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## April 2014

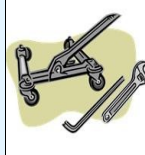
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Harbor Area Girls  
At the  
"Girls in the Garage"  
Car show  
At El Camino College  
March 15th.  
Lots of 50's era cars  
and era dressed gals.  
They loved the  
Model As!

### Tours

Busy month ahead. There is the CCRG in Paso Robles April 4-6, Bakersfield HCCA swap meet April 11-12, and then the Orange County Pancake Breakfast Sunday April 27th. We will leave early (6:15AM) from Harbor Freight for a 40 min free-way drive at 45mph. Great Model A day.



### Technical Activities

We are still working on Al Avoian's AA truck (or any other projects) at Al's garage. The truck bed is coming along. Jack Goldberg's '29 AA truck got a little TLC recently.

Our annual **Safety/Business/Pot Luck** meeting will be on **Saturday April 26th** at Pat Tucker's home in Carson. New location. More to come. Always a fun event. . . .

### Upcoming Business Meeting

The **March** meeting is **Friday, March 28th** at 7:30PM. This month we will have a **'Table Top Swap Meet'** before the business meeting at 7PM. Bring a Model A something or ? to buy, sell or swap (BS or swap). Guy's and Gal's tables. We'll open 6:30pm for set-up. Come by and join in the fun.

### Next Board Meeting



The **April** board meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 1st** at 7PM at the Auto Driving Museum in El Segundo. All are welcome.

Please visit our awesome website  
Check in it at:  
[www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com](http://www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com)

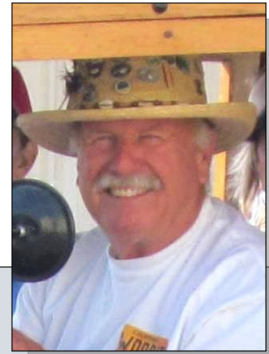
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*Tim's Team Talk*  
*A Note from our President*  
*Tim Harrison*



*"A" View from the Slow Lane*

It seems like summer is here in So Cal. Saturday we went to "Girls in the Garage" and saw a great display of vintage clothing and a unique car show. The cars were mostly 50's era cars and the people were dressed in 50's attire. Fun event. They loved our Model As!

Elaine and Mirco provided coffee and rolls for the Harbor attendees. 14 Model As from the club were in attendance. Then it was off to the Torrance airport and lecture from Tim Lynn, Channel 5 helicopter pilot and reporter. He gave a great talk and overview of his equipment.

The last stop of the day was lunch at the Olive Garden restaurant. I don't know if was just me, but it seems everything came with lots of garlic. Sure was good! (My wife is finally talking to me!) A great day for all.



Looking ahead, we are going to have the Safety/Business/Pot Luck meeting at Pat Tucker's home this year. The date is Saturday April 26th. More details at the next meetings.

One last thing. . . Ruby's diner in Redondo Beach starts up on Friday April 11th. Let's try and make it to this great local car show.

Another last minute thing . . . 40 Irish souls showed up at the Hot 'n Tot restaurant for Corned beef and Cabbage on St Patrick's day and to help celebrate Art and Daffy's 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!



**TIM**

(L) Tim presenting Past President Monty Bates with commemorative plaque and pin.



Harbor As at the  
"Girls in the Garage" car show.

A little sticky relay problem  
getting some attention by  
Dr Steve and his mechanic, Mirco.





## April Birthdays

- 1 James Walker
- 3 John Hernandez
- 8 Bill Newell
- 12 Carol Olsen
- 14 Drain Marshall
- 19 Kathy Valot



## April Anniversaries

- 28 Larry & Patti Migliazzo



## Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

This is the time of the year when all the car events start happening. Swap meets, car shows, and tours. Guess what! The Spring/Summer Ruby's Diner by the Redondo Beach pier car show is starting up again. Starting Friday night around 4PM on April 11th. This goes on until late in October when we set the clocks back again. Always a fun event with lots of cars!

Coming up also is our own Safety / Pot Luck / Business meeting. New location this year.

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

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 . . .

## Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

**Dan Fitzgerald** - Dan had his back surgery and is doing well. Several months needed for full recovery and Dan will be driving his Station Wagon again. Hang in there, Dan!

**Dick Lusk** - From Ursi ; Dick needs a new heart valve and possibly a bypass. Robotic surgery can not be done and he will need open heart surgery. More info: Dick's most recent appointment has been postponed. Awaiting new information on the procedure.

