

Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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

January 2018



Harbor Model A Club members at the Wilmington CA Christmas parade. Another group did the El Segundo parade the same day. Busy weekend!

HARBORLIGHT

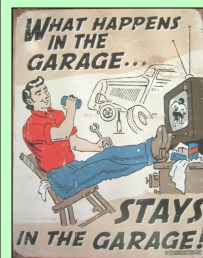


Upcoming Business Meetings

The December meeting will be earlier also on **Friday, the 15th.**

We will have supper at Olive Garden restaurant (Hawthorne and Skypark) at 4:30PM. Regular meeting after dinner at clubhouse 7:30PM. Cookie exchange!!!!

The **January 2018** meeting is the Banquet at the Proud Bird restaurant.



Technical Activities

We did it! We fired up Steve's Phaeton and it sounded great. Continuing with wiring and moving front seat back a little. Brakes are next.

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

Al's Garage, 907 Van Ness, Torrance CA

Tours

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



Next Board Meeting

The **January** Board meeting is **Tuesday, January 9th, 2018** 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!

Another year has come and gone and with the ending of 2017, I take great pleasure in remembering how great the Harbor A's are while wondering what lies ahead. We have "raised the bar" on tours and activities, we have elected very talented people to lead our club and we have set our sights on new goals for new adventures driving Henry's fabulous cars.

One of the most enjoyable tours for me has always been the annual Wilmington Christmas parade. The reason is simple...the horses and the children. I love horses and seeing authentic Mexican showmanship celebrating their culture is truly wonderful. The scores of children lining the streets, waving and wishing all a Merry Christmas is always worth our club's efforts to share in the holiday festivities.

It was over thirteen years ago when "Alice" joined our family and she most certainly has changed our lives. We have learned so much, made fantastic new friends and continue to forward to new adventures. We have grown as a club in both numbers and strength...we are recognized as a one of the finest Model A Clubs around and I am so very proud of all of you for making that happen. A very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to each of you and your families!!!!

Be safe out there!!!

Monty



Time out for
a little humor



January Birthdays

- 3 Paul Larquier Jr.
- 3 Darlene Duncan
- 5 Ted Dalton
- 11 Jerry Reine
- 12 Patti Migliazzo
- 25 Ed Firth
- 29 Richard Saliture



January Anniversaries

None this month



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Well, the Harbor club survived a busy weekend. Two Christmas parades the same day, one in Wilmington and one in El Segundo. They are always fun events and a good time was had by all.

On a different note, Jan is doing much better after her bout with colon cancer. Her appetite is improving and she is able to participate in her church choir and her Sweet Adeline chorus. She has always been a singer and would not let this event stop her.

Looking ahead to next summer, MAFCA is having it's National Convention in Reno NV. It is close enough to drive your A, trailer your A, or drive your modern. National events are a lot of fun. Lots of new friends, exciting tours, and interesting seminars for everyone. I encourage everyone to give it some thought.

We moved the Installation banquet to an afternoon event to encourage more participation by members that don't drive at night. It will go from **11AM to 4PM** at the Proud Bird in Westchester. Hope to see you there.

Keep driving those As. That is what they are for!

Dick



"Tootsie" at tree lighting in El Segundo



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.



Member Joe Freitag sold the overdrive and transmission he was selling and still has a **Sparton horn** for sale. It has been refurbished and works great. Asking \$200 OBO. Contact Joe at 310-377-0135. Palos Verdes CA

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.



