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## April 2015

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Dick and Jan Wyckoff with their '30 Cabriolet and a 1929 Ford Tri-Motor airplane at Long Beach CA airport.

### Tours

Some fun events coming up. Elaine has set up a visit to the Space Museum in LA to see the space shuttle Endeavour. That will be **Saturday, March 28th.**

The CCRG in Santa Maria is always a fun time. A great tour to Vandenberg is planned. This will be **April 10-12.** Several Harbor members are already signed up.



As you can see, some fun events in the near future.

### Technical Activities

We're planning the yearly Safety Seminar to be held at Pat Tucker's home on Saturday, March 21st.



The latest project at the Saturday garage gathering is the installation of a new top on Gary Guttormson's Coupe. It's coming along and we're learning as we go. A fun project.

If you have another project that needs help, let Cliff LeFall know and we will get it going. Everyone learns from these projects. Join us each Saturday at Al's garage.

### Upcoming Business Meeting

The March business meeting will be **Saturday, March 21st** at our annual

#### Safety Seminar.

Loc'n: Home of Pat Tucker,  
20108 Dolores St., Carson CA 90745.

Time: 9AM 'till 2PM

The event is pot luck.

A-L brings Salad/ Side dish

M-Z brings a Main Dish

Drive your Model A and get it inspected!

### Next Board Meeting

The April Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 7th, 7PM** at the Toyota Auto Museum, 19600 Van Ness Ave., Torrance CA. We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome



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Check it out:

[www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com](http://www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com)

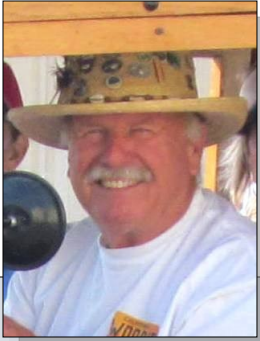
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**Tim's Team Talk**  
**A Note from our President**  
**Tim Harrison**



**"A" View from the Slow Lane**

As 2015 get rolling, I believe the strength of our club is in our membership. Our Monday night dinners at Hof's Hut always number 30 plus energetic people sharing ideas and stories of past Model "A" experiences and plain old socializing. (Gary usually tells a motorcycle story.)

Members are eager to meet at Al's garage on Saturdays to work on Al's "AA" truck and other projects as they come up. Gary's coupe is getting a new top as we speak!

Daylight savings will invite tour goers to spruce up their cars and do those much needed maintenance projects. Cliff LeFall is organizing our annual safety check to help with any needs or concerns you might have about your "A". This will be at Pat Tucker's again this year. Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 9AM. Pot Luck, as always.

I know Elaine is looking forward to our March 28<sup>th</sup> excursion to the LA Space Museum and two weeks later to the CCRG in Santa Maria CA. I am sure there will be a stops to eat somewhere in there to round out the day.

I would like to thank Elaine and Mirco for hosting the annual Super Bowl Party at their house with the record attendance of 30 plus people. It was a great game and the Pisu's guest from Italy, Francesca, won the pool!

As I end, I would like to say as Monty would say, it is important to enjoy our cars, have fun, and enjoy each other.

***Tim***

**Teacher Arrested at JFK**

A public school teacher was arrested today at John F. Kennedy International Airport this morning as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule and a calculator. At a press conference just before noon today, Attorney General Eric Holder said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. Although he did not identify the man, he confirmed the man has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction.

'Al-Gebra is a problem for us', the Attorney General said. 'They derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values.' They use secret code names like "X" and "Y" and refer to themselves as "unknowns" but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country. As the Greek philosopher Isosceles used to say, "There are 3 sides to every triangle." The Attorney General went on to say "Teaching our children sentient thought processes and equipping them to solve problems is dangerous and puts our government at risk."

***Belated Thanks. . . .***

The club wishes to thank both **CW Moss** and **Hof's Hut** for their generous contributions to our rewards banquet in January. Their continuing support of our club is very much appreciated.