**Bill Knott** - Bill took a tumble in the night and broke a couple ribs. Spent some time in a care facility but is home now. Dot is doing her best to keep him well. Thinking of you both. Get better quickly, Bill.



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### "Cruise at the Beach" Friday afternoon at Ruby's Diner:

Starting April 11th, and all summer long, **Ruby's Diner** 245 N. Harbor Drive, in Redondo Beach (by the pier) will host a weekly gathering of fun cars. This event can bring as many as 150 cars of all types. Classics, Concours, hot rods, antiques, sports cars, motorcycles, and Model As. Many Harbor Club members show their cars and enjoy a great meal in the diner. Check it out. Times are about **4PM to 7:00PM every Friday**. There is a nice raffle and trophies are awarded each week. Parking is free to participating cars. This event will continue all summer until about October 24th, 2014. See you there.



### 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 Supper 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.



### 2014 Membership, Roster and Club Items: by Ursula Schmidt

The **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. Let Dick Wyckoff know, too. He'll put the info in the HarborLight.

**Jan Wyckoff and Jim Huizdos** are working on new club golf shirts with collars and embroidered Harbor logo. If all goes well, we will have the first order of about 30 shirts available at the March meeting. Cost is around \$20 each.

### 2014 Harbor As Annual Dues time: Last Chance!

Ursi Schmidt is 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.



### Welcome our New Members!

Please welcome new members **Larry and Patti Migliazzo**. They have a 1931 Victoria. Their address is: 11 Ferncreek Drive, Rolling Hills estates, CA 90274. Home phone: 310-378-5158 and cell: 310-259-8343. Email: [lmigliazzo@trackstarLA.com](mailto:lmigliazzo@trackstarLA.com). Larry's parents, Vince and Beverly Migliazzo are long time members also.

And (there's more): Also welcome the **Hernandez family, John, Julie and John Jr.** They live on 24239 Park St. Torrance CA 90505. Tel # is 310-373-7913. Email: [aero\\_aviation@yahoo.com](mailto:aero_aviation@yahoo.com). They have a 1930 Coupe.



## **Business Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 28th, 2014, WALTERIA PARK

**President:** Tim Harrison called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Salute to the flag:** Led by Jack Gordinier

**Recognition of Past Presidents:** Doris & Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff and Monty Bates.

**Outgoing Presidents Award Presented:** Tim presented Monty Bates with a beautiful plaque for his service to the club for the last two years.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Georgette Avoian nominated the minutes in the February edition of the HarborLight to be approved as printed, seconded by Al Avoian.

**Treasurer:** Balance is in good shape. All bills are paid.

**Vice-President:** Monty Bates said we have lots of good prizes tonight, donations from many of our club members. Big prize tonight was donated by Dick Lusk it is a 1931 Hubley Roadster (won by Bobby DeCrescenzo).

**Clock Prize:** 7:41PM \$5.00 prize won by Jim Huizdos

**HarborLight Editor:** Dick asks to let him know if you did not receive your Harbor Light. If you receive the HarborLight by e-mail you have a color copy you can print and enjoy. There are several swap meets coming up for you 'Junk-yard-dogs'. They are listed in the HarborLight. San Diego Swap meet at Qualcomm was good - lots of rims this year. HarborLight is distributed all over the United States and would love to post your items for sale. Also, please send Dick articles about 'How you got your Model A' or 'How you restored it' or any great fact or story you have about Model A's. He would love to print them for our readers.

**Historian & Webmaster:** Not present, sent photo CD from the events in 2013 with Elaine Pisu.

**Membership Drawing:** Women's Prize - Elyse Beardsley's and Men's Prize - Neil Mylar; neither were present. The Membership prize will increase to \$10.00 each for next month.

**Membership:** 51 present at the meeting. We have three new members - John Hernandez, John Hernandez Jr, and his wife Julie. We have one mystery guest from Orange County tonight - Frank Mower.

**Technical & Safety:** Cliff LeFall - Al's truck is almost on the road. We would love to have a new project to work on. There is a small group that meets every Thursday at Al Avoian's garage. Please come and join in the fun. This year we will have some technical seminars on Saturday. Please contact Cliff to schedule work you may need help with on your Model A.

**Sergeant at Arms (badge money):** \$3.75 was collected.

**Sunshine:** Rhoda is enjoying all the cards and calls she continues to receive. Jeanne Parrish is doing well after her stroke. Joe Jankiewicz is doing well. Frank Young's wife is not well, and Frank is home with her giving her the extra care she needs. Elaine's Mom fell and has a black-eye and is sore all over, but is doing better. Bill Knott does not have as many good days as he would like, but he and Dot come when they can. The rain kept them home tonight.