2018 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 **2018 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** will be available March/April. 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

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

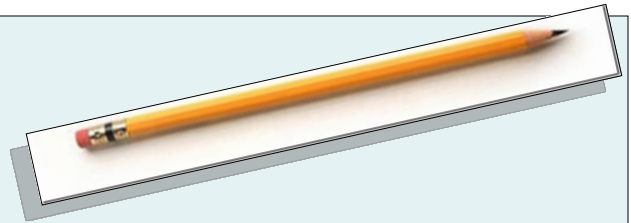
*National **MARC** Membership Includes:

- 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: November 17, 2017

Location: WALTERIA Clubhouse



President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:35PM

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

Recognition of Past Presidents: Doris & Drain Marshall, Carla Hibbard, Dick Wyckoff, Pat Yacklon & Monty Bates

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

Vice President: Tim Harrison ♦ Our opportunity drawing is full of great stuff, even a 2018 Hemming Calendar.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner ♦ Account balance is fine. This amount does not include the bills that have been submitted this evening ♦ We are collecting payments for the banquet. Please make checks payable to Harbor MARC and reference your entrée selection on your check.

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff ♦ Last month's newsletter is full of fun activities. The progressive was great! There are photos from this event included in the newsletter. Dick had both of his cars present for this event. His Son-in-law drove the '30 Cabriolet and he drove the '29 Roadster Pickup. Tim Harrison said it was the best turn-out we have had. And Cliff confirmed, saying that we had 20 model A's and it was a remarkable event. Dick won the progressive poker run, he put it right back into the club, paying his dues and he and Jan's tickets for the banquet! ♦ He wanted to remind everyone that next year's MAFA National Convention is in Reno and that we should plan to attend. It is lots of fun!

Historian/Webmaster: Sue Hankins ♦ Has been working with our web hosting company to correct the problem that our listing on the internet is Fade to White, then Harbor Area Model A Club. The Fade to White is the template that was used to create our website. This has been corrected but sometimes it takes a while for Google to catch up with the correction ♦ Sue has created a 60th Anniversary CD which includes the six (6) minute drone capture. This CD is about 15 minutes long. The club will be offering this CD, along with the CD of moments captured from events in the 10 years since the 50th anniversary. This CD is 1 -1/2 hours long. There is a small fee of \$5.00 for the two CD's. If you are interested please contact Sue and she will make you a copy of each.

Membership: Ursi Schmidt ♦ Ursi thanked Sue Hankins for the wonderful job she did on Dick Lusk's life in his Model A memorial CD ♦ I have my homemade Christmas Cards here this evening. Please take some ♦ Our Club dues are due for 2018. Dues for Harbor MARC are \$30 per year. As a club we are part of the National Organization MARC. It is a requirement that all Harbor members are also members of MARC. The cost for this membership is \$45. The total of both is \$75. If you pay your MARC membership directly to them please be sure I have your membership number for our records. If you receive the HarborLight by US mail please include an additional \$10. Please get me your payment as soon as possible, I will be sending a check to MARC to maintain our yearly membership with them.

Membership Drawing: Gary Gottormson won the men's prize this month; Pat Tucker won the women's. No one had won for a while so both received \$15.00.

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall ♦ We will be at Al's garage (907 Van Ness, Torrance) this coming Saturday, November 18th. 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 ♦ Pat Yacklon thanked Cliff for helping with Sue's side mirror during the Progressive.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Jack Gordinier collected \$5.35

Sunshine: Doris Marshall & Theresa LeFall ♦ Maryann Friedrich's tibia injury is healing nicely ♦ Jan is with us this evening. Glad you are feeling well enough to join us this evening. Jan thanked everyone for the get well cards. It was great and cheered her up ♦ Jack Goldberg is still in mourning for his Father's passing. Some of our members were present to share 'sitting Shiva' with Jack and his family. It was a nice representation of our club. The ceremony included readings from the Torah (in Hebrew). It was a nice celebration of his life ♦ Carla and Walt Hibbard have returned from Wisconsin and are with us this evening. Welcome! ♦ Andy Soto's wife Sandra is having some health issues. She is home now, but need a lot of care. Andy is taking good care of her.