***Harbor 'Sunshine status***

Our Sunshine Chair, **Doris Marshall**, had surgery on a broken toe. She stubbed it on a table leg at home and it required surgery to correct the problem. Hope all is well in your recovery, Doris. . . .

**Jesse Dykes** is recovering from surgery for a hiatal hernia. Get well soon, Jesse.

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**Carla Hibbard** is slowly recovering from back surgery. Hope to see you real soon, Carla. . .



## 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

A couple things of interest this month. . . Jan's granddaughter, **Hayley Erin**, is the character **Kiki** in the TV soap General Hospital. Her first appearance was Late February and has been a regular ever since. She has been on and off in TV and was a kid's clothing model for many years. What a great thrill to see Hayley on TV every day. Check her out. She is the one with the long blond hair.

Jan and I celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 7th by driving our '30 Cabriolet down to the Long Beach airport to see the 1929 Ford Tri-Motor plane. Took some great pictures. Then we went by the Neighborhood Church in Palos Verdes CA where we were married and took some more pictures. The weather was perfect and the Model A ('Tootsie') performed flawlessly. A great day. . .



First drive March 7, 2007

### A little behind the scenes info and requests from the editor

We are still on for Mondays, 5pm at **Hof's Hut**, 237th and Crenshaw in Torrance. Can't forget the food! Join in the activities. We get 25 - 30 members there!

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 45 people from the Harbor Club and 34 others. This is more than \$800 per year savings, **AND** it is in **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 . . .



### [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 the staff takes good care of us. Come on by and join in the festivities. Time: about 5PM.



### ["Cruise at the Beach" Friday afternoons at Ruby's Diner:](#)

We don't have the exact date, but Ruby's will be starting up again soon. (Probably mid-April)

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 drawing and trophies are awarded each week.

Parking is free to participating cars.

This event will continue all summer until about October 31st, 2015  
Hope to see you there.



### [2015 Membership, Roster and Club Items:](#)

by Ursula Schmidt & Jan Wyckoff

The new **2015 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 phone-book/roster by mail. Contact **Ursi Schmidt** at 310-539-5391.

Make sure Ursi has your current 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.

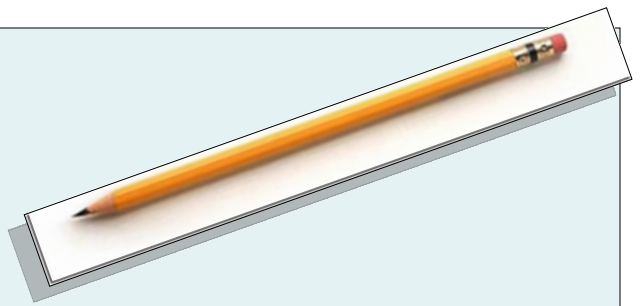
**Jan Wyckoff** got in a new shipment of Harbor polo shirts. She has blue, grey and some new white shirts available for sale at \$20 each. Hopefully she has your size as they are going fast! Those of you that ordered one in advance, she has them ready for pickup. Be sure and wear them to the club's events. Elaine Pisu found some more blue vests. See Jan for details. They run \$31.

How about a ball cap to go with the shirt or vest? Jan has them, too.



## Business Meeting Minutes

Date: February 27, 2015 Location: Walteria Park



**President:** Tim Harrison called meeting to order at 7:34p.m.

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

**Recognition of Past Presidents:** Dick Wyckoff, Pat Yacklon, Monty Bates, Doris and Drain Marshall

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Ruxella Speights moved that the minutes in the January edition of the HarborLight be approved as printed; the motion was seconded by Doris Marshall.

**Vice-President:** Monty Bates. Reviewed a few of the exhibited opportunity drawing prizes.

**Treasurer:** Daffy Wagner. We are doing fine.

**Clock Prize:** The \$5.00 prize was won by Theresa LeFall

**HarborLight Editor:** Dick Wyckoff. If you get a digital copy (via e-mail) of the 'Award Winning' HarborLight it is in color. Remember that the HarborLight is a great place to advertise items for sell. Our distribution is nationwide, so there are a lot of readers. If you want to buy something it is also a great source. Get the information to him and he will publish in the next edition of the HarborLight. A List of the tools our club owns is included in this month's issue.