**Advertising:** Amy Knott not present. Dick Wyckoff confirmed that H & H, and our printer renewed their ads.

**Merchandising:** Jan Wyckoff had samples of the new club shirts that are available. Place your order with Jan for the size and color that you would like. If we place the order by the end of next month we will have them available by the next business meeting.

**Tools Coordinator:** Bobby D. put a list of our current set of tools in the HarborLight for everyone's use. He presented a Slide Hammer, our newest edition to our collection of tools. If you want to borrow a tool, call Bobby, he will have you fill out a short form and leave a deposit of \$20, which will be returned to you when the tool is returned in good condition. Bobby has a Spark Plug tap in his personal tool collection that he will loan if you have the need. Please contact him with any suggestions you may have for the purchase of new tools that you may need to use on your Model A.

**Tours:** March 15<sup>th</sup> is our next tour. Meet at Harbor Freight on the corner of Hawthorne Blvd and Artesia at 8:45. We will attend a 'Girls in the Garage' show for one (1) hour (this event is free) then off to 'Western Museum of Flight' for a presentation by KTLA Pilot reporter Tim Lynn 'Eye in the sky'; followed by lunch. Please sign up on clip board. Wear a piece of era clothing if you have it available. We are still coordinating the Safety Check meeting for some time during the month of April. Laughlin Tour is March 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>. Wings and Wheels is July 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration packets are not available yet. Elaine has a binder with all the information she has available on these events. See her to review.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Bobby DeCrescenzo's Model A is on the cover of the January-February issue of Model "A" News with an article covering its renovation inside. Dick Wyckoff suggested having a table top swap meet each month, 30 minutes (7:00 - 7:30) before each Business Meeting. There would be two tables, one for the men and one for the women. Some sellers donate some of their bounty to the club treasury. We will try it at the next business meeting to see if we like it. Jan Wyckoff has donated a CD of her world championship Shalimars quartet to the Club for tonight's Raffle. Richard Parrish presented the information on the Southern California Regional Meet that will be held this year on Saturday, September 13. This event will be a great day closing at 9:00PM that evening. The cost is \$5.00 per car there will be lunch and a Raffle. It will be three (3) times larger than last year's event. Ideas for activities are welcome.

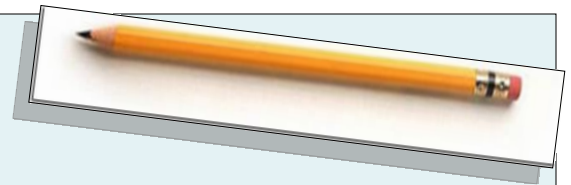
**Refreshments hosted by:** Al and Georgette Avoian

**Next General/Business Meeting:** March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Next Board Meeting:** March 4, 2014

**Meeting adjourned at:** 8:48 p.m. for slide show and refreshments

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary



## Technical Talk

### DISTRIBUTOR 4 CYL.

#### Distributor Cams

The distributor cams used in the "A" and the improved 4-cylinder cars are shown in Fig. 48. Mechanics and stock men should familiarize themselves with these two cams so as to readily identify them. On the cam used in the "A" distributor the radius does not blend with the flats. On the new distributor cam the flats blend with one side of the radius.

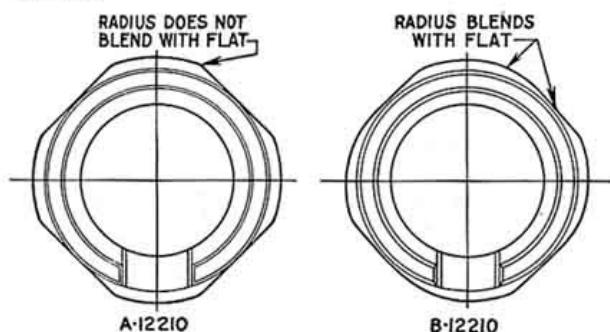


Fig. 48

The A-12210 distributor cam should never be used with the new distributor. Both A-12210 and B-12210 cams are available for service.

Ford Form 3027

## NEW CAR DIRECTIONS

**SPEED** Avoid high speeds while the car is new. To obtain best results, IT SHOULD NOT BE DRIVEN FASTER THAN 30 TO 35 MILES PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST 500 MILES.

**OIL** Keep the oil at "F" on the measuring rod, especially during the first few hundred miles. Never let it get below the mark "L." Remove measuring rod and wipe with a dry cloth before testing the level. OIL SHOULD BE CHANGED AFTER THE FIRST 500 MILES AND EVERY 500 MILES THEREAFTER.

