

Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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Torrance, California

February 2018



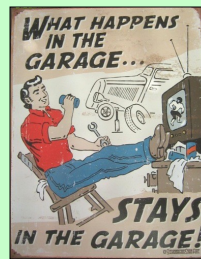
Upcoming Business Meetings

The **January 2018** meeting is the Banquet at the **Proud Bird** restaurant in Westchester. This year it is from 11AM to 4PM on Saturday, January 27th. See you there!

The **February** meeting will be **Friday, February 23rd** at the Walteria clubhouse. Meeting starts at 7:30PM. Come a little early an help set up and meet your Model A friends.

Tours

Super bowl is **Feb 4th** at the Pisu's. Keep the date open. It's party time! 1:30pm. Pot luck.



Technical Activities

Lots going on with member's cars. Fixing wiring, adjusting brakes, fixing leaky gas gauges, and we keep making progress on Steve's Phaeton.

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

Al's Garage, 907 Van Ness, Torrance CA



Next Board Meeting

The **February** Board meeting is **Tuesday, February 6th, 2018** at 7PM. It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing. Exact room TBD.

We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome.

Please visit our awesome website
Check it out:

www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com



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



A View From the Slow Lane

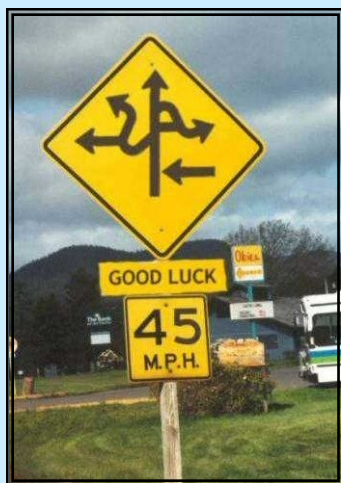
As we finish the celebration of our 60th year, we look toward the 90th year of the production of the Model A.

The preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of the Model A Ford remains our primary purpose. Our multifaceted activities encourage our members to contribute in many individual ways:

- *Al's Garage—Maintenance and service of our Model As
- *Tours to let the community be aware of our activities
- *Local and National events to meet new enthusiasts and gain new knowledge from various workshops
- *Weekly and monthly social activities to meet and share ideas and knowledge to help fellow members become more aware of their own cars
- *The many volunteers and elected officers who carry out all of the many tasks to keep our club running

As your President, I look forward to working with all of the members to continue our goals, participation, and develop new ideas to make the Harbor Area Model A Club an active and fun organization.

Tim

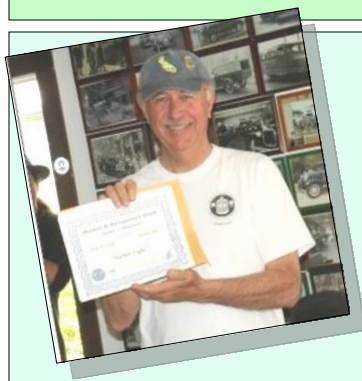


February Birthdays

3 Don Knott	9 Gloria Younkin
5 Ron Ragon	15 Elaine Pisu
5 Phil Bonneau	23 Liz Fitzgerald
5 Laura Pahls	24 Dick Wyckoff
6 Sheree Wright	25 Daffy Wagner
8 Dale Barry	

February Anniversaries

14 Jim & Anita Perreten
20 Mike & Sheree Wright



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Looking back over the last year, it was both rewarding and trying. Thanks to all of the good thoughts and prayers and wonderful doctors, Jan is doing great after her colon cancer episode. She is cancer free. Yahoo!

Jan and I have some fun events planned for this year. We are signed up for the MAFCA

National Convention in Reno NV in June. I highly recommend members attend the national meet. So much to see, do and learn at these events. They don't happen this close that often. Give it some thought. Sign ups are on the MAFCA website.

Al's Garage meetings on Saturdays have put several Model A's back on the road. We are still working on Steve's '31 Phaeton and it will be back on the road soon, also.

It is hard to believe, but I have been doing the Harbor Light for 10 years now. I took it over from Sandy Ragon in April of 2008. It has been a lot of fun and it is very rewarding to see it published each month. If you have a Model A story to tell or something of interest for our readers, let me know.

See you at the banquet.