Sunshine: (Continued) ♦ Sandy Ragon hurt her knee a year ago August. She had surgery but it was not successful, a second surgery is necessary, she is discouraged and not to optimistic. A card is circulating please e sign and I will get it in the mail to her ♦ Ruxella's had knee surgery a while back and was still in a lot of pain. Come to find out the knee cap had been dislocated. Her Physical Therapist put it back in and Ruxella is finally starting to feel some relief ♦ A great big congratulations to Sammy (Ursi's daughter) who won the VW racing award for the year. The award was \$1,000.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries: Birthdays ♦ 1-Gary Gottormson, 4-Wayne Sterling, 7-Dick Wenker, 10-Dan Fitzgerald and Anita Perreten, 11-Sue Hankins, 15-Mary Walker, 17-Bob DeCrescenzo, 20-Ruxella Speights, 21-Greg Clayton, 23-Jeanne Parrish, 25-Jim Valot and 25-Amy Knott ♦

Anniversaries ♦ 1-Jack & Julie Goldberg

Tools Coordinator: Bobby DeCrescenzo ♦ We have about 35 tools We have loaned some out this month and they have been returned ♦ Dick could you please put the list of tools in the HarborLight this next month?

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights ♦ Jack & Joan Gordinier supplied the refreshments this evening. Thank you ♦ No-one has missed a single month for the last four (4) years. Thank you, it makes this job so much easier.

Clock Prize: 'Mistress of time' Joan Gordinier - winner of our clock prize is Daffy Wagner

Advertising: Jim Huizdos ♦ 50% of our advertisers have renewed their spot for the New Year. I am working on getting new advertisers in addition the existing ones. Please see me if you know of anyone that is interested.

Merchandise: Gloria Younk ♦ We have a compliment of merchandise for you to select from. Please see Noralene or I at the merchandise table if you are interested ♦ Wayne Sterling has researched magnetic metal signs for our cars. They are \$20 each and available for purchase ♦ I have been researching the cost of a jacket for our club. A jacket with no emblem just the members name is \$51.00. Club logo front and back it is an additional \$35.00. There is a price increase for the larger sizes; 2X is an additional \$3.00. The jacket is the Tri-Mountain brand and is offered as a prepaid order only.

Tours: Elaine Pisu was not present, Jim Huizdos presented in her absence **December 10th** - Christmas parades - we have two and sadly they are on the same day! El Segundo - led by Dick Wyckoff - see him if you would like to participate. He will give you the scoop. Wilmington - led by Elaine Pisu. This group will meet at the Acapulco restaurant in San Pedro for lunch after the parade. (Usually about 2:00pm) Sign-up sheet is being circulated ♦ **December** - we will not be going to Bobby DeCrescenzo's this year. We will have two events instead. **December 15th, Cookie Exchange & movie night** - at the WALTERIA Clubhouse. We will have dinner at the Olive Garden before the event, if you are interested in dinner sign the clipboard that is being circulated. The movie will be the video that Sue Hankins made for the 60th picnic. Due to technical issues it was not available for the event. But we will all enjoy it this evening ♦ **December? Christmas Lights and mystery tour**, date, time and location TBD.

Old Business: ♦ Fund Raising - Bottles & Aluminum Can Drive (Ongoing) See Monty Bates with your contribution. Thank you all again for your generous support ♦ Donniss created a flyer for the Banquet. It has all the information you might need. They are on the front table. Be sure to get one and join the fun!

New Business: The youth chapter of Model A Restorers is having an opportunity drawing for the restored Phaeton. The tickets are \$100 each.

