

Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

Dedicated to preserving and driving the 1928-1931 Model 'A' Ford

April 2017







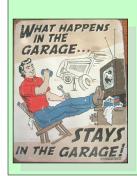
Steve Thompson with his new project, an early '31 Deluxe Phaeton. Car is being worked on at Al's Garage



Tours

Right after the CCRG is the OCMAFC Pancake Breakfast. Sunday April 2nd, we gather at 6:45AM at Harbor Freight and leave at 7ÅM.

It is a 45 minute freeway drive to Hart Park in Orange, CA. We don't go fast and it is an easy drive. Always a fun affair!



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.

Steve's '31 Deluxe Phaeton is the latest pro-

Hope to see you there!



The March business meeting will be Friday, March 31st, 2017. 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.

The April meeting is Friday, April **28th** also at Walteria.



Next Board Meeting

The April Board meeting is **Tuesday**, **April 4th**, **2017** at 7PM. It will be at the <u>Toyota</u> 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



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

History in the Making. . . .

Sometimes we take it for granted that ole Henry Ford "invented" the automobile...many people still think Mr. Ford was singlehanded in his great gift to humanity...the truth is, of course, that Mr. Ford had lots of help. The very beginnings were unremarkable enough. Mr. Ford was born on a farm in rural Michigan on July 30th, 1863 right in the middle of the great Civil War that raged across our nation. Henry's father, William has been quoted as saying as a lad Henry had "wheels in his head".

Henry most certainly knew the value of hard work and with his wife, Clara Bryant Ford at his side they moved to Detroit, Michigan. His love of racing made all the difference in financing his company long before the Model T. The young Ford Motor Company created cars such as the Model A of 1903, Model C of 1904, Model B of 1905, Model F of 1905 and the famous 666 racer of 1906. One of my favorites is the Model S of 1908. Our great Model A's became a design reality in *April*, 1927. The rest is history.

Springtime has finally arrived in Los Angeles, CCRG is now a thing of the past and we can now look forward to another fantastic summer of tours and events!!!! One of the first of the season is the famous Orange County Pancake Breakfast and Car Show...what a great way to get started. Another one of the big Model A events remains the NCRG Hub tour in Lodi in May. Our Tour Director is returning home from Italy and the Advertising Director is going full speed with things for our 60th anniversary picnic this September 17. More to come. . .

I would really like to see a huge crowd heading to Solvang this July...it's going to be better than ever and that's saying a lot after last year!! Lots of birthdays and anniversaries along the way, good times and great fellowship for all that participate. Please don't forget to bring me your cans and plastic bottles each Monday night at Hof's Hut. Keep me posted on ideas, events and happenings!!!!

Be safe out there!





Celebrating

Harbor Area Model A Club

Henry Ford in 1919

Member Highlights / Updates

Original member, <u>Margaret Gott</u>, celebrated her 90th birthday recently. She has membership number 2. She and husband Rodney were present when the Harbor club chartered in August of 1957. <u>Congratulations Margaret!</u> We wish you many more....

Welcome our newest club member #1059, <u>Lance Cryan</u>. Lance has two '30 Coupes. His address is: PO Box 141 Palos Verdes Estates, <u>CA</u> 90274. Telephone: 310-503-4162. Email: all_reet@hotmail.com. Birthday is May 21st. Welcome, Lance!

<u>Pat Tucker</u> has changed her email address. It is: patsdollhse@gmail.com Please make note in your rosters.

April Birthdays

April Appiversaries

- 1 James Walker
- 7 Walt Hibbard
- 12 Carol Olsen
- 14 Drain Marshall
- 19 Kathy Valot



28 Larry & Patti Migliazzo



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Congratulations to original Harbor member, Margaret Gott, on her 90th birthday.

We made it through the rainy season and now it is time to drive our cars! Jan and I are looking forward to the Orange County club's pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 2nd. We will be taking 'Tootsie', Jan's '30 Cabriolet.

We didn't make the CCRG in Porterville. Jan wasn't

quite up to it, but she is getting better. She had a small bout with the shingles, but recov-

ered after three weeks.

Saw Pat Aust last Saturday and he informed me that Ruby's will start up the Friday afternoon car show on April 21st. Harbor club members are regulars at the event, so bring your Model A and join us for dinner!

Just got word also that the City of Redondo Beach is celebrating it's 125th birthday. It is LA County's 8th oldest city! It will be on Saturday, April 29th, 2017 at 10AM at Ruby's parking lot. Let's provide some cars for that event also.

