

# Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

Dedicated to preserving and driving the 1928-1931 Model 'A' Ford since 1957  
Torrance, California

## April 2019

2017 MARC  
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Henry Ford posing  
with the  
10 millionth Model T  
and his first car,  
the Qualricycle  
made in 1896

### Upcoming Business Meetings

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.

The April meeting will be the Safety Seminar on **Saturday, April 27th. 10am. Pot Luck.**

**A-L** bring salads & side dishes.

**M-Z** bring a main dish

Come early and help  
set up and chat with your  
Model A friends.



### 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 free-  
way. (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 your 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)

### Next Board Meeting



It will be at Torrance Memorial  
Hospital, West wing, On **Tues-  
day, April 2nd** 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](http://www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com)**



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



### A View From the Slow Lane

It's that time of the year again for our annual safety check and potluck followed by a brief meeting.

This is a good time to reacquaint us with the external and internal workings of our cars and make sure they are road worthy and in top working order. Our tour director, Elaine Pisu, has compiled a rigorous event calendar of tours and trips for the upcoming season so it's important to have our cars safe and running well.

The safety check will be hosted by Dennis and Linda Simpson on **Saturday, April 27th**. Their home is located at 2402 Burritt Avenue, Redondo Beach, 90278.

Cliff LeFall, our technical director, and his crew will begin checking our Model A's at 10 a.m. sharp.

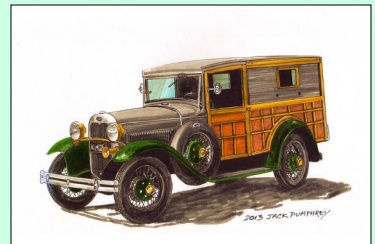
The comprehensive list of items checked will include: lights, brakes, water leaks, gas leaks, tires, wiring, horn, fire extinguisher, hoses, steering, fan belt, just to name a few.

The potluck lunch will have members with last names beginning **A-L** bringing salads/side dishes and those with last names beginning with **M-Z** providing main dishes. Tableware and dishes will be provided by the club.

For those needing minor tune-ups and adjustments Al's Garage is open Saturdays from 10-12. Bring any needed parts and Cliff will schedule time for repairs.

This event is a good time to mingle with other members, learn about our cars, and have fun.

*Tim*



#### **Flat Tire Beer Bread**

*So named because the beer you use should be room temperature, although flat Fat Tire beer would be a great choice for this bread.*

- 3 Cups all-purpose flour (see note)
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- ¾ tsp. salt
- 3 TB. sugar
- 1 12-oz. bottle beer (pretty much any beer will work), room temperature
- ¼-½ tsp. GRANULATED GARLIC POWDER, optional
- 1-2 tsp. HERBS (PARSLEY, SAGE, ROSEMARY or THYME) or your favorite HERB BLEND, optional

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine all of the ingredients and mix well. Spoon into a greased 4½ x 8½-inch loaf pan. Bake at 350° for 1 hour. Serve warm.

Note: You may substitute 3 Cups of self-rising flour for the all-purpose flour, omitting the baking powder and salt, which makes this recipe even easier!

**Prep. time:** 10 minutes  
**Baking time:** 60 minutes  
**Serves:** 10

**Nutritional Information:** Servings 10; Serving Size 1 slice (79g); Calories 160; Calories from fat 0; Total fat 0g; Cholesterol 0mg; Sodium 770mg; Carbohydrate 33g; Dietary Fiber 1g; Sugars 4g; Protein 4g.

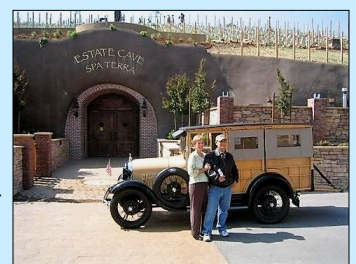
#### Price Reduced!

#### **1929 Ford Woody Station Wagon**

- LeBaron-Bonny windows and seats
- H & H inserted engine (~60 hp) with about 300 miles
- Rebuilt transmission
- Most of wood original (not kit wood)
- New heavy duty radiator, battery, tires (100 miles)
- Powder coated and balanced wheels
- Completely rebuilt brakes and front-end with new original spindles, bearings, ball joints
- Completely rebuilt no-leak water pump.
- Gas tank flushed and cleaned
- Completely rebuilt distributor, new electrical harness, rebuilt original horn
- Asking \$32,500 OBO.
- Contact Dan Fitzgerald
- (c) 310-344-2306
- Palos Verdes Estates, CA



Editors note: This is a very nice restoration. Looks great and runs great too! Downsizing is reason for sale.





