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Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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Driving home from our usual Friday afternoon local car gathering, this sunset at Manhattan Beach CA provided a nice backdrop for a picture of the Wyckoff's '30 Cabriolet It rained 20 minutes later!

# Upcoming Business Meetings



The October meeting is Friday, October 26th at Walteria clubhouse. This is a pot-luck event. A-L Main course. M-Z Salad/Sides

Set-up at 6, Food at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30PM The **November** meeting is Friday, November 30th, 7:30pm. Election of next year's officers. Come a little early and help set up and meet your Model A friends.

# Tours

Elaine Pisu is working on a Progressive tour for November 17th. Contact her if you could host a stop.

Save December 14th for a Holiday dinner. More to come.

PS: Ruby's is done for the year. Will start up next April at the time change.



# Technical Activities

We're back in business! We meet from about 10am to noon to work on Model A projects. Bring you're Model A by and we'll work on it.

Al's Garage, 907 Van Ness, Torrance CA



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# Next Board Meeting Note Date Change!

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing. On Monday, November 5th at 7pm. Exact room TBD.

We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome.

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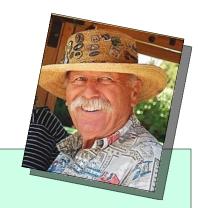
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# <u>Tim's Team Talk</u> <u>A Note from our President</u> <u>Tim Harrison</u>



# A View From the Slow Lane

Our Annual Harbor Area Recognition Banquet will take place at the Redondo Beach Bluewater Grill on Saturday, January 26, 2019, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a chance for all members to get together to share memories and thoughts from 2018. We recognize the hard working and dedicated volunteer directors and officers who are the backbone of all organizations.

Our end-of-the-year opportunity drawing gives us a chance to donate individual gifts to round out the many items collected by Dennis Simpson and his committee to increase your bidding frenzy.

There will be a presentation of incoming and outgoing officers. We will recognize the outstanding man and woman who have gone over and above with their individual efforts. Membership and participation awards; safety awards; and tours and mileage awards are presented to members for their involvement in the club and its activities.

As we look forward to the New Year it is time to refocus on our Mission Statement: Our club is dedicated to the hobby of preserving, restoring, and enjoying the Model A Ford automobile, engaging in

local community service projects, and socializing with friends with similar interests.

The banquet is our special and fun way of wrapping up the old year and bringing in the new. We hope all of you will join in the festivities.

Tim Harrison, President

# Tim





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# <u>November Birthdays</u>

# November Anniversaries

- 8 Linda Simpson
- 11 Joe Jankiewicz
- 12 Steve Newton
- 14 Jim Runyon
- 17 Wilbur Richardson
- 26 Pat Yacklon
- 26 Warren Brayton
- 28 Jan Wyckoff



- 6 Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo
- 12 Dennis & Linda Simpson
- 13 Andy & Sandra Soto
- 23 Joe & Linda Freitag



# Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

A couple rained out events didn't dampen our spirit. We need the rain here in So Cal. Our thoughts go out to those that have had extreme weather conditions in other parts of the country these last couple months.

My thoughts this time of the year go out to all our veterans as we get ready to celebrate Veterans Day on November 11th. Why November 11th? It was that day that a peace treaty ending World War I was signed. It happened at the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918. Some of us remember when it used to be called Armistice Day. So many lives lost. Such a waste. . .

The Harbor Club has several vets. WWII, Korea, Vietnam. . . . We are the lucky ones. And we won't forget those that are not with us any more. Thanks to all for your service.

Just a reminder.... Ruby's car show on Friday afternoon is done for the season. Starts up again next April.

Dick



Thanks to all the volunteers that made 2018 Model A Day such a success. I would particularly like to thank and recognize Tim Kelly and his family for bringing his collection of Town Cars and Town Car Deliveries to the museum. It takes a lot of personal effort to transport and display such a valuable and rare collection. What a great experience.



We had over 200 Model A's attend and our swap meet area had to be extended behind the Cadillac Museum to accommodate the number of vendors. With the weather perfect for the entire weekend, attendance set a new record.

We hope you will make plans to visit the museum in the future and join us for the 2019 Model A Day which will be September 21, 2019.



# 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 Mondays 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 4:30 PM.



# 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 are available. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1.50 They are also available free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail. Contact Ursi Schmidt at 310-539-5391. Make sure Ursi has your latest info. Just a note: We regularly update the roster. If you have any address changes, phone number changes or email changes, let Ursi know. Let Dick Wyckoff know, too. He'll put the info in the Harbor Light.



