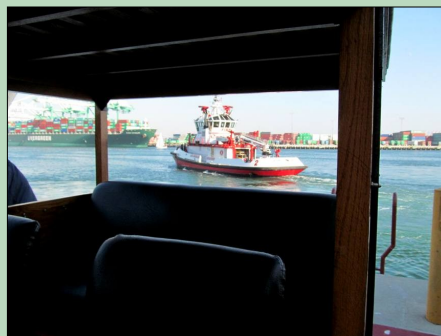
Thanksgiving Day this year brings to a close a month full of fun! It seems we get busier as the year ends and I know my family has a lot to be thankful for. Ours is a great nation and we all need to remember "the best is yet to come".

Elaine Pisu has sure kept us on our toes. The annual tour to "Feed the Fire-Fighters" was fantastic. We had a good turnout of cars (no problems), one delicious lunch and a ride out to the seawall at the entrance to San Pedro harbor. Those folks are such generous people in the time it takes to deal with all of us...another great job, Elaine!

Our Progressive was to total success again this year...super ideas and surprises. A very special "thank you" to both the Marshall's and the Goldberg's for their gracious use of their homes. I managed to spend a few dollars as we invaded Jan Wyckoff's Christmas fundraiser. Our tour of the small airport Museum proved to be very interesting, not many people actually knew it was there...all-in-all a great month for the Harbor A's.

The holiday season provides us with some new adventures...things are being planned as this goes to print...be safe out there.

Monty



The Fireboat tour
A couple pictures taken at the San Pedro fire-boat station 112. The station is right next to the USS Iowa. The flag hoist on the USS Iowa says: "Welcome Aboard" in signal flags. The harbor fire boat picture is out the back window of Tim Harrison's station wagon.

December Birthdays

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Gary Guttormson | 17 Bob DeCrescenzo |
| 3 Dorothy Wood (94) | 20 Ruxella Speights |
| 7 Dick Wenker | 21 Greg Clayton |
| 10 Dan Fitzgerald | 23 Jeannie Parrish |
| 10 Anita Perreten | 25 Jim Valot |
| 11 Sue Hankins | 25 Amy Knott |
| 15 Mary Walker | 26 Georgette Avoian |

December Anniversaries

- 1 Jack & Julie Goldberg



Happy 94th birthday to
Dorothy Wood



Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

At the November 22nd meeting we hold formal elections for next year's officers. This is one of the larger elections where we elect a new President (2 years), Vice President (2 years), Secretary (2 years), Tour Director (1 year), and Technical Director (1 year). We have a great slate up for your vote. Come by and let your voice be heard.

Oh, don't forget Mondays, 5pm at Hof's Hut, 237th and Crenshaw in Torrance. Can't forget the food!

At the last meeting, I asked all the veterans to stand and be acknowledged. We had about 10 members receive a big round of applause. The vets represented WWII, Korea, and Viet-nam. Thanks for your service.

Changing the subject a little, we editors are always looking for articles of interest to put in the newsletters. There must be some interesting Model A stories waiting to be told. For instance: How long have you had your car? Was it your first car? Have you driven it on some great journeys? Was it a family car? Did you restore it yourself? Do you have before and after pictures? Did you take a neat picture at a club event? Email them to me, or if you have photos, I can scan them and put them in the newsletter. Either way, let me know.

I have been encouraging new members of the Harbor club to receive the HarborLight by **email**. I am also asking existing members to do the same. Just let me know your current email address. It's that simple. The club saves a little more than one dollar each month per email subscriber. I have an email distribution now of 43 people from the Harbor Club and 34 others. This is more than \$800 per year savings, **AND** it is **color**! You can print it out in B&W or color if you want, enlarge it, send it to your friends, or save it in your computer files. Again, just let me know your email address. If you want a sample email version, let me know also. I will send you one.

The newsletter is distributed to many other clubs locally and to other parts of the country. If you have an item for sale, let me know. I will put it in the 'Wheels and Deals' section. Thanks . . .



