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## February 2017

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### Tours



The big event this month is the Annual Banquet. It will be held this year on Sunday, January 22nd at the Reef restaurant in Long Beach. The address is 880 Harbor Scenic Dr., Long Beach 90802. Time: 5-6pm Social hour; 6-11 Banquet.

### Technical Activities



Al's Garage is open again every Saturday morning about 10am to about noon. Bring in your project and let the experts have a look at it. Water pumps were the hot topic last time. Bring it by. . . See you there.

### Upcoming Business Meetings

The **January** business meetings will be the annual banquet.  
The **February** business meeting will be **Friday, February 17th, 2017**. (Note change of Fridays). We will meet at the Walteria Clubhouse at 7:30pm.  
Come a little early and help set up and chat with your Model A friends.

### Next Board Meeting



The February Board meeting is Tuesday, February 7th, 2017 at 7PM. It will be at the Toyota Auto Museum, 19600 Van Ness Ave., Torrance Ca. We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome.

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



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Monty's Team Talk  
A Note from our President  
Monty Bates



"A" View from the Running Board

The drought of the past few years seems to be over...we can take the bricks out of our toilets and water the front yard again...at least it looks that way in northern California. Our winter is about half over and I am happy to live in our little corner of America. The elections are over (thank God) and we can now come together as one nation.

Sure looks like 2017 will be a totally terrific year as we celebrate 60 years as a club with planned events starting with our annual banquet at "the Reef" on Sunday, January 22nd. Lots of tours, a Super Bowl party, conventions, picnics and our habit of eating everywhere we go!!!! The best thing is our pure enjoyment of our cars and being together.

I do wish to acknowledge the loss of one of our senior members and a good friend, Georgette Avoian...she will be missed by all who knew her.

I am still trying to come up with ideas to get more young people in our club...we have a lot to offer but need methods of involving another generation of folks...please come talk to me should you have any ideas!!! Thank you all once again for all the fun we had in 2016 and for what looks like an exciting year ahead!!! Take care of your cars, your families and have fun.

Be safe out there!

Monty



**Sunshine Status** with Doris Marshall

**Jan Wyckoff** is still fighting the irregular heartbeat and diminished lung capacity issues. It has left her exhausted and tired. Be strong , Jan. Love you.





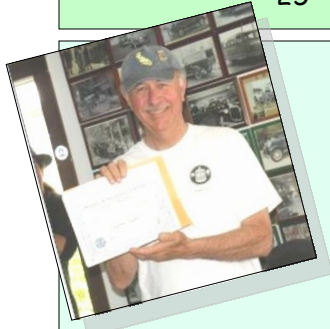
## February Birthdays

- 2 Laura Pahls
- 3 Don Knott
- 5 Ron Ragon
- 5 Phil Bonneau
- 9 Gloria Younkin
- 15 Elaine Pisu
- 23 Liz Fitzgerald
- 24 Dick Wyckoff
- 25 Daffy Wagner



## February Anniversaries

14 Jim & Anita Perreten



### Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

I haven't done much driving lately due to the rain we have had in So Cal. The local mountains and the ski areas up north have great snow which will replenish the reservoirs. Drought gone! I can now water my lawn when it needs it. . . .

My condolences to the Avoian family with the passing of Georgette. She put up a great battle. Her services were well attended by club members.

Was handed a flyer for the Orange County club's annual Pancake breakfast to be held on Sunday, April 2nd. The Harbor Club has been going to this event forever, it seems. A fun little drive of about 45 minutes on the freeway to Hart Park in Orange CA. We see our Model A friends from San Diego to the San Fernando Valley. Always a great event.

Several members are going to the CCRG in Porterville, CA March 24-25, a week before the OC breakfast. Jan and I would like to do it but Jan is on oxygen and I haven't figured out how to work it out yet. There has to be a way!

Be safe out there. Watch out for those old cars and drivers!

**Dick**



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

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 about \$1.25 each month per email subscriber. I still have 38 snail mail subscribers with an email distribution now of 56 people from the Harbor Club and 34 others. This is more than \$950 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.



### 2017 Dues are due!

Ursi Schmidt is collecting dues for next year. Send your Harbor dues of \$30 to Ursi. Make check out to **Harbor MARC** and send to:

Ursula Schmidt  
26419 Pineknoll Ave.  
Harbor City, CA 90710

If you would also like to pay MARC national dues at the same time, add \$45 and make the check out for \$75. She will then forward your \$45 to MARC.



