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May 2018



Harbor Area
Model A Club members
pose for a picture at
the CCRG held in
Cambria CA
last week

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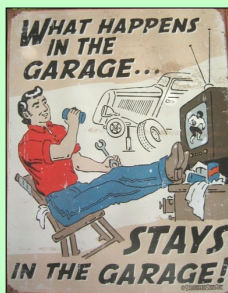
Upcoming Business Meetings

The April business meeting will be back at Walteria Clubhouse on Friday, April 27th

Meeting starts at 7:30PM.

The **May** meeting is **Friday, May 25th** at Walteria clubhouse.

Come a little early an help set up and meet your Model A friends.



Technical Activities

NOTICE!

Due to water leak doing damage at the garage, hold off on our Saturday meetings until further notice.

Al's Garage, 907 Van Ness, Torrance CA

Tours

Lot's of car shows and swap meets this month and next. The Edelbrock show is coming up soon, **Saturday, May 5th** from 9am-4pm at Vic's Garage in Torrance.

Make sure you have the Downey Club's Henry Ford Picnic on your calendar. It is **Sunday, June 10th** in Downey.



Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing. On Tuesday, May 1st at 7pm. Exact room TBD.

We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome.

Please visit our awesome website
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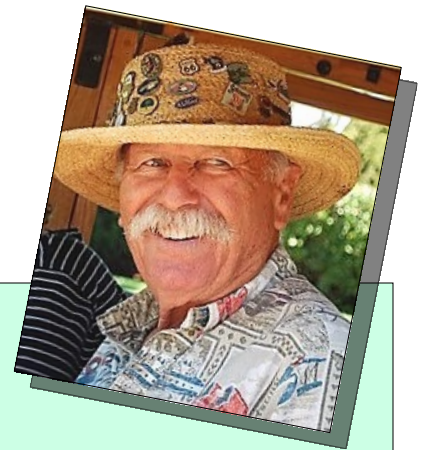
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Tim's Team Talk
A Note from our President
Tim Harrison



A View From the Slow Lane

Our club continues to amaze me. We have so many different activities that we offer something for everyone. And engage we all do—not just the activity but for the friendships all of the members have developed.

Look at the last month. We have four dinners together at Hof's Hut (We all love to eat!) Five Model As and many of our members attended the CCRG in Cambria. As usual, our tour director, Elaine Pisu had a fabulous tour and a great eating spot. (I don't know how she is able to continually find and plan such special outings.)

The following weekend many attended Fabulous Ford Day at Knott's Berry Farm to represent the Model A with their cars.

It's great being part of such an active club with such active members. Last Friday, many enjoyed the start of summer with the first of Ruby's weekly car shows and dinner. On Sunday, April 22nd, several Model As and many members made the trek to the annual Orange County Club's Pancake Breakfast at Hart Park in Orange CA. Something like 43 club members attended!

These activities bring us together with other clubs and individuals with the common hobby of the 90 year old car that still sparks our interest and sharing of talents and ideas.

Tim



Welcome our New Members

The Harbor Club welcomes our newest members. Please update your roster:

Rob Hernandez. Rob lives at 5137 Deelane St., Torrance CA 90503. He has a 1930 Coupe. Member # 1066
His email is: BikeRider58@yahoo.com

Bill and Anne Kealey. They live at 1616 Spreckels Lane in Redondo Beach CA 90278. They have a 1931 Pickup.
Their phone is 310-372-2408. Email is: BAKRedondo@hotmail.com. Member #1067

Bob Kushner. Bob lives at 4300 Via Dolce, Marina del Rey CA 90292. He has a 1929 Sport Coupe.
His phone is 310-822-3296. Email is: OneModelA@gmail.com. Member # 1068

Welcome and hope you join in on our fun activities!