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.



Christmas Cards. I recycle them for use again next year. Please give them to me at the next Club meeting in February. Thanks. Ursi Schmidt



Original pair of 1929 California **license plates** for sale. Good condition and DMV clear. Asking \$350 OBO. Contact Paul at 310-328-1026 or 310-218-7266 (cell) Torrance 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:

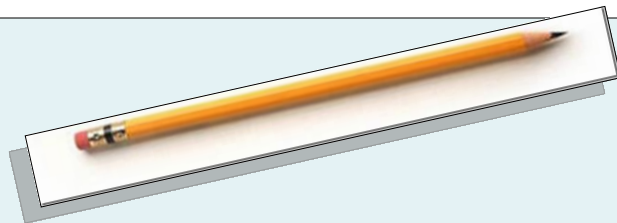
- A one year subscription to The Restorer, our award-winning bi-monthly magazine including free classified ads.
- The right to register and participate in all National and Regional MAFCA meets
- Voting privileges in National elections of officers and by-laws revisions
- Free classified advertising on 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: December 15, 2017
Location: Walteria Clubhouse



President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:31pm

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

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

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

Vice President: Tim Harrison ♦ No opportunity drawing this evening. Just lots of great cookies!

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner ♦ Account balance is good This amount does not include the payments we have received for the banquet. We have 39 reservations so far. We are accepting payments for the banquet this evening. Please make checks payable to Harbor MARC and reference your entrée selection on your check. The deadline for the banquet is the first week of January (1st - 7th). Please get your payment in early. Thank you.

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff ♦ January issue of the Harbor Light has been sent. You should have your copy. Sue Hankins sent photos from the Wilmington Parade so there are lots of fun pictures for you to enjoy. February's issue will be out before the banquet ♦ Remember if you have anything to sell or any articles you would like to share send the information to Dick and he will publish it for you ♦ Peggy Wishon brought a publication that she had received from a Model A group in Norway to share. It was passed around for all to review.

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

Membership: Ursi Schmidt ♦ 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. I have sent out reminder e-mails and letters if you have not paid your dues for 2018 yet. So far about half of the members have paid.

Membership Drawing: Phyllis DeCrescenzo won the women's prize this month; Greg Earhart won the men's. **Technical & Safety:** Cliff LeFall ♦ Was not present ♦ Nothing new to report ♦ Monty Bates thanked Al Avoian for sharing his shop with our club. It is such a wonderful addition to our seminars and learning and we are so lucky to be able to have it available to use every Saturday. A big round of applause for Al Avoian!

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): No badge money was collected this month; a holiday present to our members.

Sunshine: Doris Marshall & Theresa LeFall (Theresa was not present) ♦ Jan is doing better and is with us this evening ♦ Sandy Ragon has gotten the brace off of her leg and is doing better.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries: **Birthdays** ♦ 3-Paul Larquier Jr. & Darlene Duncan, 5-Ted Dalton, 11-Jerry Reine, 12-Patti Migliazzo, 25-Ed Firth & 29-Richard Saliture

Anniversaries ♦ None this month

Tools Coordinator: Bobby DeCrescenzo ♦ We have about 35 tools We did not loan out any tools this month.

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights ♦ Thank you for doing such a good job for our club for the last four years.

Clock Prize: 'Mistress of time' Joan Gordinier - We did not have a clock prize this month

Advertising: Jim Huizdos ♦ Nothing new to report

Merchandise: Gloria Younkin ♦ We do not have any merchandise here this evening, but if you need or want something let one of us know and we will get it to you.

Tours: Elaine Pisu Thank you all for participating in the parades. They are always enjoyed by all the spectators, especially the children ♦ Our next big event is our Installation Banquet. Be sure to sign up early. It is always lots of fun ♦ December 30th is the Horseless Carriage tour. If you have not attended it is a great event. Cars are welcome up to 1932 and Jay Leno usually brings a car powered by steam. It is about a 20 mile ride and starts at the Santa Anita racetrack 7:00am

Tours: (Continued)

♦ 2018 - Super bowl party at the Pisu's. February 4th around 1:30pm, more information to follow ♦ I welcome any and all ideas for next year's tours, please contact me.