Looking for a set of good usable **Original 1931 Tudor sedan Rain Gutters**. Must be 65" Long. Not 1929 they are a little too short for the 1931. The 1929 used the drip rail corner / tip in the front corners. Please let me know if you can help. Thank you.

**Justin 661 944 0356**. Please leave a message if I'm not in.

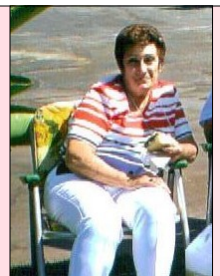
### 2016 Membership, Roster and Club Items:

The club is looking for a permanent volunteer to take over the merchandise effort for the club. Jan Wyckoff has been doing it for three years and health reasons force her to resign from the job. This would be shirts, hats, etc. Please contact Monty or Jim Huizdos if interested. Thanks

The **2016-2017 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** will be 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. 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**.

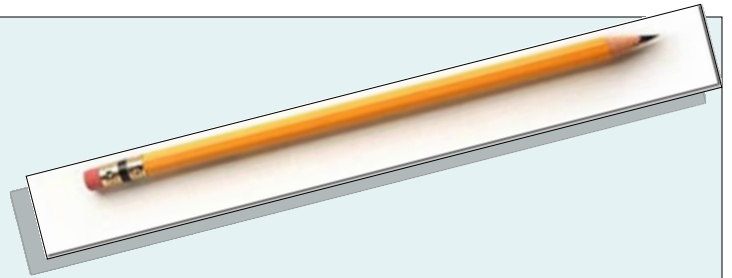
**Georgette Avoian** passed away four days after Christmas at the age of 81. A 37 year member of the Harbor Club. She was an active member until recently when lung issues took her life. Memorial services were well attended by club members. We will miss her spirit and our condolences go out to husband Al, daughters Elizabeth and Sandi and grandchildren Erica and David.





## HARBOR MARC/MAFCA CLUB MEETING

Date: December 16th, 2016  
Location: The Olive Garden Restaurant



**President:** Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

**Salute to the flag:** Waived

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Elaine Pisu moved that the minutes be approved as printed in the Harbor-Light; the motion was seconded by Dick Wyckoff



**FORMAL DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS  
WAS WAIVED FOR THIS MEETING.**

**THERE WERE 44 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Vice President: / Treasurer: / HarborLight Editor: / Historian/Webmaster: / Membership: / Membership Drawing: / Technical & Safety: / Sergeant at Arms: / Sunshine: / Advertising: / Birthdays and Anniversaries: / Tools Coordinator: / Tours: / Merchandise: / Refreshments: / Clock Prize: / Old Business: / New Business:**

**Next General Meeting:** Sunday January 22nd, at our annual banquet (The Reef in Long Beach)

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, January 3rd (7:00pm at the Toyota facility)

**Meeting adjourned:** Jack Gordinier moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Gloria Younkin. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM

CLUB MEMBERS AND GUEST ALL MET AT WOODS ACE HARDWARE AT 7:00pm FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR AT 7:45 pm.

AFTER OUR TOUR THROUGH THE STREETS OF TORRANCE FESTIVE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, WE ALL MET AT BOBBY & PHYLLIS DECRESCENZO'S HOME FOR OUR ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE AND CHRISTMAS GATHERING.

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary



## Technical Talk

The Harbor Club has a nice assortment of Model A tools for loan to members. When you borrow them, we ask that you return them in good condition. If you have a need for a special tool we don't have, contact Bobby DeCrescenzo and maybe we can obtain one for future use by members.

### Harbor Area Model A Restorers Club

#### LIABILITY RELEASE

User assumes all risk of personal injury and damage to property in use of tools. All tools to remain the property of HARBOR M.A.R.C., and will be returned in 5 (five) consecutive days from the time of check out and in good condition as user (member) will be responsible for damage to tools. A \$20.00 dollar per tool deposit is required and refunded when tools are returned in good condition.

MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

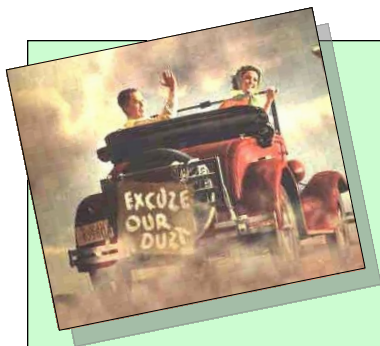
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TOOLS RETURNED      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_      CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSIT RETURNED      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Touring with Elaine**

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



### **Starting Off 2017**

The Annual Installation Banquet on **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017** at the Reef in Long Beach. Dinner and a wonderful raffle are part of the agenda. Cost is \$35 so make sure you get your check to Daffy Wagner ASAP. This is one you don't want to miss. For those that want to caravan to the dinner from the South Bay we will meet at the club house on 1/22/16 at 4:15pm and leave at 4:30pm.