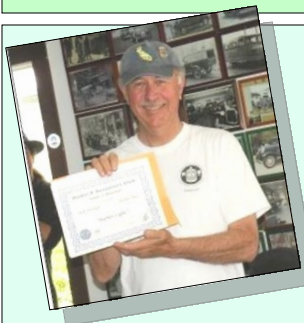
May Birthdays

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| 1 LeOrá Combs | 19 Steve Friedrich |
| 4 Leonard Funk | 19 Pat Tucker |
| 8 Karen Barry | 21 Lance Cryan |
| 10 Jim Speights | 22 Jesse Dykes |
| 13 Larry Migliazzo | 27 Willie Duncan |
| 15 Peggy Wishon | |



May Anniversaries

- | |
|---------------------------|
| 4 Wayne & Tomo Sterling |
| 5 Dan & Liz Fitzgerald |
| 20 Leonard & Darlene Funk |
| 29 Bill & Joann Moore |



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Jan and I had a conflict that took priority over the CCRG. (I know, that's hard to believe!) Granddaughter Paige and her fiancé got married the same weekend. A wonderful event and they took off two days later for two weeks in France and Italy. We are very happy for the newlyweds.

We just got back from a visit with Dick's sister and her family in McMinnville OR. No Model As but lots of great scenery along route 101 into OR. All is well and we had a great time.

From the looks of the pictures take by Elaine and Donnis, the CCRG was a fun event, too. Sorry we missed it. Jan and I will make the Orange County Club's Pancake breakfast. Got the Cabriolet all gassed and cleaned up ready to go. Always a fun event. They do a great job.

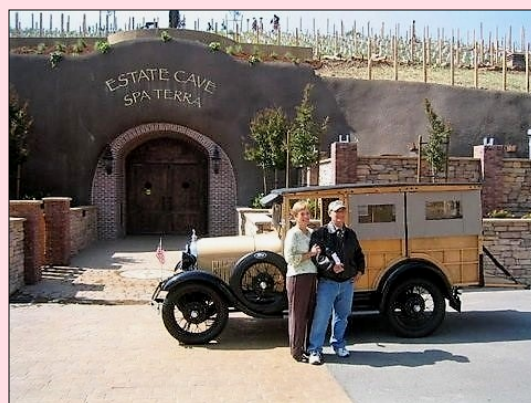
A weekly event here in the South Bay is Ruby's "Cruise at the Beach" in Redondo Beach on Fridays. It just started up for this season. Harbor was well represented. We had a fun time.

Dick



1929 Ford Woody Station Wagon

- LeBaron-Bonny windows and seats
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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.



Ruby's "Cruise at the Beach"

Ruby's has started for the season. 28 weeks of cars shows on Friday afternoons. It will continue every Friday night until October 26th, 2018.

Ruby's Diner 245 N. Harbor Drive in Redondo Beach (by the pier) is hosting a weekly gathering of fun cars all summer long. This event brings many cars of all types. Classics, Concours, hot rods, antiques, sports cars, motorcycles, and Model A's. Many Harbor Club members show their cars and enjoy a great meal in the diner. Check it out. There is a nice drawing and trophies are awarded each week.

Parking is free to participating cars.
Hope to see you there.



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**.

MAFFI Minute

What's New at the Museum?

There has been some recent redecorating in the Parts Department of the Museum. There had been a donation of 4 framed color drawings and John Marshall was inspired by those to recreate the "New" signs as seen in the photos. Once those were done, they were hung alongside the donated drawings, reframed and looking like the original pictures.

We are always striving to keep our museum fresh and new for those returning to the museum for another look and especially for those who are coming for the first time. If you have been thinking about a trip to the museum, why not make plans to join us for Model A Day, September 15, 2018. If you can't make it for Model A Day, the museum is open 7 days a week. Anytime you happen to be in the area, come by for a visit.

Thank you for your continued support of the Model A Ford Foundation by both item donation and monetary support.

