

Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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Torrance, California

December 2018

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Harbor Area Progressive Tour
To Richard Tupper's car Collection

Upcoming Business Meetings

Note Date Change!

The **November** meeting is
Friday, November 23rd 7:30pm.
Election of next year's officers.
Come a little early and help set up
and meet your Model A friends.



The **December** meeting will
be at the StoneFire Grill,
25352 Crenshaw Blvd,
Torrance at 4:30pm.
Cookie exchange after.

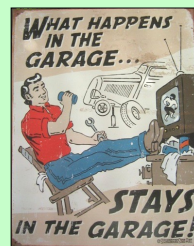
Tours

Two Christmas Parades on **December 9th**
Wilmington and El Segundo

Save **December 14th** for a Holiday
dinner at Stone Fire Grill. More to come.

Have a Joyous Holiday Season!

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

Next Board Meeting



It will be at Torrance Memorial
Hospital, West wing, On **Tues-
day, December 4th** at 7pm.
Exact room TBD.

We will be planning up-
coming 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

At this time of year I always reflect on all of the things we have to be thankful for. I know some families who put out a thankful jar at gatherings for people to write down their blessings. Someone then reads them aloud. Positive affirmations inspire us to do our best and give us power to struggle through tough times.

I am thankful for our directors, officers, and our members for their hard work, support and professionalism to make our club one of the best. As we coordinate activities, business, and mechanical support, we work towards enjoyment of the Model A.



Model A lost in CA fires

May our thoughts and prayers be with those who suffered loss of life and property and having health problems due to fires.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Thanksgiving and happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Happy Motoring!



Tim

Annual Dues are due

Please send in your Harbor MARC membership dues for the year 2019. Make the check out to " Harbor M.A.R.C ." and send it to:

Ursula Schmidt
26419 Pineknoll Ave. Harbor City, CA 90710 .

The dues for Harbor M.A.R.C. are \$30.

If you would also like to pay the National MARC dues at the same time, add \$45 and make the check out for \$75. (I will then forward your \$45 to MARC).

If you are getting the Harborlight Newsletter by regular mail, please add \$10 for postage.

Thank you for supporting your Model A Club!!

Ursula Schmidt



For Sale: 1929 Tudor.

Good running condition, nice interior. Located in Redondo Beach CA Asking \$15,000.

Call Chuck @ 310-625-3401



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	29	Gary Gaffney

December Anniversaries

1 Jack & Julie Goldberg



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Several years ago I wrote a piece for a local newspaper about my 1929 Roadster Pickup. I thought you might find it interesting. (I still have and drive the pickup!)

Dick

**A Man and His Truck,
It's a Beautiful Thing!**
By Dick and Jan Wyckoff

OK, raise your hands. Who still has their very first car? Probably not many. As a Westchester High School senior in 1960, I wanted a Model 'A' hot rod. It was the cool thing. Model A's were cheap and plentiful. After all, they were only 30 years old then. So I found a 1929 Model 'A' roadster pickup advertised in the LA Times out in Dairy Valley (now Cerritos) for \$150. My Dad and I drove out there and bought it. It was kinda beat up but it was all there.

I drove it around a bit and then found someone that raced four cylinder Model A's and I was into racing. I hopped up the 'ol four banger with vintage 30's racing stuff and terrorized Hawthorne Blvd for a couple of years at the same time driving daily to Santa Monica College. In 1965, I went on active duty in the Navy to Vietnam for two years so the car just sat in my parent's garage. When I got out, I bought another car, continued with college, and the slow abandonment of the '29 truck commenced.

I moved around and ignored the car in the garage for years. In 1976, I bought my home in El Segundo and stuffed the 'A' in the garage. It remained there untouched for the next 25 years. During this time, I told my wife, Jan, that I should get rid of that old car in the garage. It takes up too much space. She said that I would be sorry if I did. As it turns out, she was so right!

Having always been a car fan, I noticed a lot of 'fifty-something' guys at car shows and driving around in these neat old cars and realized that I had one in my own garage! The bug bit me in 1998 to restore it to its vintage running condition. After construction of my new 'manly' garage, I started taking it apart. In just a few days, I had completely disassembled the car down to the last nuts and bolts. Parts everywhere. All the newer cars out on the street.