**Historian & Webmaster:** Sue Hankins. The list of tools is also posted on our web site. Anything new or that you want published be sure and get it to her and she will be sure it gets on our website

**Membership Drawing:** Women's Prize - Elaine Pisu \$5.00. Men's Prize - Mike Wright \$5.00.

**Membership:** Ursi Schmidt. Not present. We welcomed new club members Dennis and Linda Simpson this evening. They have a 1930's Briggs Town Sedan, which he purchased from Bob Speaks. Tim Harrison reminded everyone to please pick up a few 'Harbor Area Model A Club' business cards and hand them out to people who express an interest in our club and activities. Our goal this year is to enroll 20 new members. Thank you all for your help.

**Technical & Safety:** Cliff LeFall. We have our safety check scheduled for Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> at Pat Tucker's Starts at 9:00M - First come first served, ends around 2:00PM. Includes potluck & short business meeting. Gary Guttormson's Model A is our current seminar project car. We are teaching and learning to put a new roof on a Model A. We will be scheduling 'Restoring a gear shift tower' in the near future. We meet at Al's garage at 10:00 on Saturday's. Please call Cliff to schedule any specific seminar that addresses a special need you may have.

**Sergeant at Arms (badge money):** Jack Gordinier collected \$3.57 from members who did not have their badges.

**Sunshine:** Doris Marshall's sun is not shining in her world right now. She thanked everyone for attending son Thom's memorial and for the many cards and phone calls they have received

**Advertising:** Amy Knott. The renewal payments are still being received for the yearly ads. The cost is \$25.00 for the year. Always looking for new advertisers. If you know of anyone who may be interested, let her know and she will contact them.

**Merchandising:** Jan Wyckoff. We have Men's and Women's polo shirts, t-shirts, hats and vests with our logo embroidered on the front. They are available to purchase.

**Tools Coordinator:** Bobby De Crescenzo. The Club owns 32 tools specialized for Model A's. And they are available for all club members to borrow. If we don't have something, let us know and we can see about purchasing it for the club's use. Process is simple, you leave a small deposit, when you return the tool you get your deposit back. Just contact Bobby and he will have it ready for you.

**Refreshments:** Ruxella Speights. Safety Check Potluck - Last name starts with A-L Salads or Side dish, M-Z Main Dish. If you would like to bring a desert please contact Ruxella to coordinate.

**March Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Tim Harrison announced the following:

**Birthdays** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Dianne Runyon, 8<sup>th</sup> Richard Parrish, 12<sup>th</sup> Margret Gott, 17<sup>th</sup> Ellen Peterson, 21<sup>st</sup> Bill Gaugler, 24<sup>th</sup> Jay Skinner, 25<sup>th</sup> Diana Murphy, 25<sup>th</sup> Jack Goldberg, 28<sup>th</sup> Jim Perreten and 31<sup>st</sup> Al Avoian

**Anniversaries** - 7<sup>th</sup> Jan & Dick Wyckoff, 7<sup>th</sup> Tim & Pat Harrison, 10<sup>th</sup> Monty & Donniss Bates, 20<sup>th</sup> Daffy & Art Wagner, 24<sup>th</sup> Janice & Ted Dalton and 31<sup>st</sup> Joy & Dave Pierson

**Tours:** Elaine Pisu. Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> "Space Shuttle Endeavour" at the California Science Center. Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:45AM, leaving at 9:00AM. Parking information TBD. Lunch to follow. ♦ Save the dates for the following tours: CCRG in Santa Maria - April 10th - 12<sup>th</sup> (Cut off to tour Vandenberg Air force Base is March 1<sup>st</sup>), Pancake Breakfast - April 26<sup>th</sup>, NCRG - May 22th - 25<sup>th</sup>, Henry Ford Picnic - June 28<sup>th</sup>, Wings and Wheels - July 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Refreshments hosted by:** Jack & Joan Gordinier

**Next General/Business Meeting:** March 21st, 2015 at our annual safety check & potluck at Pat Tucker's.

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 'Toyota USA Car Museum', 19600 Van Ness Blvd, Torrance.