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** will be the annual Super Bowl party at the home of Mirco & Elaine Pisu. It's a **Pot Luck** so bring your favorite dish and let's have a great time!! Don't forget to bring your dollar bills so that you can participate in the football pool. Kickoff is 3pm. Doors open a 1:30pm

#### **Mark your calendars for 2017:**

**January 22** - Harbor A's Banquet

**January 28** - Modesto A's Turlock Swap Meet

**February 5** - Super Bowl party at the Pisu's

**February 24, 25, & 26** - Big 3 Auto Parts Exchange at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

**March 24-26** - CCRG in Porterville hosted by the Porterville Happy Honkers.

**April 2** - Orange County Pancake Breakfast

**May 13** - Antique Nationals at Auto Club Dragway, Fontana, CA

**May 16-20** - NCRG Hub Tour in Lodi, CA.

**June 22-24** - Northwest Regional Meet in Coos Bay, Oregon

**July 14-16** - Solvang Drive 'n Dine weekend. More info to come.

**September 9** - Santa Maria All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet in Old Town Orcutt, CA

**October 1-6** - MAFCA National Tour in Paso Robles, CA. This tour will go from Paso Robles to San Francisco and across the Golden Gate Bridge. Sounds like a lot of fun.

Ciao! **Mama Pisu**

### **Car Events of Interest for 2017**

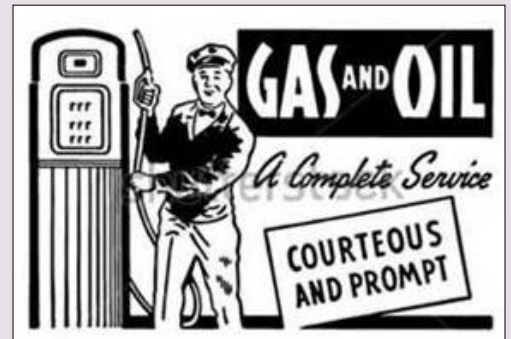
**Feb 5th (Sun)** - Super Bowl party at the Pisu's home. Game at 3pm.

**Feb 24-26 (Fri-Sun)** - San Diego Swap Meet at Qualcomm Stadium. Biggest swap meet in this area all year. \$10 parking, free admission

**Mar 23-26th (Thu-Sun)** CCRG Porterville CA. Always a fun event. More info to follow.

**April 2 (Sun)** - Orange County MAC Pancake breakfast. Always a fun event. More info to follow.

**May 13 (Sat)** - Antique Nationals at Auto Club Dragway, Fontana, CA Admission: Adults \$20. Gates open at 8AM.





### Banquet reminder

Just wanted to get out a reminder with extra information for all that would like to come to our Banquet in January.

Place: The Reef on the Water - 880 Harbor Scenic Drive, Long Beach, CA 90802 (562) 435-8013

Date: Sunday - January 22, 2017

Time: 6:00PM - 11:00PM

Location: Garden Ballroom & Garden Patio

Cost: \$35.00 per person (Club has subsidized this event with our Fundraisers from 2016)

Menu:

Salad - Mixed Greens

Entrée Selections - Pick one (1)

\*Artichoke Chicken (Breast of chicken with mushrooms, artichoke hearts, in a white wine sauce)

\*Short Ribs braised with carrots, onions & red wine (Boneless)

\*Baked Salmon with Ginger Glaze

\*Pasta Primavera

Accompaniments

Chef's selection of starch

Coffee or Tea Service (& unlimited ice tea)

Rolls & Butter

Seasonal Vegetables

Desert

Tiramisu Cake



If you're planning on attending please send Daffy Wagner (Treasurer) a check with your entrée selection noted. It's going to be a great evening with lots fun, excitement & prizes!! Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Monty & Donnis Bates

TRAINS DON'T WANDER

ALL OVER THE MAP

'CAUSE NOBODY SITS

IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP

Burma Shave

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD

TO GAIN A MINUTE

YOU NEED YOUR HEAD

YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT

Burma Shave

AROUND THE CURVE

LICKETY-SPLIT

BEAUTIFUL CAR

WASN'T IT?