There will only be 500 tickets sold. Do we, as a club, want to purchase a ticket? The motion was moved and seconded and voted on by the members, to purchase two tickets ♦ **The nominations for next year's officers and board of directors was led by Tim Harrison. The voting was completed and the following is the new Officers and Board for 2018:** President - Tim Harrison, Vice President - Dennis Simpson, Secretary - Pat Harrison, Technical- Cliff LeFall and Tours - Elaine Pisu ♦ Tim Harrison has the Thumb. He will bring it next time to be awarded to Steve Thompson for his Solvang Adventure ♦ **Dinner & Refreshments hosted by:** Jack & Joan Gordinier - THANK YOU

Next General Meeting: Friday, December 15th - 7:30 meeting @ WALTERIA Clubhouse (the date is early this month due to the Christmas holiday)

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 5th - 7:00pm at TMMC - West Tower: New Room this month A

Meeting adjourned: Daffy Wagner moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Dick Wyckoff. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34PM for refreshments

Respectfully submitted; **Donnis Bates**, Secretary

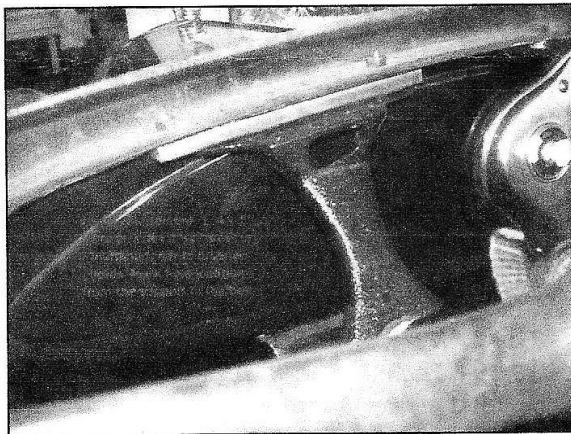
Steering Column Support

by Tom Endy

In the beginning of Model A production the steering column support was attached to the gas tank with a series of rivets. Over the years this proved to be not a good thing as the constant tugging on the steering wheel loosens the rivets and causes a fuel leak. In April 1931 the column support was changed to provide mounting to the dash rail instead of the gas tank.

The later dash rail mounted column support can be directly retro-fitted to all 30-31 cars as it will line up with existing bolt holes in the dash rail. However it does not line up to the dash rail holes in the 28-29 cars. In order to install the later column support on these early cars an adapter has to be fabricated.

The following photos of the mounting assembly installed in a 28-29 car were obtained from a posting on the Fordbarn forum a few years ago.



The adapter can be fabricated from either steel or aluminum. It should be one inch wide, seven inches long, and 3/8 inches thick. Four holes are drilled in the adapter. Use four 1/4-20 countersunk bolts, one inch long, along with four nuts and lock washers.

Drill and mount the adapter to the dash rail as shown in the photo with two of the bolts. Mount the later column support to the steering column and mark the adapter where the mounting holes

line up. Drill the other two holes in the adapter. Mount the column support to the adapter using the other two bolts.



For the 1930 and early 1931 cars the later column support will bolt right up to the existing bolts in the dash rail.

A reproduction later column support can be obtained from most suppliers. Bratton's has them.

Steering column support p/n 4860, \$23.00

Steering column lower clamp p/n 4840, \$11.50

Steering column support bolts p/n 4850, \$1.45

(2016 prices)

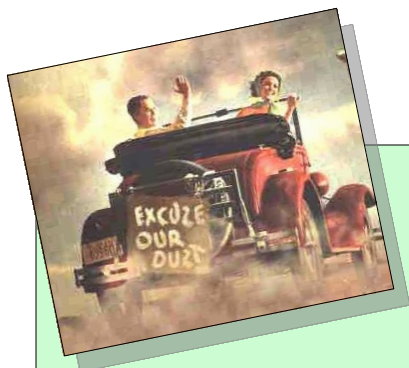
The existing tank mount can be left in place on the 28-29 cars as the 3/8" adapter will position the steering column just enough so there is clearance all around and no pressure is put on the old mount.

On the 30-31 cars flat washer can be installed with the column mount to provide spacing around the existing tank mount.

Most people looking into the front seat of the car usually don't become aware there are two column mounts.

If the tank is removed from the car for repair a radiator shop can remove the old tank mount and weld up the rivet holes.

