

Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

Dedicated to preserving and driving the 1928-1931 Model 'A' Ford since 1957
Torrance, California

December 2017



Pat Tucker's garage. The last stop on our Progressive tour.



HARBORLIGHT



Upcoming Business Meetings

The November meeting will be **Friday, the 17th, at 7:30PM, a week earlier** due to

Thanksgiving. Come a little early and help set up. Meet and greet your Model A friends!

The **December** meeting will be earlier also on **Friday, the 15th**. More info to follow.

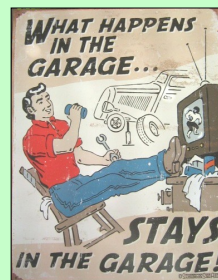
See you there!

Tours

A great progressive tour last weekend. Lots of fun driving and interesting stops!

December 10th we have two Christmas parades, one in El Segundo and one in Wilmington.

Super bowl is **Feb 4th**. Keep the date open. It's party time!



Technical Activities

More work on Steve's Deluxe Phaeton. Making progress on the wiring. Lookin' better! We're going to change out Al's gas gauge this week.

Come on by each Saturday morning 10-12 and check it out!

Al's Garage, 907 Van Ness, Torrance CA



Next Board Meeting

The **December** Board meeting is **Tuesday, December 4th, 2017** at 7PM. It will be at new location at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing.

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



Finishing up our 60th Year!

Kudos to our Tour Director **Elaine Pisu** and her team of volunteers in making the 2017 *Progressive Tour* a complete success!!! They really made it enjoyable with five stops, great food, no mechanical breakdowns and a generous poker run. My special thanks to **Dennis & Linda Simpson** and **Pat Tucker** for opening their homes (and garage) to us. Our year is coming to a close but we have some fantastic memories.

Our country has so very much to be thankful for as we celebrate Thanksgiving...our elder statesman, Ben Franklin wanted to have the Turkey as our national bird but was overruled in favor of the majestic Eagle. President Abe Lincoln designated the last Thursday in November to be a National Holiday in 1863 and Congress finally made it official in 1939 with the help of FDR. My own childhood is full of wonderful memories of gatherings to over-eat, watch football and reflect on how lucky we were to be Americans.

This time of year is special to so many people around the world, celebrating the holidays as Christmas comes our way. This will be my final year's end as your President and I am mindful of how you all have enriched my life. I know that 2018 will bring the Harbor A's new leadership and new adventures. New members keep us growing and being the very best Model A club in Southern California. Thanks to each one of you for your support and know that I am so very proud of what we have become.

Be safe out there!!!

Monty



Model A Items for Sale:

- Borg-Warner **Overdrive**, includes 6v and 12v solenoids. Complete drive shaft with switch and cable pull. \$350. Nice unit.
 - Model A **transmission**, new rebuilt: Sell for \$300
 - Sparton **horn**—Original horn with new brushes and wire leads. \$225
- Contact Joe Freitag: 310-377-0135 Palos Verdes CA

For Sale:

- Miller Syncrowave 180 SP **Heliarc Machine/Arc Welder**. Like New. Comes with full bottle of Argon. Only needs 50 amp service. Made for home use. 220volts. \$1200 obo.
- Keith Tucker: 310-508-2656 Carson CA

December Birthdays

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Gary Guttormson | 17 Bob DeCrescenzo |
| 4 Wayne Sterling | 20 Ruxella Speights |
| 7 Dick Wenker | 21 Greg Clayton |
| 10 Dan Fitzgerald | 23 Jeanne Parrish |
| 10 Anita Perreten | 25 Jim Valot |
| 11 Sue Hankins | 25 Amy Knott |
| 15 Mary Walker | |

December Anniversaries

1 Jack & Julie Goldberg



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

A great big "Well Done" to our tour director, Elaine Pisu, for the progressive tour we had last Saturday. The weather was perfect and the stops were informative and interesting. Oh, and the food stops were fantastic. Thanks, Elaine (and staff!)