Info for Harbor Installation Banquet

1. Day and Date: **Saturday, January 18, 2014**
2. Organization: Harbor Model A Club
3. Location: The Reef on the Water, 800 Harbor Scenic Drive, Long Beach, CA 90802, (562) 435-3717
4. Room: Luau
5. Time/Conclusion: 6:00PM/11:00PM (open at 5:00 for set up)
6. Type of Function: Dinner Program
7. Attendance: (Minimum 50)
- 8.
9. Three Course Dinner, Choice of:
10. Baked Salmon
11. Sirloin Steak
12. Chicken
13. Vegetable Wellington

Cost is \$40 per person. Make check out to: **Harbor MARC**
Make sure you specify which meal(s) you want in comment space
Give check to Treasurer, Daffy Wagner.

Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

Jeannie Parrish suffered a stroke and is in rehab. Richard said she is improving all the time. Her spirits are high and lots of people are praying for her. Hope you have a speedy recovery Jeannie

Dan Fitzgerald had a fall at his home a tore a rotator cuff in his shoulder. He was operated on to repair the injury and is going through the painful rehab process. His arm is in a sling and has limited mobility. This type of injury takes about six months to heal. Our thought and prayers are with you, Dan.

Joe Freitag is having back surgery to repair a pinched nerve problem. This is a serious operation and hopefully all will turn out well. We are thinking of you and hope to see you up and about soon, Joe.

Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering

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. Come on by, have a cup of Starbucks, and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



Monday Night at Hof's Hut

We have been meeting for dinner on Monday at Hof's Hut on 237th and Crenshaw for a while now. The food is good and Norma takes good care of us. Come on by and join in the festivities. Time: about 5PM.



2013 Membership, Roster and Club Items: by Ursula Schmidt

The updated **2013 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available at all get-togethers. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1.50 They are also available free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail. Contact **Ursi Schmidt** at 310-539-5391.

Just a note: We regularly update the roster. If you have any address changes, phone number changes or email changes, let Ursi know.

Also available are embroidered ball caps with the club's logo. Available in many colors \$15. There are club T-shirts, pins, and 50th anniversary cookbooks still available, too. Please call **Jan Wyckoff** at 310-322-8863 to place your order.

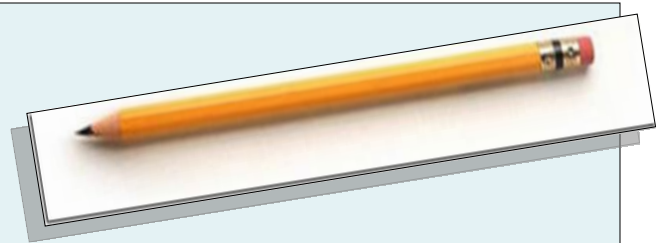


Annual Harbor Dues time:

Ursi Schmidt will start collecting annual dues. She collects club dues, \$25, and national MARC dues, \$38, at the same time. She will mail in the MARC dues for you. If you are writing a check for the \$63, make it out to HARBOR MARC.

You can mail your check to Ursi at: 26419 Pineknoll Ave., Harbor City CA 90710

Business Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2013 Walteria Clubhouse



President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier.

Recognition of Past Presidents: Present were Dick Wyckoff, Pat Yacklon, Doris & Drain Marshall and Steve Preston.

Secretary: Minutes were approved as written in the Harborlight.

Vice President: Tim Harrison showcased the table of raffle prizes.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner reported a balance of \$5735.79.

Harborlight Editor: Dick Wyckoff announced that next month's business meeting is Nov 22nd. Articles are needed by November 16th. November 11th is Veterans Day. All members who are Veterans were acknowledged and applauded.

Webmaster/Historian: Sue Hankins asked if everyone was able to get on to the website. She has added new pictures to the website. Sue received membership brochures from MAFFI. Their annual membership dues are \$25. If three members sign up, it is \$70 and a brick will be given.

Woman's prize: Teresa LeFall **Men's prize:** Jack Gordinier **Clock Prize:** Jeanne Parrish

Technical Director: Jim Speights asked if anyone needed work done on their A's. He needs more volunteers for projects.

Monty read off the list of October and November birthdays and anniversaries.

Sunshine: Doris Marshall reported that Rhoda is doing well and has a guest from England. Dorothy Wood did not feel well enough to come to the meeting. She will be 94 in December. Joan Young is not doing well.