If you are yernin' for some learnin' about how to get a Model A back on the road, come on down to Al's Garage on Saturdays. We are in the process of getting Dr. Steve's '31 Deluxe Phaeton back on the road. The engine is out and being worked on and we are redoing the brakes. Always something new to be learned. See you there.

Dick

A little behind the scenes info and requests from the editor

I have been encouraging new members of the Harbor club to receive the HarborLight by <code>email</code>. I am also asking <code>existing members</code> to do the same. Just let me know your current email address. It's that simple. The club saves about \$1.25 <code>each month</code> per email subscriber. I still have 35 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, <code>AND</code> it is in <code>color!</code> 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.

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.

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



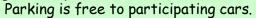
Monday Supper at Hof's Hut

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 afternoon at Ruby's Diner

The event will start Friday, April 21st. Ruby's Diner 245 N. Harbor Drive in Redondo Beach (by the pier) will host a weekly gathering of fun cars all summer long. 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 4 to 7:00 PM every Friday. There is a nice drawing and trophies are awarded each week.





2017 Membership, Roster and Club Items:

Thanks to Gloria Younkin for stepping up and working the club's merchandise effort. We have hats, shirts, patches, t-shirts and we will be adding 60th anniversary items soon. More to come.

The 2017 Harbor phonebooks/rosters will be available shortly 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*.



For Sale: Wayne Cut "60" **Mobile Special Gas Pump**. Red and White restored 25 years ago. It has a matching gazebo house. \$2000.00. Greg Clayton 406-980-0208.

For Sale: 1924 Koken-Hydraulic-Reclining Barber Chair. New burgundy/maroon leather, all new bright nickel plating, and original white porcelain cast iron. Beautiful 1 1/2 year old restoration. \$4800.00. Greg Clayton 406-980-0208

HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

Date: February 17, 2017 Location: Walteria Clubhouse

<u>President</u>: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:38PM

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

Recognition of Past Presidents: Doris Marshall, Drain Marshall, Tim Harrison & Monty Bates

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Elaine Pisu moved that the minutes be approved as printed in the HarborLight; the motion was seconded by Drain Marshall

<u>Vice President</u>: Tim Harrison → Thanked everyone for all the help setting up the opportunity drawing at the banquet. <u>Treasurer</u>: Daffy Wagner → reported all is well. All bills are paid. <u>HarborLight Editor</u>: Dick Wyckoff → Was not present → Nothing new to report

Historian/Webmaster: Sue Hankins + Was not present + Nothing new to report

Membership: Ursi Schmidt ♦ Was not present ♦ 32 members present ♦ New member Lance Cryan joined us this evening. He has 2

1930's Coupes. Welcome Lance

Membership Drawing: No one won the woman's prize it will increase to \$10 next month, Dennis Simpson won men's Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall ◆ Was not present ◆ The garage is open this Saturday, February 18th Sergeant at Arms (badge money) Jack Gordinier collected \$5.90

Sunshine: Doris Marshall ♦ Bob Olsen has the flu ♦ Memorial Saturday for a former member and President Dean Salazar. Contact Leonard Funk for additional information.

Advertising: Jim Huizdos + Nothing new to report

MARCH - Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays: 3rd-Dianne Runyon, 4th-Mary Ann Friedrich, 8th-Richard Parrish, 12thMargret Gott, 24th-Jay Skinner, 25th-Diana Murphy, 25th-Jack Goldberg, 28th-Jim Perreten and 31stAl Avoian Anniversaries: 7th-Dick & Jan Wyckoff and Tim & Pat Harrison, 10th - Monty & Donnis Bates, 20th Art & Daffy Wagner and 24th-Ted & Janice Dalton

Tools Coordinator: Bobby DeCrescenzo Process is simple, you leave a small deposit, when you return the tool you get your deposit back. Just confide the birth and the positive deposit back. Just confide the birth and the positive deposit back.