I had most of the body parts sandblasted and sent to a body shop here in town. The frame, engine, transmission, rear end, etc. were worked on in the garage. I evaluated, measured, and researched every part I had to make sure it was good enough to use again. I rebuilt everything from the horn button and light switch to the engine and transmission. With some help from an engine rebuilder in Santa Ana, I had fresh machine work done to the engine. I assembled it in the garage and pretty soon I had a complete Model 'A' chassis. The engine still has all of the original vintage racing stuff on it just like in the '60's. The fun day was when I started the engine. It kicked over on the first crank. Was I a happy camper or what!

Soon after, I started receiving body parts from the body shop. Little by little, the truck took shape. I assembled and fit all the pieces together preserving as much of the old car as I could following guidelines published by the Model 'A' Ford Club. One day in June of 2000, I had a new old car. I drove it around the block surprising my wife in front of the house with a blast from the original ahooga horn. She loved it, as did the neighbors.

I have had the pleasure of showing the truck in a few car shows in the area. I won several awards in the antique car class so far. I have been in El Segundo's Christmas parade many times since 2000. The car runs fine and Jan and I love driving it around the local area. We show it regularly at Ruby's in Redondo Beach on Friday afternoon during the summer and love all the attention it draws. People like to see old cars like this on the road. The next time you see our Model 'A', yell out 'Ahooga' and see what happens.



Dick with 'new car' in 1960



Dick and Jan Wyckoff, Christmas 2000

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*.



1. Running, stock **Model A FORD Engine** Asking \$2,000.
2. 1930 / 1931 **Steering wheel** (excellent Condition) \$100.00
3. New set of **Seat springs** for 1930 / 1931 coupe. \$300.00

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Fob Downey, Ca



Price Reduced Again!

Long time club member downsizing his inventory. Selling recently restored (2015) late '31 **AA Stake Bed truck**. Solid roof, indented firewall. Runs great. 6 New tires. 4-speed trans. Lots of extra parts. 12 volts, LED taillights. Current registration.

Asking **\$17,500 OBO**. Located in Torrance, CA.

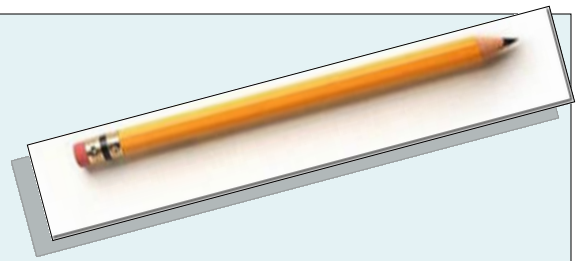
If interested, contact : Al Avoian at 310-328-3350



HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

Walteria Park, Torrance CA Pot Luck event

October 26, 2018



PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison--called the meeting to order at 7:43 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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Dick Wyckoff moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the November HarborLight. The motion was seconded by Wayne Sterling. All were in favor.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson--wished Mr. President happy birthday yesterday. Brought a safety fuse to show since one guy had to replace the wiring harness because he didn't have a fuse. Dennis blew his when he was putting his car back together. Hopefully, members will install a safety fuse to prevent these problems. Informed members that a neighbor has a '29 two door sedan for sale and asking \$15,000. Dennis had a picture but hasn't seen it in person. Dennis would like donations for the banquet opportunity drawing at the Bluewater Grill on January 26. The cost will be the \$50 per person.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner--reported the club account balance. November 2016 we started on the recycling of alum cans and plastic bottles and have collected \$734.21. Good work Monty.

HARBORLIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff--Hope everyone got their newsletter. Let him know if you have something to sell. Wanted to remind everyone that next month November 11 is Veteran's Day from the Armistice day of 1918. It represents the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month when the documents were signed. The Club recognized 11 members present who are veterans. Thank You for your service.

WEBMASTER: Sue Hankins--Absent--Sue has put in articles for MAFCA and MARC

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt--52 people here at the meeting. Our new club member Gary 3 is here today. Dick Wenker was the first to pay his membership dues of \$75 which includes MARC and our Harbor Area dues.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall--Busy on road trips which kept the garage closed. Garage will be open this Saturday from 9:30-12. Gary will bring his cars for some work. Gary had a plugged up gas cap and Monty did too.