**BRAKES** This car is equipped with 4-wheel mechanical brakes which are quick and positive in action. Keep the car under control at all times to avoid the necessity for sudden application of brakes which might result in discomfort to passengers or collision from rear.

**FAN BELT** Do not tighten fan belt. The V-type fan belt does not require tight adjustment for proper operation. Too tight an adjustment will result in excessive wear on fan belt and generator bearings, particularly at higher speeds.

**TIRES** For easy riding qualities, proper braking and long life keep the tires, both front and rear, inflated to 35 pounds.

**INSPECTION** To insure best results have an Authorized FORD DEALER (preferably the Dealer from whom you purchased your car) inspect this car and make necessary minor adjustments after the first five hundred miles of running.

**DRIVE SAFELY**

### Quick Tip by Dick Wyckoff

When you check the oil in your car, what do you do with the drop of oil on the dipstick?

A good place for the drop is on the water pump shaft by the front bearing or the rear seal. If you check the oil twice, put the drop in both places.



### Webmaster Award to Sue Hankins

The Harbor website received a Certificate of Merit for 2013. It is 1 of 4 Annual MAFCA Website Awards given to Webmasters. Great job, Sue!

### Some Thoughts to Ponder

- Only in This Stupid World  
.....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
- Only in This Stupid World  
.....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
- Why is it that Doctors call what they do 'practice'?



## **Touring with Elaine**

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

### **Now We're on a Roll!**



**Harbor A's** started out the tour season with a great turnout and 3 fun stops. Meeting at Harbor Freight in Hawthorne was a great opportunity to use your "Free" coupon. Four of us picked up free flashlights. We then headed to "Girls in the Garage All Girl Car Show and Vintage Fashion Exchange" at El Camino College. The girls running the show were delighted to see our Model A's cruise in for a visit. We wandered around and saw some fun antique jewelry and fashions as well as some nice cars. I thought the lace parasol was the most enticing but resisted the urge to buy. Jan Wyckoff and Joan Gordinier had a great time searching through the thimble collection.



When we left the car show we headed to the Western Museum of Flight in Torrance. It was wonderful to watch the other visitors at the museum delight as 14 Model A's pulled in and parked between the museum hangers. We listened to KTLA Pilot/Reporter Tim Lynn describe his life in the sky. The multi-tasking that goes on reporting and flying over So Cal is amazing. He is also the pilot whose helicopter started smoking over Hollywood and he had to "put it down" at Franklin and Hollywood Blvd. Fortunately he found an empty parking lot and no one was hurt. A great speaker and enjoyed by all 30 of us.

And of course no tour would be complete without food. So we headed to The Olive Garden nearby and enjoyed a wonderful lunch.

April is going to be a very busy month. Several members will be going to CCRG in Paso Robles. If you are planning on going, please let us know and we can try to caravan up.

Our technical director is busy planning the safety check/ Pot Luck. Some details on page one.

One of the all-time favorite events is the **Orange County Pancake Breakfast**. It seems that every year we are one of the last groups to arrive so I have been persuaded to leave earlier. **Meet at Harbor Freight at 6AM on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>, leaving at 6:15.** We will also try and coordinate driving back in groups so no one is traveling alone.

## **Ford Institutes Model "A" Ford Recall**

**Detroit (NP)** The Ford Motor Company, recognizing the runaway accelerators of various Toyota models, has swiftly reacted to a report of a Nebraska couple who reported that their Model A Ford suddenly experienced full-throttle, rocketing down the road at speeds up to 40 miles an hour. Although the cars are nearly a hundred years old, Ford quickly ordered a full recall of all 1928-1931 Fords to examine the accelerators.

Ford had spent nearly \$9 on the recall when it learned from the original owner of the first-reported runaway car that his wife, a blonde, had hung her purse on the gas lever.

*From the Meadowlark Model A Ford Club*



## *Wheels & Deals:*

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## *Double Event Saturday. Car Show and Celebrity Lecture*



After the Harbor As attended the 'Girls in the Garage' car show at El Camino College, Tour Director Elaine Pisu led us to the Western Museum of Flight at the Torrance Airport. There we attended a lecture by Tim Lynn, TV station KTLA pilot/reporter, 'Eye in the Sky'. 27 club members and 14 Model As attended the very interesting event.

Lots of interesting flight history exhibits. After the tours, we had a great lunch at Olive Garden restaurant. Fun day by Elaine!