Burma Shave

SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH

BY MISTAKE

SHE THOUGHT IT WAS

HER HUSBAND JAKE

Burma Shave

DROVE TOO LONG

DRIVER SNOOZING

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT

IS NOT AMUSING

Burma Shave

SPEED WAS HIGH

WEATHER WAS NOT

TIRES WERE THIN

X MARKS THE SPOT

Burma Shave

### Call for recipes for the 60th anniversary cookbook

I hope you all enjoyed a tasty Thanksgiving. As many of you know, either from the newsletter or from the meeting, I am putting together a new edition of our club cookbook in conjunction with our upcoming 60th anniversary. To do so, I need your help.

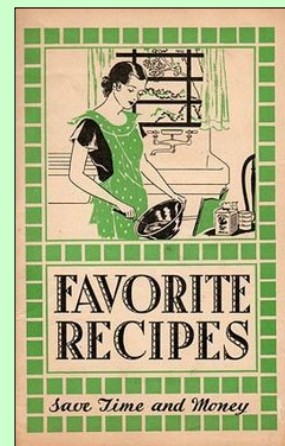
Please send me the recipes for your tried and true family favorite recipes (some of which you may have used for your holiday meal). We will take recipes for any category - appetizers, beverages, salads, soups, breads, casseroles, main dishes, slow-cooker dishes, side dishes and, of course, my personal favorite, desserts.

If you happen to have the recipe in a form you can send me electronically, e.g., Word or text file, please send it to me by email to weeg@pacbell.net. You can type the recipe right into the email if that works for you. If you can't send it electronically, you can take a photo (on your phone or otherwise) of the recipe, email the photo to me, and I will be able to type it up from that. If you are sending me something by email, please use the subject **Model A Cookbook**. If you can't do a photo, maybe you can make a photocopy of your recipe and mail it to me at 2608 W. 166th Pl., Torrance, CA 90504. I know people are getting busy with holiday preparations now, but please send your recipes before the end of the year.

If you have any questions, please call me at 310-346-6409.

Thanks for your assistance in making this cookbook the best ever. Don't forget to use the subject **Model A Cookbook** when you send me an email. That will make it easier for me to make sure I find everyone's contributions.

Weeg Thompson





Dear Members,

MAFCA has had a very good year.

The 2016 National Convention was a great success in Loveland, Colorado, hosted by the Colorado Chapter, with over 675 registrations and more than 1,300 participants. Folks had a great time socializing and attending the fun events, all while enjoying the beautiful high plains near Rocky Mountain National Park. The Grand Tour took us up into Rocky National Park, where we were treated to sightings of Elk and Rocky Mountain Sheep as they grazed the slopes. While there, the Era Fashion Committee released their newest publication, *The Fashion Files*.



This year's National Awards Banquet was held in Reno, Nevada, hosted by The Sagebrush Chapter. We had award recipients who ranged in age from the early 20's to the late 60's. It was such a pleasant surprise to see Josh Thomas win the Editor's Literary Award at the young age of 22! I hope you had the opportunity to read his article, "Are Those Headlights Ugly?". As Jim Spawn, Editor of *The Restorer*, said, this young man has a true gift of writing.

I hope you will consider joining the 2017 National Tour as MAFCA travels the Pacific Coast Highway, October 1-6. Beginning in Paso Robles, California we will travel north on Highway 1 and drive over the Golden Gate Bridge to Marin County and the town of Sausalito, California. This tour will be filled with the beautiful sights of the Pacific Ocean, Giant Redwood trees, and the rugged cliffs of the California coastline.

As 2016 comes to a close, I want to wish each of you a most joyous holiday season and the happiest of New Years. I hope to see you on the Model A road in the near future.

Best Regards,  
Happy Begg  
2017 MAFCA President

## MAFFI Newsletter Minute

Dear Model A Friends,

I trust that you have all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! You lucky folks in the Sun Belt are still able to drive and enjoy your Model A through this season and others are hanging in for that 'Frosty Tour' to start off the New Year. Have fun!

Recently a fund raising letter for the museum was sent out to all the clubs and regions. With so many good causes to give to, I do hope that your club had a little something to send in support those organizations that promote the Model A hobby, like the Model A Youth Scholarship Fund and the Model A Ford Museum. These two organizations will assure the future of the Model A hobby and that folks will continue to enjoy seeing and hearing Model A's on the road.