SUNSHINE: Teresa LeFall--not a lot to report, Doris was busy today and worn out so she's not here. Ruxella had a knee replacement done last Monday and is home and progressing and elevating.

Badge Money--Jack Gordinier collected \$7.11.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: **BIRTHDAYS:** Linda Simpson 8, Joe Jankiewicz 11, Steve Newton 12, Jim Runyon 14, Wilbur Richardson 17, Pat Yacklon 26, Warren Brayton 26, Jan Wyckoff 28.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo 6, Dennis & Linda Simpson 12, Andy & Sandra Soto 13, Joe & Linda Freitag 23.

TOOLS COORDINATOR: Bobby DeCrescenzo--good week for the club for loaning out tools. Loaned out 2 door pin pullers to Gary #3, steering wheel puller used by Mirco who couldn't get the wheel off but once he had the tool it came right off.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson--Thank you to everybody for a successful potluck tonight--food was delicious and club is providing the pie. A big thank you to Weeg for getting it all together.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: Teresa LeFall won the women's and Ed Duenes won the men's

CLOCK PRIZE: Gary Guttormson won the clock prize

TOURS: Elaine Pisu--If you got your newsletter and if you read it, you know we are having a poker progressive on November 17. December 9 are the parades Wilmington and El Segundo. December 14 Holiday Dinner at Stonefire Grill at 4:30 and maybe a cookie exchange. Maybe we could do the Christmas light tour on a Monday after Hof's Hut.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS: Nominations: Tours--Sterling brothers (Wayne and Larry) declined but will assist Elaine if elected, Elaine Pisu accepted. Technical--Cliff LeFall accepted. Treasurer--Daffy Wagner accepted. Banquet January 26, 2019, from 11-4 at Bluewater Grill. Bring cars and parking area will be blocked off for the cars.

NEW BUSINESS: Monty brought in picture from Wilbur Richardson's daughter of a car Wilbur has. He wants to determine the value of the auto and would like to know if anyone is interested. Several members wanted the club to know that they would be in Tucson at an event and will miss the November 30 meeting.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Friday, November 23, 2018, at 7:30 at Walteria Park

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Monday, November 5, 2018, 7:00--Note the change of date at Torrance Memorial, West Tower

MEETING ADJOURNED: Elaine Pisu moved that the meeting be adjourned, it was seconded by Noralene Porper. The meeting was adjourned at pm for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted: Secretary, **Pat Harrison**



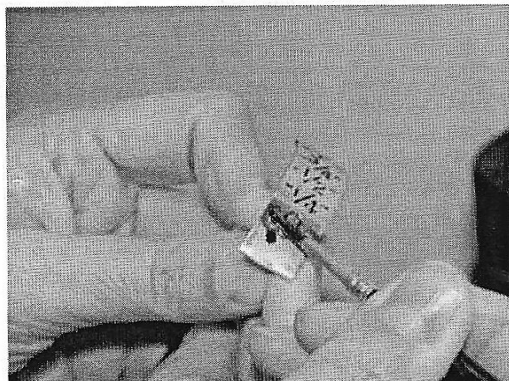
Technical Talk

Restoring Fuel Level Indicator

After spending over 80 years inside the gas tank of my 1930 standard coupe, the fuel indicator was looking pretty sad. Paint was missing from the numbers and the overall appearance was dingy and tarnished. I decided to see if I could bring it back to life.

Since the numbers are actually stamped into the indicator, lower than the surrounding surface, I figured I might be able to flow some new paint into the recesses, wait until it dried, and try to rub the paint off the top surface, leaving just the numbers painted. It worked like a champ. Here's what I did.

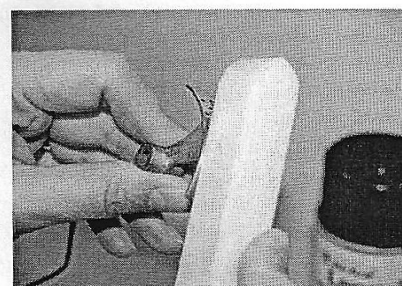
I gathered up a small artist's brush, a tiny cup, and some fuel proof paint. This is the same model airplane paint recommended to repaint your carburetor. After shaking the paint up for at least a full minute, I squirted some into the small cup.



