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March 2019

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Weeg Thompson presenting the 2018 Woman of the Year award to Linda Simpson



Tim Harrison presenting the 2018 Man of the Year award to Jim Huizdos

Upcoming Business Meetings

The February meeting will be back at the Walteria Clubhouse on Friday, Feb 22nd at 7:30pm. Come early and help set up and chat with your Model A friends.



The March business meeting will be at the Walteria clubhouse on Friday, March 22nd. Note: One week earlier due to CCRG in Merced the following weekend.

Tours

March 24th, Sunday
Orange County's annual Pancake Breakfast. This is always a fun event. They get 250 Model As from all over. Lots of great food and prizes. Don't miss this one.

Easy, slow 45 minute drive to OC by freeway. (Some may take surface streets.)

Technical Activities

We're back in business! Saturday mornings. 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

News Flash! The 2019 Safety Check will be on Saturday, April 27th, 2019 at the home of Dennis and Linda Simpson in Redondo Beach. 10am. More to come. (Pot luck event)

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Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing, On Tuesday, March 5th at 7pm. 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

If a guy were to take a tour of 'Al's Garage' on any given Saturday, there would probably be several members show up also to work on their cars, on Al's cars or just talk "Model A." Long time member, Al Avoian, has graciously allowed us to use his facilities

The physical surroundings consist of:

- A parts cleaning tank
- Assorted tools for minor repairs of Model A's
- Assigned seating for technical seminars
- Beverage table and coffee maker (with fresh coffee)
- Frig with water and soda
- Model A parts bins
- Roll top desk with a set of a dozen or so parts catalogs
- Fully equipped gender-neutral restroom
- The ever needed deep sink
- Storage with Club history
- Various lubricants and solvents
- A car lift
- Welding equipment
- Compressed air

The most important part is the KNOW HOW that always shows up to tackle any job that a member has who needs technical support, brawn, and courage to tackle the unknown.

How lucky we are to have Al and Technical Director Cliff LeFall. Al with all of the garage's physical amenities and Cliff with his mental abilities. A big part of what make Harbor Area Model A Club STRONG.

Last Notice: 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 annual dues for Harbor Area 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 Harbor Light Newsletter by regular mail, please

add \$10 for postage and printing costs.

Thank you for supporting your Model A Club!! Ursula' Schmidt





March Birthdays

March Appiversaries

3	Dianne Runyon
4	Mary Ann Frie

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Bruce Montgomery Richard Parrish

12 Margaret Gott

- 24 Jay Skinner
- 25 Diana Murphy
- 25 Jack Goldberg
- 28 Jim Perreten
- Al Avoian 31



- Dick & Jan Wyckoff
- Tim & Pat Harrison
- 10 Monty & Donnis Bates
- 20 Art & Daffy Wagner
- 24 Ted & Janice Dalton

Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

This has been a wet winter season here in So Cal. I think the latest figures are 6" above normal in rain and the snow pack in the Sierras is at 130 percent. I haven't gotten much Model A driving time so far this year.

One good thing, I'll bet the wild flowers will be over the

top this year. Great tour idea!

Two years ago when Jan and I went to the MAFCA meet in Loveland CO, we added a few extra days to take in the National Parks in Utah. WOW! They are spectacular. We did not have the Model A with us. What a shame. That said, I highly recommend the upcoming MAFCA event in October. To tour the National Parks in a Model A would be a tour of a lifetime! Put the top down and view the geographical history of the area. Hope I can make it. Just have to make sure everything is well at home.

'Al's Garage' had been doing some fun projects. We managed to get three As back on the road. The usual things, electrical, head gasket, water pumps, brakes. If it raining too hard, the

donuts and coffee provide the fuel for great discussions!



Cabbie at Trump Golf Course Christmas day



Cabbie at Point Vincente lighthouse Christmas day

Remembering: Long time member Rhoda Larguier passed away peacefully this last month of natural causes. She has been in a care facility for several months. She was 91. Her son Mike is a club member. Mike will keep us informed of any memorial services. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Rhoda's family. RIP....

Passing: Our thoughts also go out to long time member Andy Soto and his family with passing of Andy's wife of 53 years, Sandy Soto. She was 72. They lived in San Pedro and had three children and four grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at Green Hills Memorial Park on February 22nd at 2pm. A celebration of life will follow and will be announced at a later time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

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

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.







Just a note to thank our waitresses for the last four or more years at Hof's Hut. Kim and Jennifer have been more than gracious in their service to the Harbor Club every Monday afternoon. Hope to see them again when the restaurant is reopened after remodeling. Thanks again, gals!

2019 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 still have 60th anniversary items for sale at a discount. More to come.

The 2019 Harbor phonebooks/rosters will be available soon. 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.