Old Business: ♦ Fund Raising - Bottles & Aluminum Can Drive (Ongoing) See Monty Bates with your contribution. Thank you all again for your generous support ♦ Following are the new elected officers for 2018 - **President:** Tim Harrison, **Vice-President:** Dennis Simpson, **Secretary:** Pat Harrison, **Technical:** Cliff LeFall, **Tours:** Elaine Pisu ♦ And we have one remaining elected position for 2018 - **Treasurer:** Daffy Wagner

New Business: Tim Harrison has the Thumb in his possession, but will bring it next time. Drain Marshall will receive the Thumb for being towed from the Wilmington Christmas Parade. Drain also received the hard luck trophy from the Orange County Model A Club and shared it with us. It is made from old and broken Model A parts! What a hoot!

Refreshments hosted by: All of us - THANK YOU

Next General Meeting: Saturday, January 27th - 11:00am meeting @ The Proud Bird (This is our yearly installation banquet)

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 9th - 7:00pm at TMMC -West Tower

Meeting adjourned: Dick Wyckoff moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Elaine Pisu. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM for refreshments (Cookies galore!)

Respectfully submitted; **Donnis Bates**, Secretary



Technical Talk

MODEL "A" RESTORER'S CLUB- HARBOR AREA

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 _____

AMOUNT RECEIVED, CHECK OR CASH _____

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> RATCHET NUT WRENCH | 17. <input type="checkbox"/> VALVE GUIDE REMOVAL TOOL |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> FRAME SPREADER | 18. <input type="checkbox"/> GAS GAUGE REMOVAL TOOL |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> FRONT SPRING SPREADER | 19. <input type="checkbox"/> CLUTCH DISC ALIGN TOOL |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> REAR SPRING SPREADER | 20. <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRIBUTOR PULLER TOOL |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> SPREADER WRENCH | 21. <input type="checkbox"/> JUDGING STANDARDS BOOK |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINE LIFTING TOOL | 22. <input type="checkbox"/> STATIC WHEEL BALANCER |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> REAR AXLE HOUSING SEAL DRIVER | 23. <input type="checkbox"/> CHAIN FALL HOIST |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> PINION PULLER | 24. <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINE HOIST |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> (2) PINION NUT WRENCHES | 25. <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRIBUTOR BUSHING REAMER |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> SHIFT LEVER SPRING COMPRESSOR | 26. <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHT SWITCH SPIDER INSTALL TOOL |
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| 12. <input type="checkbox"/> CAM NUT WRENCH | 28. <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRIBUTOR TIMING "Z" WRENCH |
| 13. <input type="checkbox"/> REAR HUB PULLER | 29. <input type="checkbox"/> VOLTAGE TESTER |
| 14. <input type="checkbox"/> KINGPIN REAMER | 30. <input type="checkbox"/> IGNITION SPARK TESTER |
| 15. <input type="checkbox"/> BRAKE SHOE RIVETING TOOL | 31. <input type="checkbox"/> PILOT BEARING PULLER (2 PIECES) |
| 16. <input type="checkbox"/> BRAKE PEDAL ADJ. TOOL | 32. <input type="checkbox"/> DOOR HINGE PULLER |

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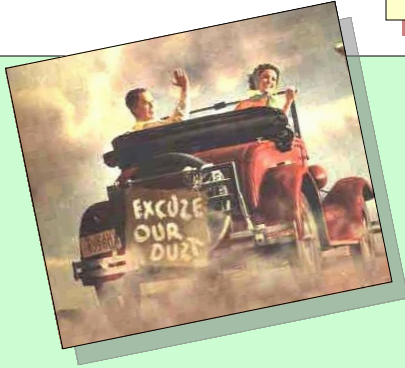
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Bob DeCrescenzo is the tool custodian. If you have a need for any of the tools listed, let him know.

If you think we need a tool we don't have let Bob know and maybe the Club will purchase it.