A little side note on the tour: My wife, Jan and son, Don, (a car guy) drove (Jan's) '30 Cabriolet on the tour with Jan as the passenger. He had never really driven a Model A before and loved it. Tootsie (the Cabriolet) performed beautifully. I got to drive my '29 Roadster Pickup on the tour, too. It was the first time ever where both cars were driven any distance together at the same time. I was one proud car mechanic! Everything worked just fine! All this on Veteran's day. This sailor was flying (sailing) high!

What was also special was the fact that Jan was out of the hospital after her colon cancer operation and declared cancer free! This was her first real outing and doing the tour with her son in a Model A! Doesn't get more rewarding than that!

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and a joyous Christmas. We have a couple parades lined up and holidays with family. Life is good. . . .

Dick



Long time club member downsizing his inventory. Selling recently restored (2015) late '31 **AA Stake Bed truck**. Solid roof, indented firewall. Runs great. New tires. 4-speed trans. Lots of extra parts. 12 volts, LED taillights. Current registration.

Asking \$25,000 OBO. Located in Torrance, CA.

If interested, contact : Al Avoian at 310-328-3350.



Welcome our Returning Members!

Former members, **Mike and Andrea Plessner**, have rejoined the Harbor Club.

Their number is #1065. Their address is 26229 Appian Way, Lomita CA 90717.

Email is: saxotenor54@aol.com. Phone: 310-679-9181.

Please welcome **Mike and Andrea** back into the club.

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 Membership, Roster and Club Merchandise Items

Gloria and Jim have a selection of new **Club merchandise**. We have hats, shirts, patches, t-shirts and we have added 60th anniversary items. More to come.

The **2017 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** is 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 **HarborLight**.

Annual dues are due

It is time again to send in your annual membership dues.

The dues for Harbor MARC are \$30 a year. If you would also like to pay the national MARC dues at the same time, add \$45 and make the check out for \$75.

Note: If you wish to receive the Harbor Light newsletter by regular mail, add \$10 to cover printing and mailing costs. Email version is no cost.

Make the check out to **Harbor MARC**. You can give the money to me, Ursula, at the Club meeting or mail it to me at: 26419 Pineknoll Ave., Harbor City, CA 90710 I will then forward your \$45 to MARC in Michigan.

Thanks,
Ursula Schmidt, membership
-membership-

Benefits of National Club Memberships

*Membership in **MAFCA** includes the following:

- A one year subscription to The Restorer, our award- winning bi-monthly magazine including free classified ads.
- The right to register and participate in all National and Regional MAFCA meets
- Voting privileges in National elections of officers and by-laws revisions
- Free classified advertising on the MAFCA web site and posting of photo of your car in the Photo Album section
- Technical advice to help restore your Model A and keep it in top shape

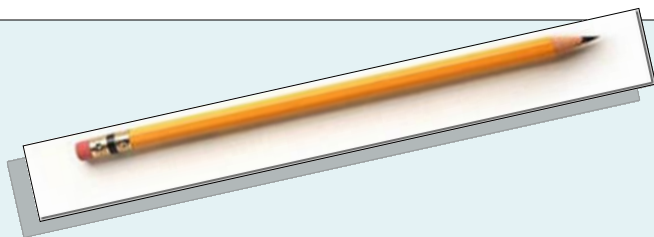
*National **MARC** Membership Includes:

- Six issues each calendar year of our award winning, international, bi-monthly Model 'A' News magazine.
- Includes detailed technical and Era fashion articles, Model A historical articles, coverage of National Meets and Region News, classified ads, and vendor ads - a great source of information for parts and services.
- From 64 to 72 pages each issue. Excellent quality coated paper with color, and black and white photography.

HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

Date: October 27, 2017

Location: Walteria Clubhouse



President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:42PM

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

Recognition of Past Presidents: Doris & Drain Marshall & Monty Bates

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Jim Speights moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the HarborLight; the motion was seconded by Weeg Thompson

Vice President: Tim Harrison was not present (Dennis Simpson was acting VP) ♦ Our opportunity drawing is full of great stuff - Tools, head gaskets, things for the ladies and many more items. Our table is set up now if you want to come by and look over the merchandise.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner ♦ Account balance is fine. We just received another \$31.00 after we recycled your donation of cans and plastic bottles this week. To date we have earned about \$288.00. Thank you all for your donations.

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff was not present ♦ Dick is at the hospital with Jan. She had her surgery today and is doing well.

Historian/Webmaster: Sue Hankins ♦ Not present - They are traveling in the Sequoia's

Membership: Ursi Schmidt ♦ 42 members present this evening ♦ Welcome again to our newest old members: Charlie & Mike Plessner - they have a 31 2-Door Phaeton

Membership Drawing: No one won the women's prize and No one won the men's. They both increase to \$15.00 next month

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall ♦ We will be at Al's garage (907 Van Ness, Torrance) this coming Saturday, October 28th. We meet from 10:00AM - 12:00PM, lots of group participation, with donuts and coffee. ♦ Bring your short term projects for the group to work on ♦ Next Saturday, November 4th, we will have a seminar on the repair, replacement and installation of a Model A gas gage.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Jack Gordinier collected \$5.05

Sunshine: Doris Marshall & Theresa LeFall ♦ If you can't reach Doris with any information on our members give Theresa a call. Her number is (323) 687-8718 · Jan is in the Hospital and doing well ♦ Dick Lusk passed and Ursi had a wonderful memorial for him. He will be missed by all ♦ Jack Goldberg's father passed last Sunday he will be missed as well, they will be 'sitting Shiva' Monday and Tuesday. The club is invited to come by ♦ Larry Sterling had knee surgery and said it is a very painful surgery. But he is here with us tonight! We are so glad to see you ♦ Dick Wenker is out and about and with us this evening. He is recovering quickly from his fall. Welcome back Dick ♦ Carla and Walt Hibbard are in Wisconsin they said it is already snowing there. They will be coming home soon ♦ Andy Soto's wife Sandra is having some health issues. Hope she is doing better soon!

November Birthdays and Anniversaries: Birthdays ♦ 8-Linda Simpson, 11-Joe Jankiewicz, 12-Steve Newton, 14-Jim Runyon, 17-Wilbur Richardson, 26-Pat Yacklon & Warren Brayton, 28-Jan Wyckoff ♦ Anniversaries ♦ Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo, 12-Dennis & Linda Simpson, 13-Andy & Sandra Soto, 23-Joe & Linda Freitag

Tools Coordinator: Bobby DeCrescenzo ♦ We have about 35 tools · We loaned out two tools this month and they have been returned. Remember if we have it you can borrow it.

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights ♦ This evening is our potluck - the club supplied the deserts which are Apple and pumpkin pies. Also the Plessner's supplied a wonderful plate of chocolate chip cookies! Thank you all for a wonderful meal!

Clock Prize: 'Mistress of time' Joan Gordinier - winner of our clock prize is Ursi Schmidt

Advertising: Jim Huizdos ♦ Nothing new to report - Sent out renewal letters to our advertisers last month

Merchandise: Gloria Younkin ♦ Due to the potluck we do not have a table set up but we have merchandise to sell. Let us know what you want and we can get it out of the boxes for you ♦ Weeg Thompson has four printed images from the picnic for sale. Steve had a coupon and had them printed on cardboard. If you are interested the cost is \$15.00 each; see Weeg

Tours: Elaine Pisu was not present · **November 11th, Progressive/Poker run** - Bob DeCrescenzo told us about the event. There are 37 people signed up at this time, all have paid. It is \$10.00 per person. We will meet at the clubhouse for our first stop at 8:30; there will be five stops in all. At each stop you will receive a playing card. It will be recorded and whoever has the best hand gets 50% of the pot which is made up of the \$10.00 per person fee. The club receives the other 50%. Bob suggested that we all display small flags on our cars since it is Veterans Day ♦ Weeg told us about the play for this summer's Solvang tour. It is Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike. It is not a musical this year, but is supposed to be hilarious. It will be the outing for Friday the 13th; she will be collecting for the purchase of the tickets. Please let her know if you are interested in attending.