posit back. Just contact Bobby and he will have it ready for you * three (3) tools were loaned this month Tours: Elaine Pisu & Co-Chair Jim Huizdos * Roadrunner patches were distributed * A MARC mileage Registration form was also given to all members. Please keep track of your mileage and turn into Elaine at the end of the year * February 24th - 26th: Big 3 Auto Parts Exchange at QUALCOMM stadium in San Diego. We will be caravanning on Friday, let us know if you want to join us * March 11th, Saturday: Hermosa Beach St. Patrick's Day parade. Mike Bell is coordinating, looking for open cars to transport officials. Check in 9:30/parade 11:00 * March 24th - 26th CCRG Porterville, CA hosted by the Porterville Happy Honkers * April 2nd, Sunday: Orange County Pancake Breakfast. Meet at Harbor Freight at 6:45AM leave at 7:00AM * April 22nd, Saturday: Earth day tour to Lancaster to see the California poppy fields in full bloom. More details to follow * May 16th - 20th: NCRG Hub Tour in Lodi, CA * May 27th, Saturday: Pomona's annual Hubley Derby, \$5.00 per person for lunch * June 22nd - 24th, Northwest Regional Meet in Coos Bay, Oregon * July 14th - 16th: Solvang Drive 'n Dine Weekend. If you are interested in attending the musical *Lend Me A Tenor', the group rate is \$32.75 each. Please contact Weeg Thompson to coordinate ticket purchase. More info. to follow * September 9th, Santa Maria All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet in Old Town Orcutt, CA * September 24th - 29th MAFCA National Tour in Paso Robles. CA. Tour in Paso Robles, CA.

Merchandise: Gloria Younkin • We sold some merchandise this evening - Thank you.

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights 🕈 Jim & Dianne Runyon brought the refreshments this evening. Thank you.

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Clock Prize: Mistress of time' Joan Gordinier - winner of our clock prize is Peggy Wishon

Old Business: Updates are being made to the roster. Get your current info to Ursi Schmidt and Dick Wyckoff.

New Business: THE FOLLOWING INSURANCE AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION DISCUSSED:

MARC - MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB (Club pays \$10 per year + Renewal paperwork). Harbor Area Model A Restorers Club has been a member of MARC since it began, 60 years ago. MARC affiliated clubs are considered to be Regions. Our official name with them is Harbor Area Region - Model A Restorers Club. THE MARC CONSTITUTION STATES THAT ALL REGION MEMBERS.

MUST BE CURRENT MARC MEMBERS. That means that all of our members are required to be members of the MARC organization and pay the MARC dues of \$45.00. These are due by January 31st of each year. As a member of MARC part of our dues goes to pay for general liability Insurance.

GENERAL LIABLILITY: The General Liability insurance gives peace of mind concerning club activities: it helps and protects the chapter in the event of a claim. It generally covers our meetings tours and other chapter. pay for general liability Insurance. <u>GENERAL LIABLILITY:</u> The General Liability insurance gives peace of mind concerning club activities; it helps and protects the chapter in the event of a claim. It generally covers our meetings, tours and other chapter based activities. It protects the chapter; much like homeowners insurance protects your home. <u>MARC</u> request a list of our activities for the year (if unknown 45 days in advance). They will keep this record for any possible claims. And if they decide the activity is too great a risk will require extra insurance be purchased <u>MAFCA - MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA</u> (Harbor Area Model A Club pays \$75 per year to MAFCA. This is for the insurance they provide our club. This insurance payment is due to MAFCA by February 28th). Harbor Area Model A club has been a member with MAFCA for 20 years. MAFCA clubs are Chapters. Harbor Area Region - Model A Ford Club of America - Chapter. <u>DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS LIABILITY INSURANCE (D & O)</u>. D & O coverage allows our chapter leadership to perform their responsibilities while helping to protect their personal assets. Without D & O insurance, a mistake while serving as a club officer, director or person acting on behalf of the chapter could result in personal liability and be substantial. All officers and governing body members of the board are required to be members of MAFCA and are covered by this D & O insurance. (\$40.00 per membership). <u>GENERAL LIABLILITY</u>. Membership in the MAFCA organization is optional for our club members. Only members that pay the MAFCA dues are covered by this insurance. The General Liability portion of this coverage gives peace of mind concerning club activities; it helps and protects the chapter in the event of a claim. It generally covers our meetings, tours and other chapter based activities. It protects the chapter; much like homeowners insurance protects your home • TORRANCE PARKS AND REC (Currently we pay \$113 per year, for the use of Walteria). Liability Insurance - If we can prove we have \$1 million coverage then we will not have to purchase their coverage for the use of the Walteria Clubhouse.

Refreshments hosted by: Jim and Dianne Runyon - Thank you

Next General Meeting: Friday, March 31st (7:30PM @Walteria Clubhouse)

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 7th (7:00pm at the Toyota facility)

Meeting adjourned: Elaine Pisu moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Mirco Pisu. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM for refreshments

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary

Technical Talk

TECHNICAL REPORT: Ron Peterson

When Was the Last Time You?