14 Harbor Area As lined up at Museum



A view from inside the museum



Tim Lynn explaining things about his 'Eye in the Sky' helicopter



One of Tim Lynn's more memorable events. That's his copter!



## ***Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2014***

**April 4-6th, 2014 (Fri-Sun) - CCRG** in Paso Robles CA. Host hotel is Holiday Inn. Info on MAFCA website.

**April 11-12, (Fri-Sat) - HCCA Swap Meet** in Bakersfield at the fair grounds. Ming off ramp of 99. one mi East  
More info: 661-325-2840.

**April 26th (Sat) - Harbor As annual Safety check / Business meeting / Pot luck** at Pat Tucker's home.  
(New Loc'n) Her address is 21808 Dolores St. Carson CA 90745. Start time is 9AM. More to come.

**April 27th, (Sun) - Orange County MAFC Annual Pancake Breakfast** at Hart Park in Orange CA

**May 3rd (Sat) - 2014 Edelbrock Car Show** at Vic's Garage 210 Madrid Ave. Torrance CA 90501. 9AM-4PM

**May 18th (Sun) - Horseless Carriage Antique Car Tour** to Muckenthaler Museum and Concours d' Elegance in Fullerton. We did this last year and it was a good tour.

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

**May 31st (Sat) - 1st Annual Manhattan Beach Concours d' Elegance.** Mira Costa High School 10am -4pm.

**June 28th (Sat) - Orange County Model T Club swap meet.** El Dorado High School 1651 Valencia Ave, Placentia CA 92870. 6AM to 2PM

**June 29th (Sun) - Henry Ford Picnic** by the Downey MAFC, Diamond Tread Chapter. Santa Fe Springs

**June 29th (Sun) - 44th Antique Nationals** Auto Club Dragway 9300 Cherry Ave Fontana CA Info: 661-255-1931

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

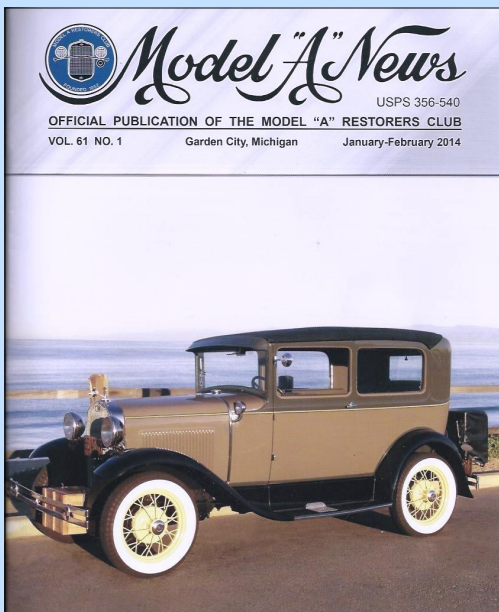
**July 14-18, 2014 -2014 MAFCA National Convention.** Puyallup Washington. Website: 2014mafcnational.org

**July 26th (Sat) - Long Beach Model T Club 60th annual Swap Meet.** Los Alamitos Race Track. Free admission.

**Sept 13th (Sat) - Orange County MAFC** will host the **International Model A Day** event. More info when available.

**October 5th (Sun) - Frazier Park picnic** sponsored by the Bakersfield MAFC. 90 mile drive. Fun event!

## ***Bobby DeCrescenzo Makes the Front Page!***

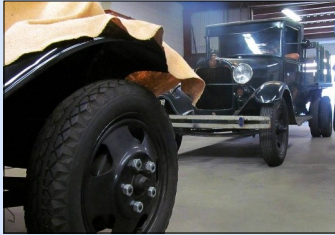


Harbor's own 'Bobby D' made the front cover of the Jan-Feb 2014 *Model A News*. His beautiful '30 Tudor Sedan was the featured car. Inside was a nice article on his restoration.



## Double 'A' day at the Garage of Al Avoian

Al's '31 AA truck project has been going on for a few months when Jack Goldberg brought his '29 AA truck to the shop for a little brake work. It was quite an education to see the differences in the two cars. Brakes, wheels, cab, transmissions, rear ends, etc. We did get Jack's front brakes back in service and the rears were left for the next time. He did get home safely . . . .



Monty and Al workin' the details

Al Avoian and Ted Dalton

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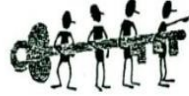


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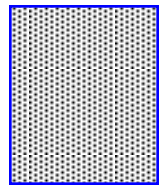
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