Model A Youth Scholarship Fund  
C/O Anne Neely-Beck  
P O Box 36,  
Jeffersonville, GA 31044

and

The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.  
P O Box 28  
Peotone, IL 60468-0028

Thank you for your support & Happy New Year,  
Loukie Smith  
MAFFI president



## Service Information

PLATE LEVER NOTCH IN DISTRIBUTOR BODY MUST NOT BE ALTERED

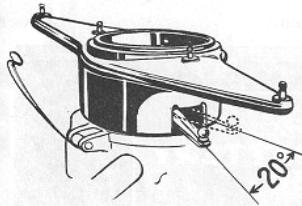


Fig. 950

Several instances have been reported of dealers increasing the width of the plate lever notch in the distributor body in endeavoring to increase the travel of the plate lever.

This is exceedingly poor practice and must be discontinued at once.

The plate lever notch in the distributor body is accurately machined to permit the lever to travel 20° from the fully retarded to the fully advanced spark lever position. See Fig. 950. When the width of the notch is increased it permits the lever to travel beyond the recommended 20° range and this of course affects the timing.

Before timing an engine always check the travel of the plate lever. This can be easily done by fully retarding the spark lever on the steering gear quadrant then noting whether the plate lever is touching against the side of the notch. Next pull the spark lever all the way down on the quadrant to the fully advanced position and see if the plate lever is touching the opposite side of the notch. If the plate lever does not make the full 20° travel disconnect the spark control rod (see Fig. 951) and slightly bend the control rod lever (see Fig. 952) until the plate lever

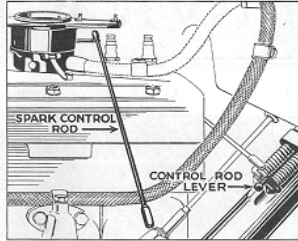


Fig. 951

touches one side of notch in distributor body when spark lever is fully advanced and touches opposite side when lever is fully retarded. Do not under any circumstances attempt to correct this condition by increasing the width of notch in distributor body.

After checking travel of plate lever proceed with timing operation in usual way. When the timing operation is completed the travel of the lever should again be checked. When timing ignition do not remove distributor body.

Inasmuch as there has been some misunderstanding on the part of mechanics please make correct travel of plate lever a part of your regular inspection.

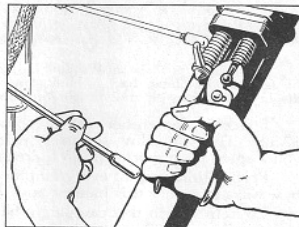
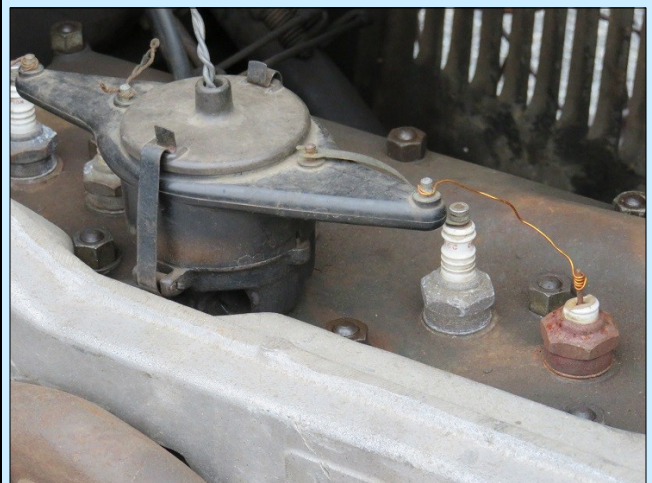


Fig. 952

## Winner of the 'Jury Rig' Contest

At the HCC event on December 31st, a Model A pickup was spotted with an ignition system that won first prize for ingenuity (and it worked!). Check out the connections to the distributor. . . .



Do you see barbed wire, solid copper wire, a broken plug? He's the winner. . . . .

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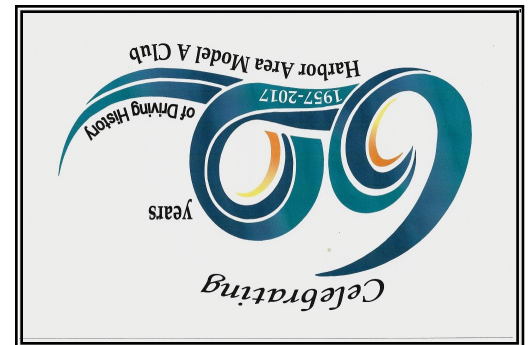
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