**Meeting adjourned:** Drain Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting, Jim Speights seconded. We adjourned at 8:22p.m. for our opportunity drawing.

Respectfully submitted; *Donnis Bates*, Secretary

## Technical Talk

### LED Tail Lights by Dick Wyckoff

Jan and I were at the MAFCA National Meet this last summer in Washington and I noticed that many of the touring cars had very bright, visible tail lights / running lights. This was very obvious when we were stretched out along the highway and the bright lights really stood out. I finally talked to one of the drivers of the cars and he told me that the bright lights were LED tail lights. I was aware of LED lights but didn't associate them with Model As until then. When asked where he got them, he replied most of the parts vendors sell them.

This last month I checked the catalogs and found them listed along with the standard bulb-type tail light. I called Bratton's and told Walt what I had and he guided me to the parts I needed. They were here in a couple days and I installed them. What a difference!

The lights come in different configurations. You have 6V or 12V, left / right, all red lens or red and amber, complete assembly or LED inserts. Some additional resistance in the circuit to make them work properly may be needed. Instructions come with the assemblies.

I have turn indicators in my cowl lights and turn indicators in the tail lights, too. Just for the record, I purchased Bratton's part numbers 18982 and 18992 complete assemblies. I took the old original assemblies off and replaced them with the new ones. No fancy wiring, Nothing. Bolt on. They are working just fine. Turn indicators work, hazard warning lights work, stop lights work. All is well.

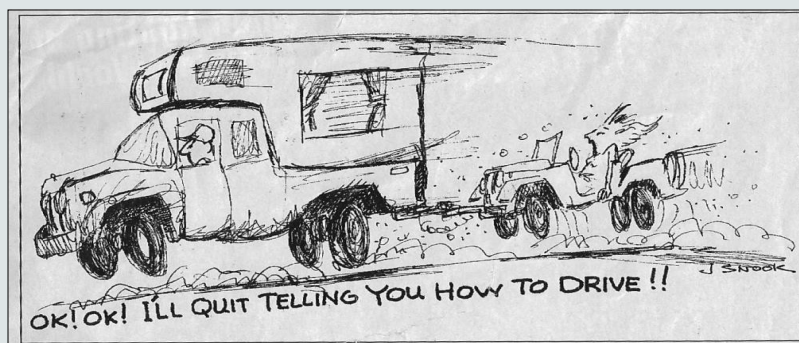
I took a couple pictures of the before and after results. I think you will agree that they do make a big difference.



Original Bulb-type  
Tail Light  
Before replacement



New LED  
Tail light assembly  
After installation





**Touring with Elaine**  
By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



**Movin' Right Along. . .**

This is the time of the year when we line up lot's of trips. As you can see by the list of events (so far), we are going to have some fun in the near future.

Two weeks after our trip to the Science Center, we will be attending the CCRG in Santa Maria. The fun thing there is, on Friday, April 10th, Santa Maria Model A Club has arranged for a tour of Vandenberg Air Base. The deadline for sign-ups was March 1st. That should be a fantastic tour!

Two weeks after that, we have the ever popular Orange County Pancake Breakfast. Last year we met at 6:30AM at Harbor Freight and left for Orange County at 6:45. It worked out perfectly so we will do that again this year.

That's all for now. . . . More details in the future as plans firm up.

Keep driving those Model As **SAFELY!**

**March Tour**

**Saturday, March 28th:** Meet at Harbor Freight 8:45. Leave at 9:00 to visit the **Space Shuttle Endeavour** at the California Science Center. Lunch to follow.