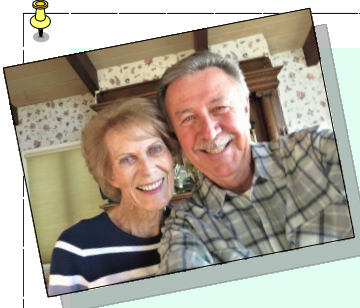
## April Birthdays

- 1 James Walker
- 7 Walt Hibbard
- 12 Carol Olsen
- 14 Drain Marshall
- 15 Larry Sterling
- 19 Kathy Valot



## April Anniversaries

- 1 Rob & Tetsuko Hernandez
- 28 Larry & Patti Migliazzo



### Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

A couple things this month:  
Long time member, Al Avoian, is very ill and needs your prayers and good thoughts. He is home now after a stay at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Daughter, Liz, and Grandson, David, are taking care of him.

Thinking of you, Al. Get well soon

On a much happier note, Jan and I celebrated 37 years of marriage. She supports all this Model A stuff that I do and helps when she can. I support all her activities too. What a Team!

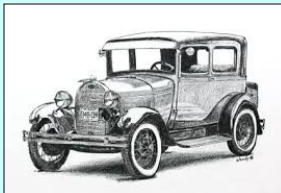
Looking forward to the Orange County pancake breakfast. Jan and I have been doing this for probably 15 years. These 'drive and dine' events are always fun!

Lets drive those As!  
**Dick**



### **Welcome our new members!**

**Daniel & Pamela Giagni.** Member # 1072  
1108 1/2 Palms Blvd., Venice CA 90710  
Phone # 310-869-7762 Email:  
Daniel@DistinctiveBuildersLA.com  
They are in-process of buying a Model A.



#### **Also welcome:**

**Robert & Deborah Fugatt.** Member #1073  
1065 Lomita Blvd. Space #410 Harbor City CA 90710  
Phone # 951-660-6260  
They have a 1930 Coupe.



#### OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART

##### HOW TO INTERPRET

##### ANTIQUE CAR ADS

| IF IT SAYS:                    | IT REALLY MEANS:                  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Rare model.....                | Nobody liked them when new either |
| Older restoration.....         | Can't tell it's been restored     |
| Needs engine work.....         | It's been frozen for 30 years     |
| Uses no oil.....               | Just throws it out                |
| No rust.....                   | Body and fenders missing          |
| Rough.....                     | It's too bad to lie about         |
| One owner.....                 | Never been able to sell           |
| No time to complete.....       | Can't find parts anywhere         |
| Needs interior.....            | Seats are gone                    |
| Rebuilt engine.....            | Has new spark plugs               |
| May run.....                   | But it never has                  |
| Low mileage.....               | Third time around                 |
| Many new parts.....            | Keeps breaking down               |
| 29 coats hand-rubbed paint.... | Needed that much to cover rust    |
| Clean.....                     | It sat out in the rain yesterday  |
| Best offer.....                | About what I expect to get        |
| Always driven slowly.....      | Won't go any faster               |
| Prize winner.....              | Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row |
| Stored 25 years.....           | Under a tree                      |
| Real show stopper.....         | Orange with purple fenders        |
| Easy restoration.....          | Parts will come off in your hand  |
| Ready to show.....             | Just washed it                    |
| Top good.....                  | Only leaks when it rains          |
| Good investment.....           | Can't depreciate any more         |

### **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.



### **Some other local car events**

Every last Saturday. Cars and Coffee @The Point shopping center in El Segundo, 850 S. PCH. 7-9AM.

Every 3rd Sunday. Malibu - Fireball Tim's Wheels and Waves Cars and Coffee!  
Malibu Country Mart, PCH. 8-10AM

Every Friday afternoon starting late April, Ruby's Restaurant Redondo Beach Pier Car Show.  
Runs for 27 weeks to October. Many Harbor A's attend this event.