Old Business: ♦ Fund Raising - Bottles & Aluminum Can Drive (Ongoing) See Monty Bates with your contribution. Thank you all again for your generous support

New Business: · Monty received the announcement for the swap meet in Turlock, CA in the month of January 2018. He passed the information on to Richard Parrish. Please see him if you need more information ♦ **The nominations for next month's elections were led by Dennis Simpson:** President - Several nominations were made, but all were declined, Vice President - Dennis Simpson was nominated and accepted the nomination, Secretary - Several nominations were made, but all were declined, Technical-Cliff LeFall was nominated and he accepted the nomination and Tours - No-one was nominated for tours. Please think about volunteering for one of these jobs. They are fun and have lots of support from our board of directors and members. We will be having our vote at the November meeting ♦ Joe Freitag is selling his Model A Ford accessories and car parts. He is generously donating 10% back to the club. We received a generous check from Joe this month for \$30.40, thank you, it is appreciated ♦ Donniss discussed this year's banquet. It will be in held at the Proud Bird, Saturday - January 27, 2018. Location will be the Mission Room (The same place we have held it in the past - only it has been renovated). Time will be in the afternoon: 12:00pm noon to 4:00pm (This was requested by the members so that we would not have to drive at night) Menu is a plated lunch (it will be served) the choices are Chicken, Fish, Beef and Vegetarian (Vegetable Wellington). It is a cash bar no minimums this year. The cost is \$50 per person. Please pay our treasurer - Daffy Wagner and indicate on your check what entrée you would like ♦ We voted on the donation of \$100 to MAFFI it was unanimously approved ♦ Ursi discussed the increase of dues to cover the rising costs of postage. This increase is only for our members who receive the HarborLight via the U.S. Postal service.

Dinner & Refreshments hosted by: All of us - THANK YOU

Next General Meeting: Friday, November 17th - 7:30 meeting @ Walteria Clubhouse (the date is early this month due to the Thanksgiving holiday)

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 7th -7:00pm at TMMC -West Tower: New Room this month B

Meeting adjourned: Daffy Wagner moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Ruxella Speights. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM for refreshments

Respectfully submitted; **Donniss Bates**, Secretary

FROM THE BENCH

BY CHRIS WICKERSHAM

Does your Model A keep its cool?

This month we will discuss the Model A fan. Having a good fan installed on the end of the water pump shaft will help to keep your engine cool. Under some driving conditions however, it is not absolutely necessary to even have a fan at all. When a Model A is running along at a reasonable speed of say 25 MPH or more and it is not extremely hot, there will be enough air passing thru the radiator to keep the engine cool. A fan is necessary in stop and go traffic or when going up a long steep hill but most of the time, the fan does little to actually keep the engine cool.

A few years ago on a tour, one Model A had a fan blade break off which caused a severe vibration. This happened on a very busy highway with little room on the shoulder to get over and make repairs. As an emergency measure, we just broke the other fan blade off and the driver continued on his way. He not only continued for the rest of the day but for the rest of the tour, a distance of about 500 miles. The only problem encountered was when he became stuck in traffic and the coolant temperature started to climb. A brief wait on the shoulder of the road allowed the engine to cool down enough where he could continue on his way.

Let us now consider the best fan to use. There are several choices that you should consider using and a few you should stay away from.