Tour Director: Elaine Pisu said there is a Hot Wheel event Sunday at the ADM. November 10th is the "Feed the Firemen" tour to Station 112 in San Pedro. Members were requested to wear red, white and blue and bring a jacket in the event in case of a boat ride. Elaine and Mirco are bringing chicken. Everyone else can bring side dishes or salads. The club will provide the drinks. November 6th is the progressive luncheon/poker run/toy drive. Members should prepay \$10 per person, which is refundable. Dec 8th is the Wilmington and El Segundo parades. The Christmas lights tour will be preceded by a potluck and followed by a dessert party at Bobby D's.

New Business: Dick Wyckoff asked for nominations for officers. Nominations were: President-Tim Harrison, Vice President- Monty Bates, Secretary - Donnis Bates, Tour Director - Elaine Pisu, Technical Director: Cliff LeFall. Election of officers will be at the November 22 club meeting.

Refreshments: Monty thanked Georgette for all of her hard work on refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Yacklon, Secretary.



Thank You

It was another bountiful Fall pot luck at our October club meeting. This annual event brings together plenty of good food and great friends. My thanks to everyone who helped with the setting up, cleaning up and everything in between.

Georgette



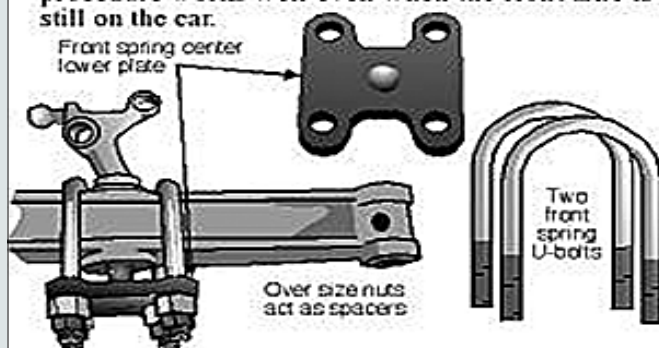
Technical Talk

Tech Tip

Submitted by Ted Kuchta

Removal of front spring perches

The front spring perches mounted in the front axle can be a very stubborn part to remove and a method that works very well is to make a press using some Model A parts. It involves using the two front spring U bolts (part # A5455B) and the front spring center lower plate (part # A5458). Remove the nut that fastens the perch in place. Place a U bolt on the axle on each side of the front wishbone and position the dimple in the spring plate over the threaded part of the spring perch. The U bolt must have good threads because this will require a lot of force and rusted or pitted threads will strip easily before the perch budges from its resting place. Non castle type nuts are recommended because they provide more thread coverage and load bearing ability. Tighten the four nuts on the U bolts uniformly. This applies pressure to push the perch out of the axle. If this does not move the perch, heat may be needed to help loosen the bond of rust. This procedure works well even when the front axle is still on the car.



From the 'Model A Judging Standards and Restoration Guidelines'

Page 3-3: Hoses and Clamps.

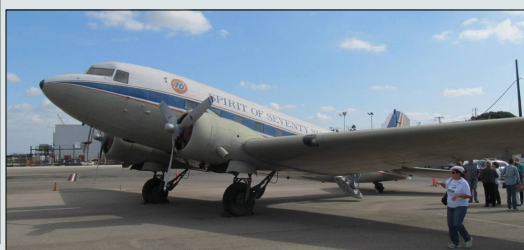
.....Original clamps were either zinc or cadmium plated and were not stamped with size numbers. The clamps were generally installed as follows:
The upper clamps both had the screw on the top side of the hose with the head toward the driver's side. The lower clamp nearest the radiator had the screws on the outside of the hose with the heads facing upward. The clamps at the inlet casting had the screws on the top of the hose with the heads toward the driver's side.



Progressive Tour Pictures



Elaine and Bobby D.
Working the poker run details



DC-3 on display at the Museum of Flight



Harbor A gang at the museum



Amy, Don, Dot, and Bill Knott



Lunch at the Goldberg's home



Our lunch hosts: Julie and Jack Goldberg

Touring with Elaine

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



NOVEMBER WAS FABULOUS!!