Harbor Club member looking for a new Model A project. In discussing this with the editor, Wayne was not particular about body style or condition. He is a great mechanic and wants to purchase a Model A to work on. Got something? Give Wayne a call. 310-500-9933

Price Reduced Again!



Long time senior 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. This is a nice truck!

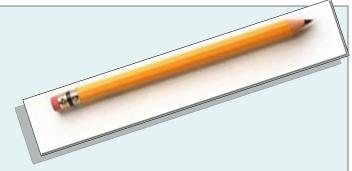
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HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING Blue Water Grill, Redondo Beach CA

Saturday, January 28th, 2019

This month's regular club meeting was the annual awards banquet at the Blue Water Grill in Redondo Beach, CA. We held it from 11AM to 4PM.



The weather was perfect and the location was great also. The Blue Water grill is located in the King Harbor area of Redondo Beach overlooking the boat harbor. The club reserved the upstairs banquet room with a great view of the harbor. The food was great as was the service. Thirteen Model As had preferential parking and put on quite a show. Lots of visitors to the harbor enjoyed our cars.

President **Tim Harrison** officiated the event with help from VP **Dennis Simpson**. Tim thanked the Board members for a job well done. Dennis thanked all who contributed to the opportunity drawing. Each board member received a commemorative, handmade plaque for their efforts this last year. Next year promises to be equally exciting. Tour Director **Elaine Pisu** awarded participation certificates and mileage certificates to members for their efforts.

The highlight of the awards went to our man and woman of the year. Last year's Woman of the Year, Weeg Thompson presented this year's award to *Linda Simpson* for her hospitality efforts of club events over the last couple years. Well deserved!

Last years Man of the Year, Tim Harrison, presented this year's award to **Jim Huizdos**. Jim has been a real spark plug in many areas. Advertising, merchandising, tours, and all around participation. He is a real asset to the Harbor Club. Congratulations, Jim. Again, well deserved!









Technical Talk

Clutch Failure

by Tom Endy Clutch failures in a Model A have become more prevalent in recent years due to the construction style of the clutch disks being marketed by most Model A suppliers. If you recently purchased a clutch disk take notice that the six springs in the center of the hub are not secured very well. Each spring appears to be held in place only by its own spring tension. Quite often a spring will dislodge from its window and jam the clutch.



The six springs are not well secured. They can easily become dislodged.



A Nova clutch disk: Note how each of the six springs are secured by a flange top and bottom. Flanges are installed on the backside as well.

The Nova Company manufactured a good quality clutch disk for the Model A. Each of the six springs in a Nova clutch were held in place on both sides by a flange at the top and bottom of the window. The Nova Company went out of business a number of years ago and since then clutch disks offered by Model A suppliers do not incorporate retainer flanges to secure the springs in place.

Bratton's Antique Auto has begun marketing a clutch disk similar to the Nova clutch that uses retainer flanges to secure the six springs. As far as I know Bratton's is the only supplier that is marketing this type of Model A clutch disk.



Bratton's 2013 catalog, page 50, part number 11400, \$34.70 each.

The original Model A clutch disk did not incorporate springs at the center of the hub. The addition of springs in a clutch disk was incorporated in later years to reduce the possibility of the clutch chattering.



The original Model A clutch disk did not have springs.



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



OK... It's 2019, so let's GO

Hope you have all survived the beginning of flu season!! Stay warm, dry and drink!! Plus maybe we should stay away from Monty.

Our banquet was WONDERFUL!! Big thanks to Linda Simpson (Woman of the Year) and Dennis for a GREAT job with the raffle. Tim and Pat Harrison did a great job on choosing the location, the menu and overseeing a wonderful event. It couldn't have been better (except I could have won more prizes). Daffy Wagner and her team as always did a great job on the center pieces. We even had 13 Model A's that got plenty of attention from the passersby. Initially I wasn't thrilled when we switched to a daytime event but NOW I love it. Thanks to ALL that made it happen.

Our Super Bowl party is always a favorite gathering of mine. Filling our home with such fun friends and Monty is why I like my big house. Unfortunately, Monty was under the weather but we managed to have a good time. (Of course it would have been better with him.) Mirco & Elaine Pisu were the winners of the pool. We actually won the 3rd & final score so all in all, it was a good day.

<u>Sunday, March 24th</u> is the Orange County Pancake Breakfast. We will meet at Harbor Freight at <u>6:45</u> and leave at 7:00. I will take the freeway in the morning and Tim will lead anyone that would prefer to go on surface streets. The surface streets group will meet at Spires on Sepulveda & Western also <u>meeting at 6:45</u> and leaving at 7:00. Daffy has requested that we go to Katella Deli after the Breakfast so if you are interested in joining us plan to caravan after the breakfast, we will take surface streets.