Ed note: As mentioned in the article, this extension was introduced in April 1931. If you want to see a sample of the installation, check out Steve Thompson's Phaeton or Dick Wyckoff's '30 Cabriolet.



Touring with Elaine
By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



Hard to Believe 2017 is Almost Over

Can it Be 2018 ALREADY???

December is busy as usual and so is the Harbor Area Model A Club. On **Sunday, December 10th** we represented the club in 2 Parades.

The **Wilmington parade** had 9 cars - The Bates brought Alice, The Knott family, The Wagners, The LeFalls, The Marshalls, The Pisu, The Simpsons, The Thompsons, Pat and Sue, in all there were 19 of us and there was a great crowd lining the parade route. It was a beautiful sunny day and as always it was a fun time. Unfortunately Drain had to call AAA to get home. After the parade we headed to lunch at Acapulco and enjoyed the San Pedro Harbor.

The **El Segundo parade** had 4 cars - The Wyckoffs, The Beardsleys (with grandkids), The Ragons, and Bruce Montgomery and Judy. What a great day for a parade. (The horses were behind us!)

On **Friday December 15, 2017 at 4:30** we will be having our annual holiday dinner at the Olive Garden in Torrance (Hawthorne and Skypark) prior to the club meeting/cookie exchange.

****Please be punctual as the Olive Garden was VERY difficult to book for a group of 40 people on a Friday for dinner.**

Our next event will be the **Saturday, January 27, 2018** Installation Banquet, **11AM to 4PM** at the Proud Bird restaurant in Westchester on Aviation Blvd just North of Imperial Ave. See you there.

Sunday, February 4th will be our pot luck Super Bowl party at the Pisu's. More to come.

Have a wonderful Christmas or whatever holiday you celebrate at this time of year and we will gather again in 2018.

BE SAFE AND HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Ciao! **Mama Pisu**

Other Car Events of Interest for 2018

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 10th, 2018 (Sun) - Henry Ford Picnic. Heritage Park, Santa Fe Springs CA.

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

Pictures taken at the Christmas Parades



A Note from MAFCA President

It is hard to believe that 2017 is coming to a close. The year has had its challenges and definitely its learning moments for me. I've had a great year of meeting so many of our wonderful members and driving my A with new friends.

Henry Ford is quoted as saying, "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success." The 2017 Board of Directors came together, stayed together and worked very well together! I want to thank all of the Directors who served this year on the Board. You've made the management decisions that have allowed our club to run so effectively. We worked hard and even got in some great social time; forming some really good friendships along the way. I feel we had a very successful year! Thank you all!

I hope you have purchased your Christmas Cards for 2017; they are available in the MAFCA Store. The design, this year, is another cover from a past *Restorer* magazine. It depicts a family loading the Model A sedan with gifts for friends and family.

Have you sent in your mileage for the 100K in A Day Challenge? It's not too late! The program has been extended to the end of 2017. Be sure your miles count. Send mileage to 100k@mafca.com, today! The 2018 Convention, to be held in Reno, NV, is now accepting registrations. For more information and registration forms, visit this link: [2018 MAFCA Convention](#).

It is with sadness that we are saying goodbye to our magazine editor, Jim Spawn. Jim has continuously produced an award-winning magazine that our club has enjoyed for 17 years. We all wish you the very best in your retirement as Editor of *The Restorer*, and we look forward to seeing you at events in the future.

I, also, want to thank our staff in La Habra, CA, Brenda and Juanita. Plus, the woman behind the Board who deserves so many thanks, Sandra; without your assistance and ever amazing organizational skills, MAFCA would not be what it is today. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your guidance over my 4 years on the Board.

It was with great pleasure that I began 2017 and MAFCA's 60th Anniversary year as your President. I want to thank the MAFCA Board for their support and confidence in me. To all of you, our members, who love these cars, I wish to say that I am very pleased to have been able to serve as MAFCA's 2017 President.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years!