**Save the Dates:**

- CCRG in Santa Maria  
April 10-12, 2015
- Pancake Breakfast  
April 26th, 2015
- NCRG:  
May 22-25, 2015
- Henry Ford Picnic:  
June 28, 2015
- Wings and Wheels:  
July 17-18, 2015

***Elaine***



## Wheels & Deals:

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• Model A **exhaust manifold** with built in heater, in perfect shape, easy to install, bolt-in, replaces your existing exhaust manifold perfectly and adds a heater to your car. Asking \$100. Please call Jim Beardsley, 310-466-1122



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•Wanted: 1930/31 Original **spare tire side mount arm** that fits the front fender. Also, a left front fender splash apron OR a complete junk fender that the apron is still usable. THANKS. Leonard Funk (562) 425-8747 Between 6-9 p.m.

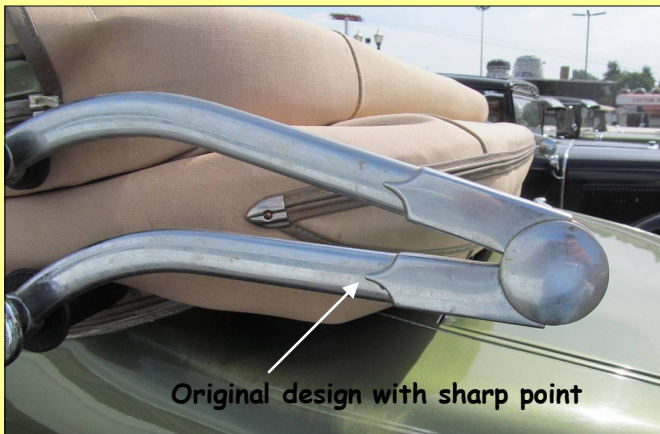
•Wanted: **68C Cabriolet slant door/window moldings.**

Call Carl at 760-938-2250 or email: bigpine@zoho.com

•Wanted: **30/31 Model A Tudor**, older restoration.

Call or text Neil at 562-577-0612 or email: nmylar@aol.com

• **Used Christmas and greeting cards.** (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. Ursi (310) 539-5391 and Doris (310) 378-5061.



## Restored or Over-Restored?

By Dick Wyckoff

While at the MAFCA meet in Washington, I did a little study on landau irons on Cabriolets. I chose Cabriolets because I have one and spent 6 years gathering parts and information. My car is far from perfect, but I left parts unrestored to preserve their character and detail. Landau irons specifically.

One item of interest to me is the landau irons on a Cabriolet. Unrestored has a lot of detail that can easily be removed by the plating and buffing processes. I took some pictures to illustrate my point.

Check the detail around the point of the design. Originally, it was very sharp. When not properly handled in the plating /polishing process, the beautiful detail is destroyed or almost completely removed. See for yourself.



Not bad.  
Some detail removed



Detail totally removed



Detail design gone!



## [Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2015](#)

**April 10-12 (Fri-Sun) - CCRG** in Santa Maria CA. More info on website: [www.SantaMariaModelaclub.com](http://www.SantaMariaModelaclub.com)

**April 10 (Fri) - Bakersfield National Swap Meet**, 1142 South P St, Bakersfield CA (in the Fairgrounds) 7AM, \$5

**April 19th (Sun) - 30th Annual Knott's Berry Farm All Ford Show.** 10AM to 3PM. Buena Park CA  
Celebrating Ford, Lincoln and Mercury from 1903 to 2015

**April 26th (Sun) - Orange County Model A Pancake Breakfast.** Hart Park, Orange CA. 8AM to Noon. Always a great event. Lots of old friends and old cars! Great raffle.

**May 2nd (Sat) - Edelbrock 10th Annual Car Show.** 9AM - 4PM. Vic's Garage, 510 Madrid Ave., Torrance CA 90501. Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Classics, Trucks. Open to All. Info: Edelbrock.com

**June 6th (Sat) - Steve McQueen Car & Motorcycle Show.** Benefits the Boys Republic, 1907 Boys Republic Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709. Info: [stevemcqueenancarshow.com](http://stevemcqueenancarshow.com)

**June 13-14 (Sat - Sun) - Swap Meet Model T Club of Riverside.** Western Little League Headquarters 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA. 6AM. Free admission/parking.