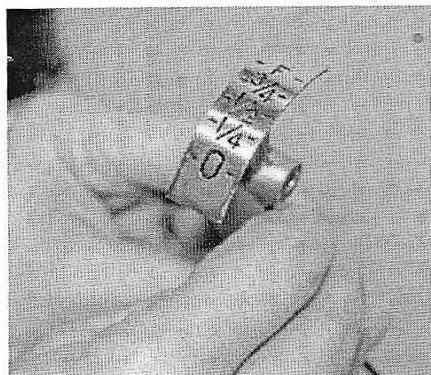
Getting just a bit of paint on the tip of the brush, I let the paint flow into the recesses of the numbers where they had been chipped or eaten away over the years.

Once the paint had thoroughly dried, I looked around for something to rub the surface with. I decided against a cloth as being too floppy and

might actually pull the paint back out of the recesses. I needed something smooth but stiff. A scrap piece of pine, from another project, laying on my work bench caught my eye. A sort of burnishing tool. Perfect!



I rubbed it over the now dried paint and it not only took off the unwanted paint around the numbers but it had a sort of polishing effect on the metal as well.



Whatever the surface of the indicator is plated with, it came right back, shiny as new and the numbers looked terrific (the lovely hands belong to my wife. I'm manning the camera.)

This is going to look great, even behind the old, original bezel.

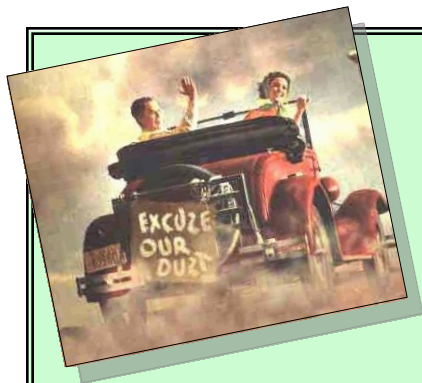
After cleaning and polishing the inner and outer rings as best I could, my gas gauge is



ready to be reinstalled in the fuel tank and give another 80 plus years of service.

Brian Amato, Kwesting@aol.com, Membership Number 53732, Traverse City, Michigan

Thanks to the Phoenix Model A Club "Action A" January 2017



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



It's Time to Deck the Halls

Once again, the progressive/poker run was a fun time. We had 33 members meet at the Club House bright and early on Saturday morning. We had 13 model A's and after our continental breakfast we headed off to visit with Richard Tupper and his drive-in movie theatre full of PERFECT CARS. WOW WHAT A COLLECTION!! Richard is always such a great host. It's always so fun to see his toys and even though we have been there before we had at least 6 members that had never been there.

After the Drive-In we headed to "The Barn" which is complete with a carousel and a Graceland front porch replica. Art, Daffy, Donnis, Joanie and I had a great time on the Carousel. Richard's son Scott was so gracious in sharing their projects. The GIANT JEEP is waiting for the elevator to be installed, but I found the 1925 McFarlan absolutely fascinating. Richard explained the duties of the Chauffeur and painted such a fun picture of the responsibilities of taking care of the elite back in the day. I definitely hope to be taken for a ride in the back seat, can't wait to be spoiled!! Thank you to Daffy, Donnis, Linda, Seth, Bobby D, Jack and Joanie for making this event a wonderful day. Our dessert stop at Jack & Joani's was a perfect ending to a fun day!!

Oh yeah Doris was the big winner with a Full House.

On **Sunday December 9, 2018** we are once again participating in the Heart of the Harbor Holidays Parade. Meet at the **Club House at 9:45 leave at 10:00**. Sign up with Elaine Pisu.

On the same day, **Sunday December 9th**, El Segundo has it's annual Holiday parade. Dick Wyckoff will be leading that tour. We meet at the North end of town about noon. The parade starts at **1pm**. More details will be forthcoming. Always a fun event!

On **Friday December 14, 2018 at 4:30 PM** we will meet for dinner at **Stone Fire Grill** 25352 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, CA 90505 (formerly Macaroni Grill). Following our dinner, we will have our annual cookie exchange at the Pisu's home at 5520 Carmelynn St Torrance CA 90503.