Happy Begg



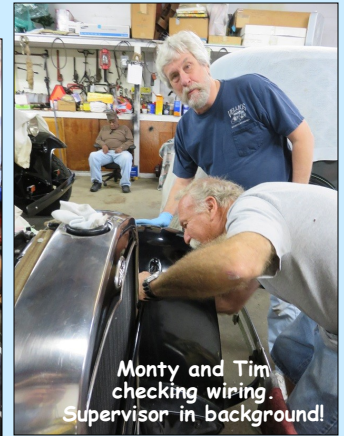
Latest from Al's Garage



Steve and Monty checking fuel line before starting



Cliff checking hoses. Has lots of help.



Monty and Tim checking wiring. Supervisor in background!



We started it for the first time. Sounds great!

Dennis congratulates Steve.



MAFFI Newsletter Minute

Send a Brick for Christmas! Since 2011, when we first started raising money for the construction of the Model A Museum, over 1400 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of our favorite Model A'ers, Model A clubs and regions. We have room under the gas canopy at the Museum for about 200 more bricks. It would be a wonderful thing if we could finish off that area this year! You could help us make that goal by ordering a brick for a loved one for Christmas. It would make a great gift for that loved one in your family who really doesn't 'need' anything and of course, it would benefit the Model A Museum as well. If your Model A region or club doesn't yet have a brick at the Museum, now would be a good time to do that as well. Use the brick order form in this issue of the 'A' Preserver to order your engraved brick. It will be in place at the Museum by next September.

Merry Christmas and thank you.
Loukie Smith, Brick Coordinator



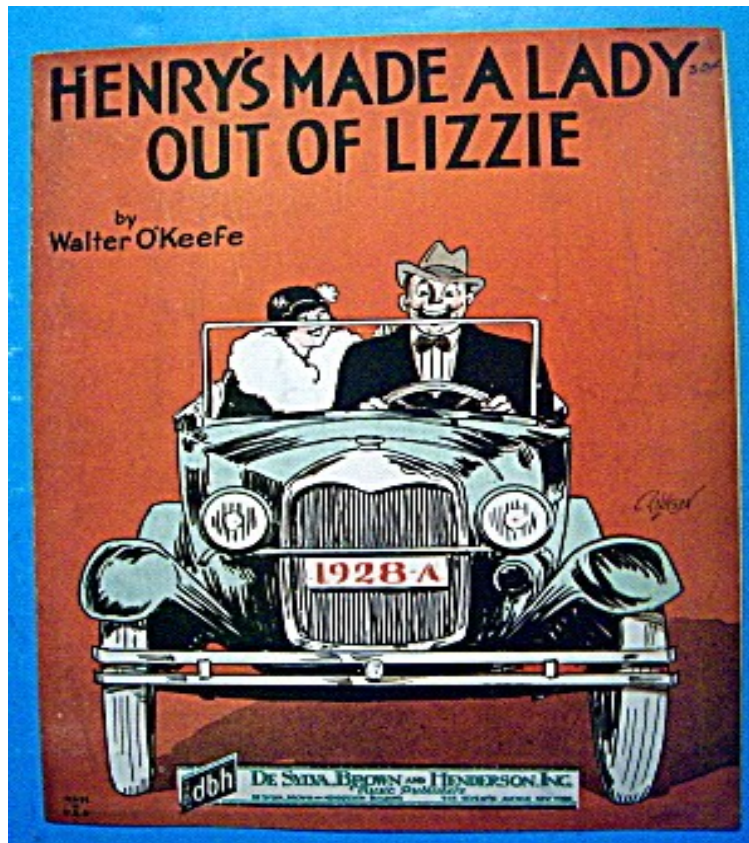
The Model A Ford Club of America
2019 National Tour, October 7-11, 2019



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 11AM—4PM

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:

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