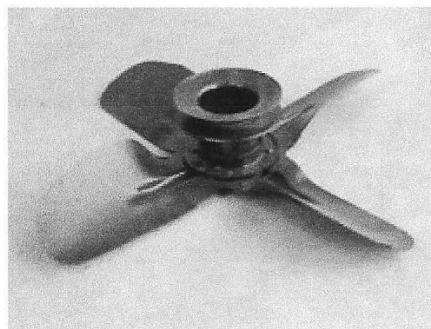
First is the original 2 blade fan that would have been installed at the factory. If you currently are running an original 2 blade fan on your Model A, PLEASE do not drive your car until it has been replaced. These fans, while being a very efficient design, are VERY prone to failure. Corrosion will start to take place between the 2 pieces of metal that make up the blades which will eventually lead to failure, often with little or no notice. This is what took place with the Model A on the tour when a fan blade broke off. These fans are only good for display on the wall of your garage.

The fan I like to use is an original Ford Factory replacement 4 blade fan. These fans work very well and still have a "Vintage" look to them. Just be sure you purchase a good one that is not rusty, pitted or damaged. Any fan that is rusty or pitted should not be used. The blades will fatigue and fail where they meet the hub.

Please note that currently available aftermarket 4 blade fans with blades secured to the hub with bolts is a very poor design and should not be used. They are not very efficient and the blades are weak and prone to failure.

Another good choice is a new reproduction aluminum 2 blade fan. These closely resemble the original Model A Fan but are new and do not have the corrosion and potential failure problem. Many of your fellow Model A owners are using these fans with good success.

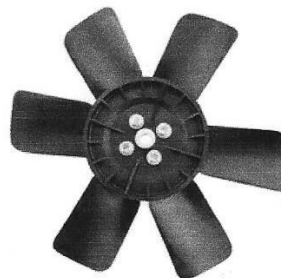
You may also want to consider a multi blade plastic fan with a separate steel hub and pulley. While these look more modern, they work well and are reliable. Both the Aluminum reproduction and multi-blade fans are available from most major suppliers.



Ford factory 4 blade fan



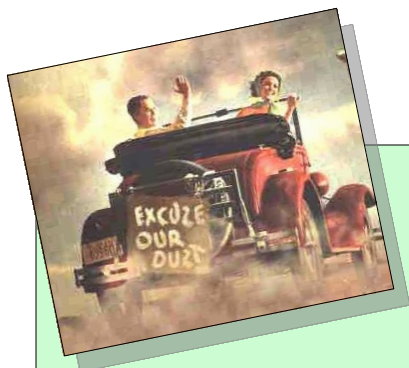
Reproduction aluminum 2 blade fan



Replacement plastic multi blade Fan

Tech Tip

Be sure the fan on your Model A is tight on the water pump shaft. This is especially important when using an aluminum fan or a fan with an aluminum hub. Always use a flat washer under the nut to keep the nut from wearing into the aluminum. Adjust the fan belt so it is snug but not too tight. An excessively tight fan belt will add unnecessary stress to the fan hub, shaft and front water pump bearing which could cause the fan to become loose on the shaft or the front bearing to prematurely fail.



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



Hard to Believe 2017 is Almost Over

YIKES! The Holidays are Here

We had a VERY successful progressive / Poker Run in November. 49 members signed up and 47 actually participated and brought 20 Model A's. Donnis and Elaine had a great breakfast stop at the Club House. Our second stop was at the Marine Mammal Care Center in San Pedro and it was great to see and learn about the care that this facility provides. Third stop was a wonderful lunch hosted by Dennis and Linda Simpson at their home. Linda spoiled us with pulled pork sandwiches and then we were off and running again. Fourth stop was a visit to the private collection of great cars belonging to Dave Simon. If you haven't seen his collection go to <http://www.americancollectorsusa.com/dave-simon>. Our fifth stop was a dessert stop at another fabulous private collection with our friend and wonderful hostess Pat Tucker. The Poker run was very competitive. I told Dick Wyckoff that he needed to pull a King of Hearts at the last stop and he did exactly that which made him the Grand Prize Winner of \$235. Everyone had a great time.

We have 2 parades coming up on **December 10th**. Dick Wyckoff will handle the El Segundo parade and Elaine Pisu will be handling the Wilmington parade. The Wilmington group will meet at the Club House at **10:30** and caravan over to the staging area for the parade. After the parade we will be heading to Acapulco Restaurant in San Pedro for lunch.