Elaine

Other Car Events of Interest for 2018—2019

December 8, 2018—(Sat) - Cruise at the Beach Christmas Car Show. 9AM-3PM. Ruby's Diner, Redondo Bch

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

December 9, 2018—(Sun) - Wilmington's Christmas Parade. Check with Elaine Pisu for details.

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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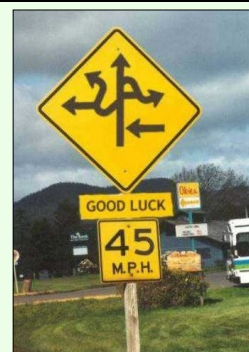
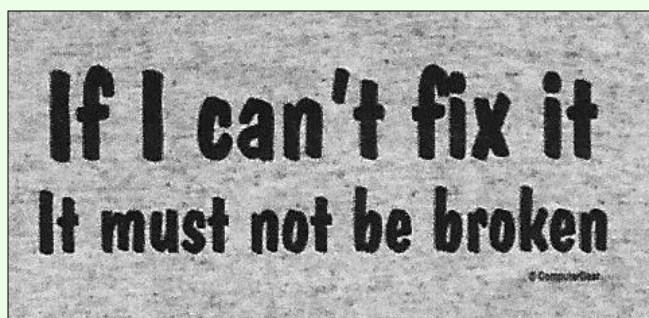
Send a Brick for Christmas!

Since 2011, when we first started raising money for the construction of the Model A Museum, about 1550 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of your favorite Model A'ers, Model A clubs and regions. We have room under the gas station canopy at the Museum for about 110 more bricks. It would be a wonderful thing if we could finish off that area by Model A Day 2019! So how about ordering a brick for a loved one for Christmas. A personalized brick would make a great gift for that parent or grandparent 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 the upcoming issue of the 'A' Preserver or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.maffi.org/WSContent/Download/BuyABrickDonation.pdf>

It will be in place at the Museum by September 21, 2019.

Merry Christmas and thank you,
Loukie Smith, Brick Coordinator



1929 Tudor Sedan. This car had been garaged for about 35 years. It is in need of a complete restoration. From the looks of the pictures, it is straight and could be a nice car. The car is located in Redondo Beach CA. No price has been given. Call Cheryl Grant at 310-272-0243 and make an offer!



Early 2019 CCRG information from Gloria Younkin

Gloria has some info on the CCRG this next year. It will be held in Merced CA on **March 29-31, 2019**. The Gateway Model A Club is sponsoring the event. The event hotels are the Hampton Inn, ph.1-209-386-1210 and the Holiday Inn Express at 1-209-384-3700. More info to follow. Always fun events.

Welcome our new members

Please welcome new members **Gary Kuhlmann and Lynn Waters**.

They live at 18023 S. Denker Ave., Gardena CA 90248. Phone: 310-617-3927.

Email: SailorGang44@yahoo.com. They have a '31 Sport Coupe, a '30 custom body truck.

November 17th, 2018 Progressive Tour and Poker Run

Harbor's Tour Director, Elaine Pisu, put together a great tour/drive to a local car collection. The collector, Richard Tupper, is an avid car guy with a wonderful imagination and the means to make his ideas come to life. He is a regular at Ruby's Beach Car Show in Redondo Beach CA all summer where he drives his creations for the rest of us to enjoy. Elaine arranged a tour for the club to visit his workshop and see his collection.



Getting ready to go



Richard Tupper with some club members



Juke box coffee shop. Clever mirrors exaggerate the size.



Some of Richard Tupper's collection



1924 Studebaker with a V-10 Viper engine and drive train. Richard brings this to the car shows!



Optical illusion. Half a car against a mirror. See Cliff and Jim's reflections? Neat!



Model As next to a 125% oversize 1925 fire truck modified with custom bodywork and Cadillac engine



Harbor Area Model As lined up at the museum.



1930 working carousel



Poker winner Doris with Elaine



WWII jeep 175% oversized

Harbor Area Model A Club 2019 Installation Banquet



Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 11:00pm-4:00pm

Bluewater Grill - 665 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Please join us as we celebrate another year of working on our cars

With our Harbor Area Model A Ford fellow *enthusiast* at 'Al's Garage'

This year we will be enjoying the following entree choices with a mixed green salad and two choices of salad dressings:

Boneless Breast of Chicken

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We will conclude the meal with New York Cheese Cake & Coffee

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