As we all know it takes a village to do a lot of things and this month was a real success because of all the team work that our village pulled together. Often times I come up with an idea and then my husband and others make it happen. We went to San Pedro and visited Los Angeles Fire Station #112 which is home to the LA Fire Boat that services the LA Harbor. We took a pot luck lunch for the fire personnel which included 25 pounds of marinated chicken that Mirco BBQ'd. What a delicious lunch. (Thanks Mirco) Everyone enjoyed the lunch and then we got a ride on the fire boat which is a lot of fun. The weather was beautiful and sunny. We had 30 people and 13 Model A's attend this event. Thank you Station 112 for a great day!!

Our annual Progressive/ Poker Run/ Toy Drive was a huge success. We had 15 model A's and 41 people for lunch. Again without all the help this event would never work. Mirco, Monty & Donnis pulled together the continental breakfast with bagels and cream cheese, muffins, Danish, yogurt, bananas, orange juice and coffee. Bobby "D" and I organized the Poker run and managed to have 40 people pull 2 cards at each of our 5 stops. Thanks Bobby for helping me make this happen!! Dick Wyckoff arranged the first stop at the Flight Path Museum which is on Imperial Hwy on the south side of the LAX runway. This was new to many members. Thanks Dick! We then went to support Jan Wyckoff at her church's bazaar in El Segundo. I was amazed that even the men enjoyed the shopping stop. (Hey ladies, maybe we can plan more shopping stops in the future).



Finally we headed to lunch where Julie and Jack Goldberg opened their beautiful home to all 41 of us. The lunch was amazing!!! They will be talking about that meal for a long time to come, salmon, asparagus, potato latkes, lasagna, broccoli and cauliflower. Everything was homemade and we were treated like royalty. Thanks Jack & Julie you are amazing!! Then last but not least, Drain & Doris welcomed us to their home for dessert. We had enough dessert for about 100 people so we have lots of treats to share at the monthly meeting coming up.

December we have 3 events: On **Sunday, December 8th** we are going to participate in two parades. One parade will be in Wilmington and one will be in El Segundo. We need to be in Wilmington by 10 AM. After the parade we will be going to Acapulco restaurant at Ports of Call for lunch. For the El Segundo parade, we will meet on Imperial Ave near Main St at noon. (Exact location forthcoming). Check with Dick Wyckoff for details.

December 20th we have our last club event for 2013. We are going to meet for **dinner at 5 PM** at Marie Calendars at the corner of Torrance Blvd and Hawthorne Blvd before the annual Christmas Lights Tour. Graciously Bobby & Phyllis DeCrescenzo have offered to open up their house for a cookie exchange after we tour the Sleepy Hollow Christmas Lights area. If you miss dinner, we will be meeting at Woods Hardware parking lot at the corner of Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvd at **7PM to tour the lights**. If you haven't done this event you don't want to miss it!!

Sunday, December 29th the Horseless Carriage Group will be meeting at the Irwindale Speedway (605 and 210 FWY) at 7AM and the tour begins at 10 AM. Pisu family is planning on going so let us know if you would like to caravan.

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Harbor Club on our November Tours



Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2013 and 2014

Sunday, December 8th - El Segundo Christmas Parade. 1PM to 3PM. Line up at 11:30AM. Dick Wyckoff, contact. Let Dick know if you want to be in it. He will fill you in on the details when available.

Sunday, December 8th - Wilmington Christmas parade. Elaine Pisu is coordinating this tour.