<u>Friday</u>, <u>March 29th is CCRG in Merced</u>. Harbor A's always has a great turn out for this event so we will try to buddy up at the next meeting and organize some caravans for this trip.

<u>Sunday, April 14th</u> is the <u>Fabulous Fords Show</u> which is going to be held at Angels Stadium this year. Ford has offered to pay \$30 of the \$45 registration fee for Model A's so if you would like to participate please let me know at the meeting and I will give you a registration form.

Our Safety check will be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 27th</u> at Linda, Dennis and Joseph Simpson's home. It will be at $\underline{10AM}$ and is a Pot Luck. More details to come.

Elaine

Other Car Events of Interest for 2019

April 27 (Sat) - Annual Safety Check at the Simpson home. More to come.

May 4 (Sat) - Edelbrock Car Show in Torrance CA. Lots of awesome cars!

May 19 (Sun) - Muckenthaler car show. Fullerton. Lots of classic cars! More info later.

June 9, 2019 (Sun) - Henry Ford Picnic in Downey. More to come.

July 20th (Sat) - Model T Swap Meet at Long Beach Vets Stadium



MAFFI Newsletter Minute February 2019

Please remember that MAFFI has 42 videos including a complete set of the Diablo A's Technical Seminars available for loan to MAFFI members and Model A Clubs that support the Museum with a financial gift. Any one of these videos would make a nice program for your club through the winter months while the weather keeps us inside. You can look over the titles at maffi.org (programs) or on the back of the MAFFI newsletter, the A Preserver. If interested, please email Janice Barker jlb72443@aol.com and she will take care of your request.

Please mark your calendar now for September 21, 2019 for Model A Day! If you can't make it in September, please plan a trip to see the Model A Museum and the entire Gilmore Complex when you are in the area. Remember, that as a member of MAFFI, your admission is FREE! Just show your membership card at the museum entrance.

As always, 'thank you' for supporting MAFFI and the Model A Ford Museum.





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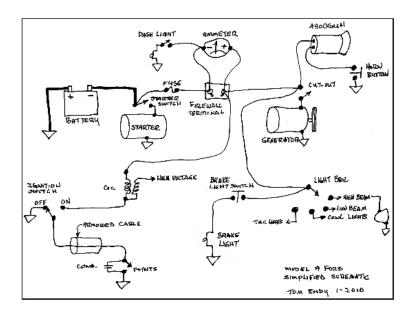


Simplified Drawing of the Model A Electrical Circuit

Note: 1. Positive ground (6-Volts)

- Service bulletin is incorporated with ignition power coming from the generator side of the ammeter.
 The points are grounded when the key is in the off position to prevent hot-wiring the points.
- orn circuit floats above ground; either side can be conne

Note: Power to the brake light switch is routed through the light bail for no purpose. A suggested modification is to disconnect the power lead from the bail to the brake light switch at the switch and tape it back. Run a new wire from the protected side of the fuse to the brake light switch. In the event of a short circuit in the bail, which is a common electrical fault, the wire from the cut-out to the bail can be disco can continue to drive during daylight hours and still have brake lights.



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Pictures taken at our Annual Installation Banquet



















Guys and Gals lookin' good

Subject: I was Home Schooled

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My father taught me LOGIC.

" Because I said so, that's why ."

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. My father taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.

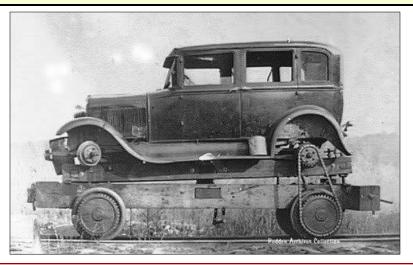
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

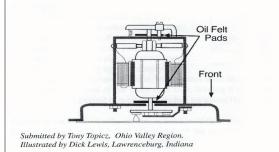
13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."



HORN LUBRICATION

Lubricating their horn is one item that some people overlook. There are two felt pads at the armature area of your horn. Put two (2) drops of 3-1 type oil on each felt oiler pad about two times a year and this will help keep your horn working. DO NOT OVER OIL.



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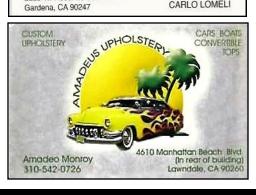
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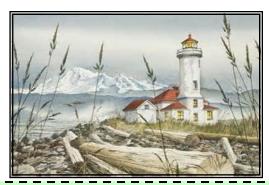
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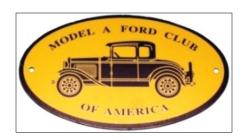
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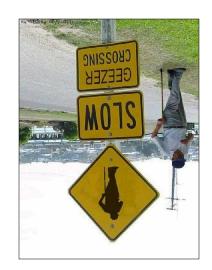
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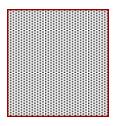
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