Touring with Elaine
By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



2018

January 27 (Sat) Installation Banquet 11am-4pm. Proud Bird Restaurant

Feb 4 (Sun) Super Bowl Party at the Pisu's 1:30pm. Pot Luck

February 23- 25 (Fri-Sun) Big 3 Parts Exchange Qualcomm Stadium San Diego

March 10 (Sat) Malibu Tour (In case of Rain we will go March 17th)

April 8-10 CCRG Cambria Pines Lodge in Cambria CA. 805-927-4200

April 15 (Sun) Fabulous Fords Car Show Knotts Berry Farm, Buena Park

April 22 (Sun) Orange County Pancake Breakfast

May 5 (Sat) Edelbrock Car Show, Torrance CA

May 12 (Sat) K-9 Benefit Car Show Long Beach

May 12 (Sat) Culver City Car Show

June 10 (Sun) Henry Ford Picnic Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs

June 24-29 MAFCA National Convention in Reno Nevada

July 13-15 (Fri-Sun) Solvang Drive and Dine

July 22 (Sun) Annual Wounded Warrior Car Show in Redondo Beach

August 11 (Sat) Rock 'n Roll Cruise/ Car Show

September 22 (Sat) Trip to Nethercutt Museum

September 22 (Sat) International Model A Ford Day

September 22 Cruisin' for a Cure - OC Fair & Event Center Costa Mesa

October Harbor Area Model A Club Progressive/Poker Run

November 27- December 1 MAFCA National Awards Banquet Tucson AZ

Ciao! **Mama Pisu**



Other Car Events of Interest for 2018

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

December Meeting Dinner at Olive Garden Restaurant



'Cookie Meeting' after Dinner



MARC Discount Membership Program Has Been Extended!



Following the success of the 2017 MARC 1/2 price sale (\$22.50 for NEW members who also join a Region), the Board of Directors has voted to extend the program for 2018! This is great news for MARC, your Region, and NEW members!

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MAFFI Newsletter Minute

January 2018



What's new at the Museum?

A recent addition to the Model A Ford Museum is a beautifully restored Good Humor Ice Cream Truck. This is on loan from Joe Hornacek and is a real "treat" to behold. Standing beside this truck is a mannequin displaying a uniformed Ice Cream man ready to sell a young man a frozen dessert. Many of us remember the joy of seeing one of these trucks in our neighborhood. Joe has been invited to show his truck at the Concourse De' Elegance in Texas this year. That just confirms that this is a special vehicle and outstanding restoration! Joe will return the truck to the museum after the Texas show.

We endeavor to keep the museum interesting and are continually changing our displays. Make plans to come and see us soon!



Latest from Al's Garage



Lineup at Al's Garage



Planning our next move



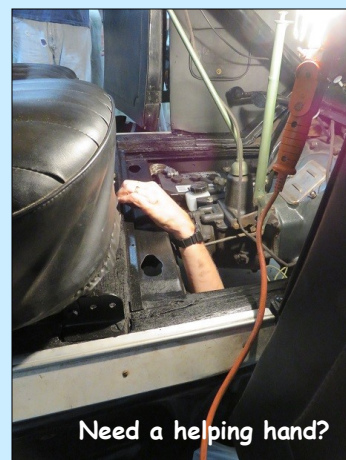
Fitting the hood



Steve and Monty installing seat brackets



Cliff setting timing



Need a helping hand?



Steve detailing Phaeton



New wiring in Jim Huizdos Roadster



So. Cal
Horseless Carriage
Club Tour
December 30th in
Pasadena CA

TINY TIPS

IDLING

If you just can't seem to make your Model A idle properly (ta-puck-a-ta, puck-a-ta, puck-a-ta) like they are famous for, check the following:

1. Are your valves in good condition?
No burned exhausts valves
Compression good?
2. Is the carburetor okay? Has it been checked out?
3. Is the distributor okay? New condenser, etc.?
4. No excess play in the distributor linkage?
5. Do you have Champion 3X spark plugs? Are they fairly new plugs?
6. Is the spark plug gap 0.035" to 0.040"?
7. Look for possible leaks in the intake system like manifold gaskets, cracked intake manifold, faulty windshield wiper hose or fittings.
8. Check for manifold leaks by spraying a very light liquid like WD-40 along the manifold to block gasket while the engine is idling. Does it slow down? If it does your manifold gaskets might be leaking. The gaskets could be improperly installed or the manifold surfaces could be warped.

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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one block south of Pacific Coast Hwy.) We'd like to invite all interested parties, even if they don't own a Model A Ford, to come and join us. Our goal is to educate the public about Model A Fords and have fun while doing it.

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