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# HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

Walteria Park, Torrance CA September 28, 2018



PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison--called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Jack Gordinier—led the flag salute

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Dick Wyckoff, Doris & Drain Marshall, Monty Bates, Tim Harrison

<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u>: Monty Bates moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the October HarborLight. The motion was seconded by Jack Gordinier. All were in favor.

<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>: Dennis Simpson—asked members for donations for the Banquet's opportunity drawing.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner—reported the club account balance. All bills paid.

<u>HARBORLIGHT EDITOR</u>: Dick Wyckoff—Everyone should have gotten their newsletter. San Bernardino swap meet (free) Saturday.

WEBMASTER: Sue Hankins—Absent

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt—reintroduced new member Gary Ruhlmann.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall—Shop dark tomorrow.

<u>SUNSHINE</u>: Teresa LeFall and Doris Marshall—let us know if you hear something about a member that would be appropriate for sunshine to report (happy or sad). It is with sadness that we report that Joe Beason lost his daughter.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: BIRTHDAYS: Julie Goldberg 9, Tim Harrison 25,

Bob Kushner 26 *ANNIVERSARIES*: Jim & Ruxella Speights 1, Jim & Elyse Beardsley 20, Gary & Emma Gaffney 31. <u>TOOLS COORDINATOR</u>: Bobby DeCrescenzo—club acquired a tool for flushing out engines which was made and donated by Rob Hernandez. Members can borrow any of our 33 tools with a \$20 deposit which is returned when the tool is returned in good condition. Check with Bob for your tool needs.

<u>REFRESHMENTS:</u> Weeg Thompson — Richard and Jeanne Parrish and Doris and Drain Marshall provided the refreshments.

<u>TOURS</u>: Elaine Pisu—great time at the Nethercutt, saw the restoration room and had a great dinner; In and Out car show 10/4, 6-9; PTSA Redondo High Car Show on 10/13; Western Museum of Flight 10/20; progressive 10/17, let Elaine know if you can host a stop;

<u>OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS</u>: Potluck at our meeting on October 26, we will begin setup at 6 p.m. dinner starts at 6:30, last names beginning A-M bring a main dish, N-Z salad/side dish.

NEW BUSINESS: Banquet will be on January 26, 11-4, at the Bluewater Grill, Redondo Beach

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Potluck, Friday, October 26, 2018, at 6:30 at Walteria Park

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**: October 2, 2018, at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, West Tower 7 p.m.

Closed Club business to hold White Elephant Sale.

<u>MEETING ADJOURNED</u>: Monty Bates moved that the meeting be adjourned, it was seconded by Cliff LeFall. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted: Secretary, Pat Harrison



# Technical Talk

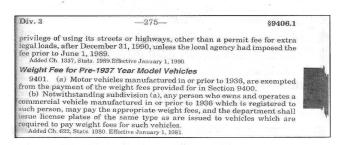
# California DMV

by Tom Endy

There is an obscure California vehicle code that exempts Model A pick up trucks from having to be weighed and issued commercial license plates. In fact any pre-1937 commercial vehicle is exempt under the law. The problem is that most DMV clerks are not aware of the vehicle code and will insist that a Model A pick up (delivery van or AA truck) must be weighed and issued commercial plates, which is a higher fee. It then becomes necessary to bring the clerk's attention to the vehicle code.

Below is a copy of California vehicle code 9401. Note that the double talk in part (b) is saying that if the owner of a pre-1937 truck wants commercial license plates, for whatever reason, the DMV will oblige them.

It is also a good idea to clip a copy of this vehicle code to the registration slip of any Model A pick up, delivery van, or AA truck registered with passenger vehicle license plates. In the event that you are ever stopped by law enforcement you will be able to show that the vehicle is exempt from being required to have commercial plates.





# Some Interesting Information

# HOOD ANTI-CHIP PROTECTOR

A very simple solution to the problem of chipping the paint on your hood when latching the hood down with the hood handles is to cut four 1" to 2" lengths of fuel tubing, which are then cut length wise as shown.

Slide the tubing over the rolled lower edge of the hood and secure in place with a dab of silicone.



# I love the smell of GASOLINE in the morning





# Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

# 10 Months Gone and 2 To Go

It's hard to believe that  $\underline{2018}$  is almost over. But here we are talking about our end of the year tours.