Marsha Quesnel
MAFFI Trustee



HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING/Safety Check

Date: March 31, 2018

Location: Dennis & Linda Simpson's, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

President: Tim Harrison called the meeting to order at 12:03pm

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

Vice President: Dennis Simpson ♦ Nothing new to report

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner ♦ All is well. Bills are paid

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff ♦ Hope all of you have received this next month's Harbor Light. It is in gleaming color if you receive it via e-mail ♦ If you have something to sell, trade or give-away the HarborLight is a great place to advertise. Give Dick the information and he will publish your needs in the next month's edition.

Membership: Ursi Schmidt ♦ We have two new members with us today; Bob Kushner who has a 1929 Sport Coupe and Rob Hernandez with a 1930 Deluxe Coupe.

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall ♦ We have a great turnout today for our safety check. Thirteen cars have been inspected so far, we will continue with the rest of the cars after lunch ♦ A special thank you for Dennis & Linda Simpson for hosting our annual event. Tim Harrison presented Dennis & Linda with a special award; a handmade plaque "You put the Spark in the Harbor A's 2018 Safety Check". Thank you again for your hospitality

April Birthdays and Anniversaries: **Birthdays:** 1-James Walker, 7-Walt Hibbard, 12-Carol Olsen, 14-Drain Marshall, 15-Larry Sterling and 19-Kathy Valot ♦ **Anniversaries:** 28-Larry & Patti Migliazzo

Sunshine: Theresa LeFall and Doris Marshall ♦ Daffy is back with us today. She is on the mend and we are all so glad to see her ♦ Steve Newton may need to have surgery, our thoughts and well wishes are with him ♦ Rhoda Larquier is currently residing Sunrise Assisted Living on Hawthorne Blvd.

Tours: Elaine Pisu ♦ Rain canceled our Malibu tour; it will be rescheduled during the month of May

♦ **April 8th - 10th, Sunday - Tuesday** - CCRG in Cambria. Sign-up sheet circulating, please indicate which day you will be traveling and if you would like to caravan ♦ **April 15th, Sunday** - Fabulous Fords Forever Car Show at Knott's Berry Farm. Celebrating 90 years of Model A's! If you are planning on bringing your car, meet at Harbor Freight at 7:30 and leave at 7:45. Sign-up sheet circulating, please sign up if you will be part of the early morning caravan. The show is from 10:00 - 3:00 and free to spectators. We will be having chicken dinner at Knott's after the show. Come and join us. This event is looking for volunteers to help with parking. They are offering all volunteers a free chicken dinner ♦ **April 20th, Friday** Ruby's car show in Redondo starts its regular Friday gatherings for the spring and summer months ♦ **April 22nd, Sunday** - 57th Annual Orange County Pancake Breakfast in the City of Orange at Hart Park. Caravans meet at Harbor Freight at 6:45 and leave at 7:00 for freeway driving and surface streets at Spires (Sepulveda & Western) 7:00 leave at 7:15. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet which caravan you will attend ♦ **May 12th, Saturday** - We will be attending the Culver City Car Show. It takes place from 9:00am - 4:00pm. More information to follow ♦ Road Runner patches were distributed today.

Refreshments: Weeg Thompson ♦ We want to express a special thank you to Weeg for her coordination and hard work on our Potluck today.

Old Business: Fund Raising - Bottles & Aluminum Can Drive (Ongoing) See Monty Bates with your contribution. He gave Daffy this month's donations of \$44.00 ♦ We had a special birthday today! We celebrated Al Avoian's birthday. We sang with gusto 'Happy Birthday' and followed with a rousing round of 'He's a Jolly good Fellow'

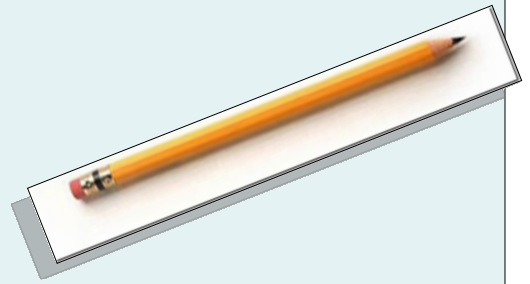
New Business: None

Next General Meeting: Friday, April 27th (7:30PM @Walteria Clubhouse)

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 3rd (7:00pm at TMMC)

Meeting adjourned: Elaine Pisu moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:14pm and it was seconded by Weeg Thompson.