- Greased your throw-out bearing. To do this job remove floor mats and floorboards and clutch inspection plate. Grease bearing through fitting on throw-out collar. Do not over-grease.
- 2. Packed your wheel bearings. Remove wheels and drums; wash the bearings and races thoroughly. Packing beating with wheel bearing grease and reassemble. Do not forget the cotter pin.
- 3. Flushed your crankcase. Drain oil refill with kerosene, or diesel oil or special flushing oil. Run engine twenty minutes or so, then drain and refill with clean fresh oil. Make sure drain plug is in tight.
- 4. Greased your light switch shaft. Remove light switch on bottom of steering column, remove fork and spring that operate light switch, pull shaft out or up as far as possible and clean grease off. Use light cup grease after you wiped shaft off. Reassemble unit.
- **5. Greased your speedometer cable.** Remove dash panel and disconnect speedometer cable. Pull out the small inside cable and wash thoroughly. Pack with light cup grease and reinstall in the cawing. Wipe off excess grease and replace instrument panel.
- 6. Oiled your gas pedal linkage. There are three places to oil. Behind the engine on the shafts supports there are holes drilled for oiling. Also where the rod connects from the carburetor.
- 7. Tighten your lug nuts. Use firm even pressure on all lug nuts. Be sure to see whether nuts are pressing the wheel to the drum or just bottoming on the studs. A wheel that is not properly bolted to the drum can be ruined in very short order.
- **8.** Checked the oil in the transmission and rear end. Keep level up to the filler plug, use 600W (SAE160) in both. This oil can be obtained at Sears Roebuck or any big truck stop. Be sure it is non-foam.
- 9. Cleaned and flushed the cooling system. The cheapest and best products for this is Arm & Hammer washing soda into radiator and f8ill with water, run hot for a half hour and then drain. Flush system out several times with clean water.
- 10. Tightened the fan belt. Loosen generator mounting bolt, move generator away from block until most of the slack is taken up in the belt. Tighten belt. Then check belt to see if adjustment has changed.
- 11. Rotated your tires. Spare to right front, right front to left rear, left rear to right rear, right rear to left front, left front to spare. Follow some pattern in each rotation.
- 12. Checked your radiator hoses and clamps. Feel hose, if soft and gummy, replace them. Same with split or rotten ones. Check for tightness and watch for broken ones.
- 13. Had your front wheel aligned. Should be done on special equipment. (See A cheap and cheerful approach in Echo April 1993 page 8)...
- 14. Oiled your generator. There should be two oil holes on the generator. The rear one is easy, the front one is protected by an "L" shaped clip that has to be removed to one side.
- 15. Spent an hour tightening nuts and bolts all over the car. Self-explanatory.
- **16.** Adjusted your point gap in the distributor. Ford recommends a gap of .018, .022 check the gap at least every 500 miles.
- 17. Check the air in the spare tire. Self- explanatory.
- 18. Checked out your emergency tool kit. Including a jack. To each his own, should include points, condenser, plugs, wire, tools and a fire extinguisher.
- 19. Adjusted your emergency brake. Take up the slack with the clevises on the forward end of the emergency brake rods. When there is no more adjustment left reline the bands.
- **20. Filled your shock absorbers.** On all original shocks, there is a filler plug located near the top of the unit. It has a 3/8 square nut on it, use only Houdaille, Ford or Delco shock absorber fluid or use glycerin.
- 21. Cleaned and tightened your battery connections. Most corrosion and sulfate deposits can be washed off in a solution of baking soda and then flushed with warm water. Pull cables off the terminals and clean the contact surfaces with rough sandpaper or file. Flush with warm water and reattach them. The use of Vaseline or light cup grease after assembly is recommended
- **22. Polished headlight reflectors.** Use very soft cloth or cotton with silver polish, not chrome polish as it will scratch and dull the reflection. When polished, use new gaskets.
- 23. Check out all your light bulbs. Self-explanatory.

Reprinted from Hudson Valley Region Model A Club



Touring with Elaine

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



Now We're Cookin'. . . .