Harbor A's had a great time at the Western Museum of Flight. Our cars were on display in front of the museum and we attended a lecture by guest author Michelle Evans who wrote about Major Michael Adams an X-15 pilot.

Following the lecture we were fortunate enough to visit the spectacular car collection of John and Linda Muckle. What a treat it was!! To quote John, "I don't buy any green bananas." Which means that his cars are ripe and perfect when he buys them. If you missed this tour you can see the cars at www.flynwheels.com



On <u>Saturday November 17</u>, <u>2018</u> we will be having our Progressive/Poker Run. Cost is \$10 per person and we will meet at the club house at <u>8:30 AM</u>. The progressive will consist of 5 stops, a breakfast stop, a tour stop, a lunch stop, another tour stop and a dessert stop. This is one of our best events and you don't want to miss out on this one. The winner of the Poker Run will win  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the \$\$ proceeds. Bring your Model A's and come hungry!!

On <u>Sunday December 9, 2018</u> we are once again participating in the Heart of the Harbor Holidays Parade. Meet at the <u>Club House at 9:45 leave at 10:00</u>. Sign up with Elaine Pisu. Dick Wyckoff will be coordinating the El Segundo Holiday Parade the same day.

On <u>Friday December 14, 2018 at 4:30 PM</u> we will meet for dinner at Stone Fire Grill 25352 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, CA 90505 (formerly Macaroni Grill). We will have our annual cookie exchange following our dinner.

# Elaine

# Other Car Events of Interest for 2018-2019

December 9, 2018—(Sun) - El Segundo's Annual Holiday Parade. 1pm to 3pm. See Dick Wyckoff.

January 26, 2019 (Sat) - Henry's "T" party at the Auto Driving Museum. Open to all As and Ts. 10am-2pm.

January 26-27, 2019— Turlock Swap Meet. Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. 7am to 5pm

February 22-24, 2019- Big 3 Swap Meet Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego CA. Must see event.

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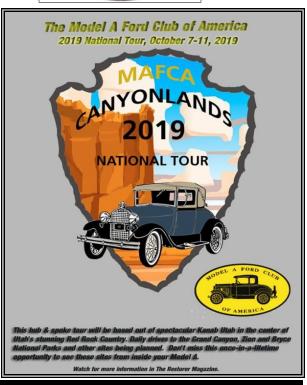
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# Some Silly Puns

- 1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's Round Table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- 2. thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island.
  ... It turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- 3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
- 4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- 5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- 6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road .... and was cited for littering.
- 7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
- 8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

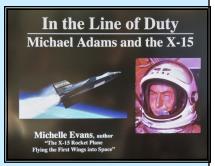


# Western Museum of Flight tour Saturday, October 20, 2018



Our tour director, Elaine Pisu, arranged a special visitation to the Western Museum of Flight in Torrance Ca. The Harbor Club was one of the features items in addition to all the historic flight information available.

The featured speaker of the day was the noted historian, Michelle Evans, on the X-15 supersonic space flight, winged aircraft.



# Michelle Evans

The Harbor Club had seven Model As on display. Lots of interest from the attendees. Several people in attendance including club members were involved in the X-15 program. Just as a point of interest, Dick Wyckoff's cousin, Fred A. Payne, was with North American Aviation for 21 years as manager of Advanced Aircraft Design, which designed the X-15 rocket aircraft and the B-70 supersonic bomber.





After leaving the museum, Elaine had arranged for a special tour of a antique car collection housed in another hanger nearby. There were about 25 very unusual cars from the early 1900's to more recent years.





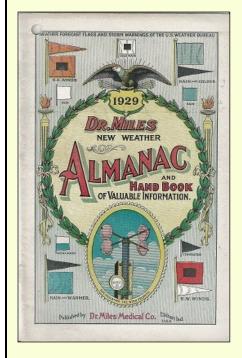




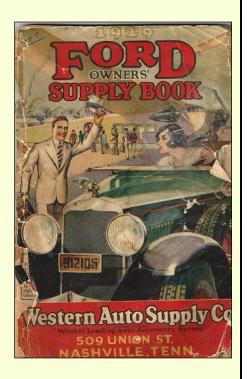




# Vintage 1929 Catalogs







# Uses of Model As on the Railroads











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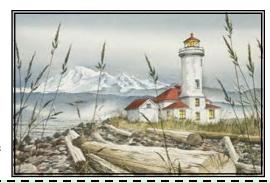
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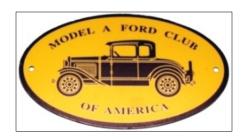
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