**June 27th (Sat) - OC Model T Club Swap Meet - 6AM - 2PM** El Dorado High School  
1651 Valencia Ave., Placentia 92870

**June 28th (Sun) - 45th Antique Nationals.** Auto Club Dragway, Fontana CA. Admin: \$20. Info: 661-255-1931.

**July 25 (Sat) - 61st Long Beach Model T Club Swap Meet.** Los Alamitos Race Course. 4961 Katella, Los Alamitos Ca 90720. Sat 7AM to ?. Free admission. Space info: Call Jeff 562-597-5936.

**Sept 27th (Sun) - Paradise Valley Model A Club antique car Swap Meet.** 6AM to 3PM. Free admission.  
Western Little League Regional Headquarters, 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA 92407

## 1929 Ford Tri-Motor "The Tin Goose"

By Dick Wyckoff



It all started with Jan saying "What do you want to do today?" on our 33rd wedding anniversary. As it turns out, the Experimental Aircraft Association was displaying their 1929 Ford Tri-Motor airplane at the Long Beach CA Airport that day. Having never seen the plane up close, I decided we should drive our 1930 Ford Cabriolet to Long Beach to see it. It was a kind-of a double celebration because we drove the car for the first time after it's restoration on our 25th anniversary in 2007

Anyway, we went from El Segundo to Long Beach and met with the EAA folks and, with some help from Tom Sutfin, we got permission to do a photo op with the plane. The folks in charge were very friendly and enjoyed the moment as much as we did. We probably stayed with the plane for a half hour and many folks used the opportunity for their photos, too.



A little history of the aircraft: Henry Ford brought mobility to millions of Americans and created a new market with his Model T 'Tin Lizzie' automobile from 1909 to 1927. After WWI, he recognized the growing potential for mass air transportation. Ford's Tri-Motor aircraft, nicknamed 'Tin Goose', was designed to build another new market, airline travel. To overcome concerns of engine reliability, Ford specified three engines and added features for passenger comfort, such as an enclosed cabin.

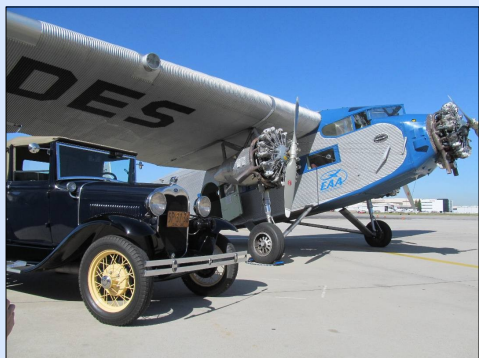
Ford Motor Company built 199 tri-motors from 1926 through 1933. EAA's model 4-AT-E was number 146 off Ford's innovative assembly line and first flew on August 21, 1929.

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The plane was sold to Pitcairn Aviation's passenger division, Eastern Air Transport, whose paint scheme is replicates on EAA's Tri-Motor. This is why the Ford resides in the Pitcairn Hanger at Pioneer Airport. Eastern Air Transport later became Eastern Airlines.

The plane was used in several ways, such as barnstorming in 1949. At that time it was refitted with two 450 HP engines and one 550 HP engine and used as a crop duster. Further modifications in 1958 for use by smoke jumpers.



After several years of various roles including movies, it was at a fly-in in Wisconsin when a severe wind storm ripped the plane from its tie-downs, lifted it 50 feet in the air and smashed it to the ground on its back. EAA subsequently purchased the wreckage for its Aviation Foundation.

After a 12 year restoration by EAA staff and volunteers, the plane took to the air again in its official debut at the 1985 EAA convention in Oshkosh. It was displayed until 1991 when it returned to its former role of delighting passengers on tour.



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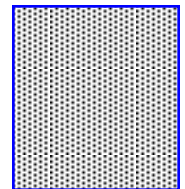
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