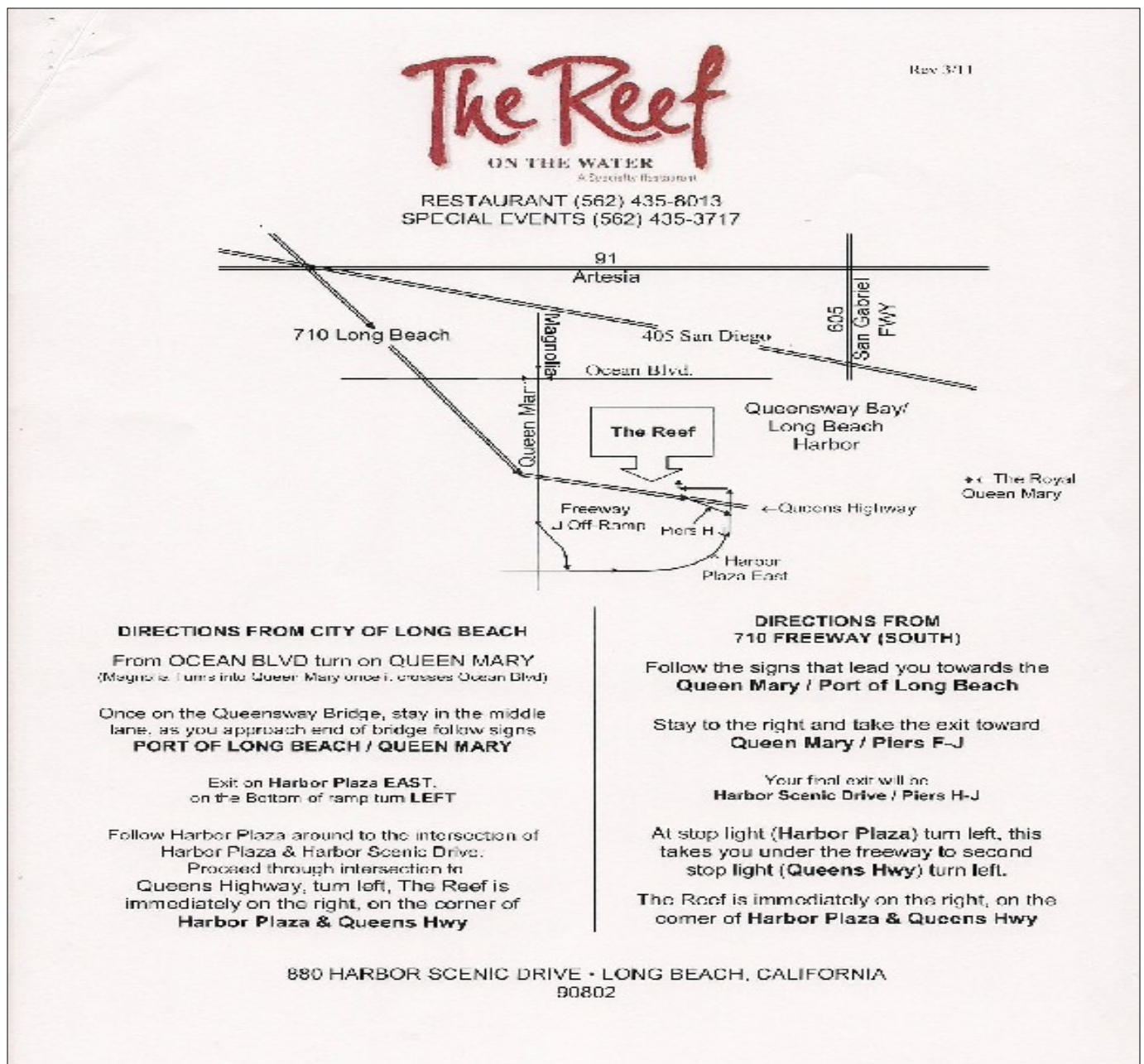
January 18th, 2014 (Sat) - Harbor Area Awards Banquet at "The Reef" in Long Beach near the Queen Mary.

April 4-6th, 2014 (Fri-Sun) - CCRG in Paso Robles CA

May 23-26, 2014 (Fri-Mon) - NCRG in Malpitas CA

July 11-13, 2014 (Fri-Sun) - Wings and Wheels in Solvang CA.

July 14-18, 2014 - 2014 MAFCA National Convention. Puyallup Washington. Website: 2014mafcanational.org



United States Pacific Fleet
and Pacific Ocean Areas
Headquarters of the Commander in Chief

December 24, 1943.

From: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas.
To: Officers and men of the staff.

1. I am very proud of the splendid manner in which the officers and men of my staff have executed their duties during the past year. Your loyal, intelligent and efficient support brings the defeat of our enemies in the Pacific closer. For your work in 1943: Well Done.

2. To all hands, my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Victorious New Year.

C. W. Nimitz
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Actual message from Admiral Nimitz to the Pacific Fleet on December 24, 1943



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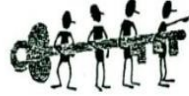


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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Waleria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one 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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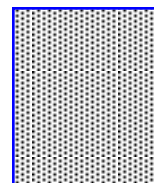
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