The Orange County Pancake Breakfast is on April

2^{nd.} We will meet at Harbor Freight (Hawthorne and Artesia) at 6:45 AM and leave at 7:00 and take the freeway to Hart Park in Orange. It is about a 45 minute drive. Some take the surface streets and it takes about an hour. This is always a GREAT event. We normally get around 275—350 old cars there. Most are Model As but some other vintage iron shows up also. Many of us will go to lunch at Watson's Drug Store in Orange before driving home. CW Moss is nearby if you need some Model A hardware.

Mark your calendars for 2017:

April 22nd is Earth Day and we are going to celebrate by driving to Lancaster and see the California Poppy fields in full bloom. Because of all the rain they are predicting a record year so I hope our timing is right.

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

May 27th— Pomona's annual Hubley Derby. \$5/person for lunch.

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

July 14-16 - Harbor's '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

September 17th— Harbor Area is having it's 60th birthday party at Chevron Park in El Segundo

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



Registration information and materials are in the March/April *The Restorer* magazine or register online at www.mafca.com



MAFCA's 2017 National Tour September 24-29 Pacific Coast Highway

Starting on California's Central Coast in Paso Robles and heading north along California's spectacular coast, driving the world famous Pacific Coast Highway, to the city by the bay, where you, too, will leave your heart, in San Francisco

Along the way visit
Hearst Castle
Big Sur State Forest
World Famous 17 Mile Drive
Bixby Creek Bridge
Monterey Bay
Carmel by the Sea
Pebble Beach
Spectacular Redwood Trees



Don't miss this spectacular event All while driving your Model A Ford

Hosted by the Bakersfield Model A Ford Club

Other Car Events of Interest for 2017

April 2—(Sun) - Orange County MAC Pancake breakfast. Always a fun event.

April 6-8 (Fri-Sun) - Bakersfield Swap meet. Fairgrounds off Ming and 99 fwy.

April 29th (Sat) - Jay Skinner is putting on another babbitt pouring seminar for 'B' engines

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

August 20—(Sun) - Swap Meet and Car Show. SF Valley MAC. Rancho San Antonio Boys Home. More to come.

Sept 24—(Sun) - Swap Meet- Paradise Valley MAC. Western Little League Headquarters, San Bernardino, CA



MAFFI Newsletter Minute March 2017

Last year at Model A Day, we featured one of the four Model A's that traveled around the world in 1982. What a trip! I don't believe it could be duplicated today. Following the trip, Dianne Davis wrote a book about it and in preparation for Model A Day, a DVD was compiled of the presentation that Bob and Dottie Myers made after returning. MAFFI is fortunate to have several copies of both the video and the book and they are available for a small donation on a first come, first served basis.



If you are interested, please email me at president@maffi.org with your name and we'll go from there, but remember, there is a limited supply. We appreciate Bruce Davis for donating the books to MAFFI last year and to MAFFI Trustee, Jim Thomas for working to pull the DVD together. If you aren't familiar with the details of this trip, you really need both of these items for your library. This trip was the adventure of a lifetime and it is a thrill to read and hear about it. Don't miss this opportunity.

We are making changes at the museum this year so plan on coming to Model A Day 2017 to see what's new.

Loukie Smith
MAFFI president
president@maffi.org



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"Come on Back"

- The goal of this program is bring back former MAFCA members who have not renewed their membership.
- The program will be introduced with an announcement in the March /April, 2017 issue of The Restorer, via the Chapter Chatter Column and an Article from Jay McCord, the MAFCA Facebook page and the MAFCA Website.
- The program will be implemented through individual Chapters.
- Each Chapter will be challenged to encourage all of their members to rejoin MAFCA.
- Remember the benefits of Membership in MAFCA:
 - o The Restorer Magazine, the Best Publication in the Automotive Hobby
 - o The Best Insurance Coverage for Chapter Activities and Directors and Officers
 - o The Best Club Branded Merchandise, including clothing items and publications.
 - Free classified ads to assist you with your Model A in the Restorer magazine and on the MAFCA.com website
 - o Fun, Fellowship, Technical Expertise.
 - Technical advice to keep your car running available at <u>tech@mafca.com</u>
 - o An extensive library in the area of Era Fashions on the MAFCA website
 - Local Activities through one of our nearly 300 Chapters, Regional events and Special Interest Groups
 - National Activities: Tours, Conventions, Era Fashion and Fine Point Judging, Touring Class Judging, and The Restorers Class Evaluations

We hope that each chapter will accept this challenge and work to increase our membership.