On **December 15th at 5:00 PM** we will have our annual holiday dinner at the Olive Garden on Hawthorne Blvd in Torrance. After the dinner we will go to the club house for our monthly meeting and our cookie exchange.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Save the Dates:

January 27, 2018 Installation Banquet:

February 4, 2018 Super-bowl Potluck Party at the Pisu's home.

Ciao! **Mama Pisu**

Other Car Events of Interest for 2017 & 2018

Dec. 10th, 2017 (Sun)- El Segundo Christmas/Centennial Holiday Parade—1pm to 3pm.

We meet about 12:30 at North end of town. Contact: Dick Wyckoff

Dec. 10th, 2017 (Sun) —Wilmington Christmas Parade. After, we will have lunch at the Acapulco Restaurant.

Contact: Elaine Pisu for more info.

February 4th, 2018 — Super Bowl Sunday at the Pisu's. More to come.

April 8-10, 2018 - CCRG Cambria Pines hosted by Cuesta Crankers, San Luis Obispo. Host hotel Cambria Pines Lodge. 805-927-4200

April 13-14, 2018 - Bakersfield Swap Meet. Kern County Fairgrounds 1142 South 'P' St. Ming St. off-ramp

June 24-28, 2018 (Sun-Thurs) - MAFCA National Convention, Reno-Sparks, Nevada. More to come.

2017 Veteran's Day Progressive Tour



Elaine giving instructions



Editor's cars prepped for tour



Heading to San Pedro CA



First stop after breakfast



Palos Verdes hills to San Pedro



Dennis & Linda's home for lunch



Lunch is served



Tables for 42 people, please!



Car collection in Gardena CA



Dessert at Pat Tucker's



Monty & Donnis heading up the hill



20 Model As in traffic



Pat Tucker's car & sign collection



Elaine & poker hand winner, Dick

Al's Garage



Gary, Jack and Dennis discussing wiring
With Monty reading instructions



Dick & Dennis studying gas line installation



Cliff LeFall installing gas line



Original owner in rumble seat

Perfume



I want more attention from my husband, do you have any perfume that smells like a Model A?



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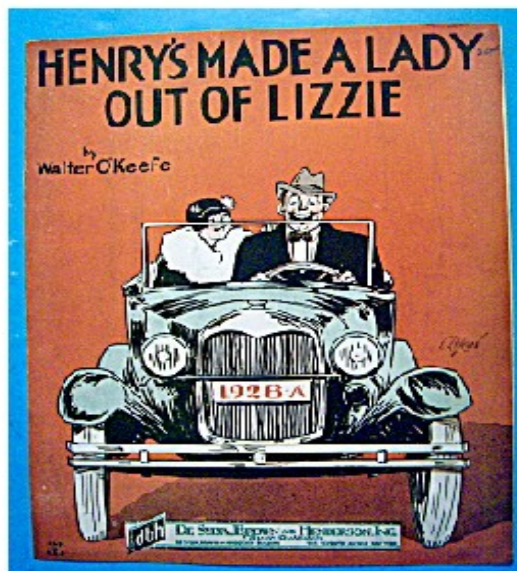
The Model A Ford Club of America 2019 National Tour, October 7-11, 2019



This hub & spoke tour will be based out of spectacular Kanab Utah in the center of Utah's stunning Red Rock Country. Daily drives to the Grand Canyon, Zion and Bryce National Parks and other sites being planned. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see these sites from inside your Model A.

Watch for more information in The Restorer Magazine.

2018 INSTALLATION BANQUET



January 27, 2018 from 11:00pm-4:00pm

The Proud Bird - 11022 Aviation Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90045

Please join us as we celebrate another year of *preserving, restoring*
and *enjoying* the Model A Ford automobile

This year we will be enjoying the following:

Entrée Choices* (please choose one)

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