Respectfully submitted; *Donnis Bates*, Acting Secretary



Technical Talk

Our annual Safety Meeting was held at the home (driveway) of Dennis and Linda Simpson. We checked 13 cars for safety issues and equipment condition. Lots of good comments on the condition of our cars. Thanks to Cliff LeFall for running the event. Great job!



Ready for inspection



Inspection underway



Discussing the finer points of the Model A



Gary's car getting the once over



Time to eat. Pot luck event. . .



Pres. Tim Harrison presenting a 'Spark' award to hosts, Linda and Dennis Simpson



Weeg Thompson serving up dessert



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



The Harbor A's have been VERY BUSY this month.



We had 21 members at CCRG in Cambria. My first stop was going to San Simeon to see the Elephant Seals and if you haven't seen them you have to make the time to check them out. We had a wonderful dinner on Saturday night at the Cambria Pines Lodge and several of our friends from the Orange County A's joined us making us a group of 24. On Sunday several of us went to Morro Bay and shopped and lunched on Clam Chowder. On Monday we had 27 of us tour to Creston to a place called "The Loading Chute" via back country roads. It



was a really beautiful ride. I had people tell me that it was the best ride they have ever taken in their Model A.



After lunch we went to Daniels Wood Land in Paso Robles. That was a very interesting stop, Daniel makes very expensive wood carved pieces for Disneyland as well as animated characters. His work was fascinating. The TV show Redwood Kings has been filmed there and the new show is called Cabin Brothers will be coming to HGTV very soon.

On Sunday April 15th the Bates, Pisu, Runyon, Simpson, Thompson and Wagner families showed our cars at the Knotts Berry Farm Fabulous Fords Forever car show. We were put near the old church which ended up being the best location of the entire show. We were on the grass instead of black top and we also had shady trees to make it a wonderful day. At the end of the afternoon we headed to have Mrs. Knotts Chicken Dinner.



The grand finale for April was the Orange County Pancake Breakfast. We had 51 members and won a lot of prizes including Sue & Pat won the TV. As always, a big thanks to Orange County A's for all of their hard work!!

Elaine

Other Car Events of Interest for 2018

May 5th (Sat) - Edelbrock Car Show. 510 Madrid St., Torrance CA. 9am to 4pm

May 12 (Sat) - Antique Nationals. Auto Club Dragway 9300 Cherry Ave., Fontana CA. Opens at 8AM

May 20th (Sun) - Muckenthaller Mansion Concourse 'd Elegance. Fullerton CA

June 24-29 - MAFCA National Convention in Reno NV.

July 21 (Sat) - Long Beach Model T Club Swap Meet. Long Beach Vet Stadium. Info: Jeff Hood 562-597-5936

Cambria, CA CCRG pictures

Thanks to Donnis Bates and Elaine Pisu



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Quick & Easy!

Isolating an electrical fault:

by Tom Endy

Most Model A owners today have installed a fuse mod on the top of their starter. This is certainly a prudent thing to do; a blown fuse is much better than having a fire in the car.

Once a blown fuse has occurred, the next step is to determine where the short circuit exists that caused it to blow. This can be accomplished rather quickly by a method of isolation. There are three areas on the car where a short circuit is most likely to occur.

1. **In the light bail located at the bottom of the steering column, which consists of all the switching circuitry for the car's lights. This is the most common fault area.**
2. **Inside the terminal box located on the firewall where a number of connections come together and can easily short out against the armored ignition cable.**
3. **Behind the dash panel where connections to the ammeter and dash light are located that can easily short out against the dash.**

The first effort to isolate the fault is to unhook the three wires attached to the terminal post on the cutout switch, which sits on top of the generator. If you have an alternator the three wires are attached to the output terminal post of the alternator. Disconnect the three wires and spread them out so they don't touch anything.