Jay E. McCord

2017 MAFCA Chapter Coordinator

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Tech Talk



TIRES

A lot of the guys try to keep their best tires on the front of their Model A and modern car. <u>Put your best tires on the</u> rear of the car.

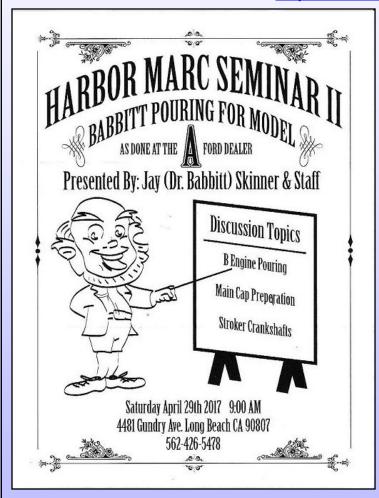
Kurt Scientific Counselors, Inc., examine many accident involved tires each year. More rear-tire blowouts become accidents. A tire failure on the rear of the vehicle is more apt to result in the loss of steering control than a tire failure on the front. When a rear tire fails, the rear of the vehicle swerves or fishtails in the direction of the failed tire. This points the vehicle in the opposite direction, and in nine out of ten rear tire failure accidents the vehicle ends up on the side of the highway opposite the side of the failed tire. When a front tire fails, the vehicle also veers in the direction of the failed tire, but a competent driver can maintain steering control until the vehicle comes to a stop.

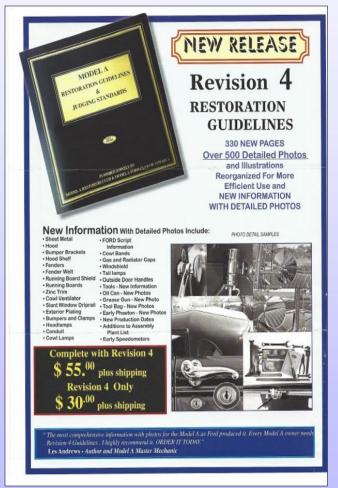
Goodyear's tire experts also warn that bringing a car under control after a rear tire is punctured often can be more difficult than if the puncture had occurred in a front tire.

Contributed by Jim Boehmke, Henry's A's chapter, Livermore, CA.

I have been a car guy since I was a teenager and I had not heard of this theory until recently. RG

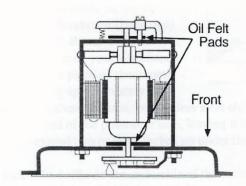
Topics of Interest





HORN LUBRICATION

Lubricating their horn is one item that some people overlook. There are two felt pads at the armature area of your horn. Put two (2) drops of 3-1 type oil on each felt oiler pad about two times a year and this will help keep your horn working. DO NOT OVER OIL.

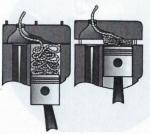


Submitted by Tony Topicz, Ohio Valley Region. Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

TINY TIPS

SAFE AND EASY WAY TO REMOVE A STUCK HEAD

If you are trying to remove your Model A head and it is stuck - simply remove all head nuts, if you haven't already. Take out all spark plugs and using your hand crank turn the engine over until pistons #2 and #3 are at top dead center. A flashlight will aid in looking in the #2 and #3 spark plug holes. Take two pieces of 3/8" nylon or cotton rope, several feet long and feed one end of each rope into the #1 and #4 cylinders through the spark plug holes. Then simply use the hand crank to com press the rope and with a little force on the crank, the head will lift right up. Try to use about the same length of rope in each cylinder so as to lift the head evenly.



Submitted by Dan Ritt, Mt. Arab, Ohio Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Saturday Morning at Al's Garage

Steve Thompson recently acquired a '31 Deluxe Phaeton. It needed some work as it hasn't run in a while. We moved it to Al's Garage and evaluated it's needs. The engine needed a kiss to make it well as did the hydraulic brakes. Let the games begin!





















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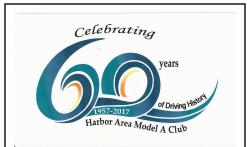
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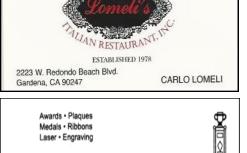
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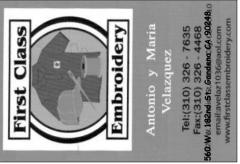






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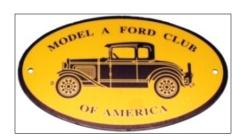
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