One of the three wires comes from the terminal box on the firewall and provides battery power. A second wire runs down to the light bail, and the third wire goes off to the ahooguh horn.

Install a new fuse. If it does not blow you have eliminated the terminal block on the firewall and the dash panel as the culprit. If there is a short in either of these two places it would have blown the new fuse. Next connect the wire from the terminal block to the wire that runs to the ahooguh horn. If the fuse does not blow you have eliminated the ahooguh horn. Next hook these two wires back onto the terminal post of either the cutout or the alternator. If the fuse does not blow you have eliminated the

cutout, generator, or alternator. This leaves only the light bail as the likely culprit.

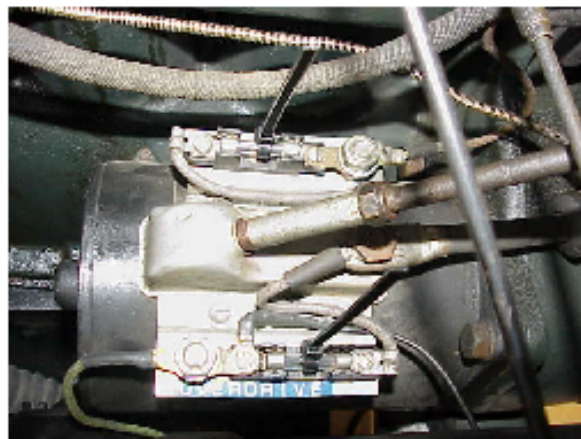
Inside the light bail is a rat's nest of wires and switch contacts that could be oil soaked from a leaking steering box. If the light bail assembly is a poor quality repo, chances are there are wire whiskers and poor connections involved. If you are out on the road it is best to fool with further trouble shooting of the light bail at home. You can drive the car with the light bail wire disconnected. Just keep in mind you won't have any lights, including brake lights.

If a new fuse blew when you installed it after disconnecting the three wires from the cutout, the fault is likely in the terminal block on the firewall or behind the dash panel, and not in the light bail, ahooguh horn, cutout, generator, or alternator.

Start with the terminal box. Remove the cover and inspect for loose and shorting wires. A poor quality repo terminal box can also have one of the terminal threaded shafts shorted out behind the box. It is possible for the threaded shaft to back off and touch the firewall.

If the terminal box appears to be ok, remove the dash panel and inspect for loose and shorted wires on the back of the ammeter.

If you follow this procedure you will quickly locate the fault 95% of the time. However, a subtle electrical fault could possibly be lurking somewhere else that may not be as obvious. ☺



This particular Model A has a second fuse circuit to accommodate a Borg Warner overdrive. The tie wraps are to provide a means to easily remove the fuses when the car is not in Use.

Orange County Club's Pancake Breakfast

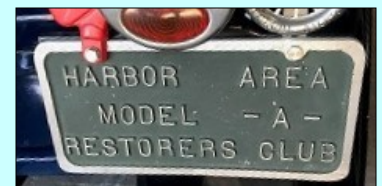
What a fun time at the Pancake Breakfast. The weather was beautiful, the food was great, and the opportunity drawing was fantastic. Judging by past experience at the event, this was the largest one ever. Over 300 Model As and an assortment of other restorations made for lots of walking and picture taking. It is always great to visit with friends you have met in the past at this event. There were clubs all the way from San Diego to Bakersfield. Another guess at attendance would be 1500 breakfast served! Wow!



I love the smell of
GASOLINE
in the morning



Member Wayne Sterling is looking for a cast aluminum Harbor Club plaque that was made several years ago. If you know of one available, contact Wayne at 310-500-9933.



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