### **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!

Asking **\$17,000 OBO**. Located in Torrance, CA.  
If interested, contact : Al Avoian at 310-328-3350





## HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

February 22, 2019

Walteria Clubhouse

**PRESIDENT:** Tim Harrison--called the meeting to order at 7:33 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:** Jim Speights moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the March HarborLight. The motion was seconded by Drain Marshall. All in favor.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Dennis Simpson--after the banquet he ended up with participation awards from 2017. He brought them to the meeting so be sure to get yours. Free items are available from F & S Ignitions (gave us \$100 certificate for the banquet), Daffy brought 2019 calendars and Art brought some books for members to take. This month the big opportunity drawing prize is a \$100 certificate to have wheels aligned donated by Cliff LeFall.

**TREASURER:** Daffy Wagner--Reported that from November 2016 to February 2019 \$847.21 has been added to the club account from recycling thanks to Monty Bates. The club account balance is fine. Bills will be coming. Wayne asked if there is a target or a goal we have for our account. We have to maintain a \$3000 balance in the club account. First of the year balance looks good from dues collection, but from that amount bills have to be paid, the club makes donations to different events, pay for using clubhouse, pay for use of park for our picnic, bought tickets for Ford Phaeton from Pasadena High, etc. A good question.

**HARBORLIGHT EDITOR:** Dick Wyckoff--March issue is out a week earlier than normal. Cover has picture of Linda Simpson woman of the year and Jim Huizdos man of the year. Some fun things in this issue. Tomorrow is last day of San Diego swap meet at Qual-comm from 8-3. It's always fun to attend and find things you didn't know you couldn't live without.

**WEBMASTER:** Sue Hankins--Articles for our club have been put in MARC and MAFCA publications. Google search for our website is now working. Daniel a new member found us on the website. He is looking for a Fordor.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Ursi Schmidt--Forty people in attendance tonight. We have someone new with us, Bob Fugatt. He has a 30 model A rumble seat Coupe which he has had for 30 some years. It is a project car. Told him about the garage on Saturday.

**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:** Names drawn for both the women's and men's prize were not in attendance. Amount goes to \$10 for both at next month's meeting.

**TECHNICAL DIRECTOR:** Cliff LeFall--Feels like the Maytag man since last three weeks at the shop have been very slow. April 27 will be the safety check at 10 a.m. at the Simpson's house. We do work on cars but right now we are drinking coffee and eating donuts. But we are there and willing to serve you. Shop will be open tomorrow at 10 am at 907 Van Ness, Torrance.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Jack Gordinier--collected \$2.50 from members not having their badges.

**SUNSHINE:** Doris Marshall & Theresa LeFall--A condolence card was sent to the Larquiers for the loss of Rhoda, Andy Soto's wife Sandy Soto passed and Jack & Joan, Monty & Donnis, and Tim & Pat attended the service, Noralene can't drive at night anymore but Cliff and Theresa have offered to give her a ride when she wants to come to club activities, Dot fell and her entire face is black and blue but Dr. said no broken bones, Willie is out of hospital and he says he is doing a lot better. Al Avoian is in the hospital. His daughter and his grandchildren are there. He has a good positive attitude. Visitors perk him up

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** **BIRTHDAYS:** Dianne Runyon 3, Mary Ann Friedrich 4, Bruce Montgomery 4, Richard Parrish 8, Margaret Gott 12, Jay Skinner 24, Diana Murphy 25, Jack Goldberg 25, Jim Perreten 28, Al Avoian 31

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dick & Jan Wyckoff 7, Tim & Pat Harrison 7, Monty & Donnis Bates 10, Art & Daffy Wagner 20, Ted & Janice Dalton 24

**TOOLS COORDINATOR:** Bobby DeCrescenzo--All the tools have been returned so he has the complete complement so if you need something check with Bobby.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Weeg Thompson--Donnis & Monty and Joan & Jack brought the refreshments this evening. Thank you! We need someone to sign up for next month's March meeting. We will be attending the play in Solvang on the 12<sup>th</sup> "The Million Dollar Quartet" a Tony award winning musical. Sign up if you want a ticket.

**CLOCK PRIZE:** Joan Gordinier--Jim Speights winner of clock prize.

**ADVERTISING:** Jim Huizdos--Everything is good. In the back of our directory are some good businesses you can support.

**MERCHANDISE:** Gloria Younkin--A lot of new merchandise. The items on sale are the 60<sup>th</sup> shirts for \$10, Drive & Dine hats for \$5.

**TOURS:** Elaine Pisu--Up and coming events are in your newsletter. Two groups will be going to the Pancake Breakfast. The surface street group (Tim) will meet at Spires on Sepulveda and Western at 6:45 a.m. and the freeway group (Elaine) will meet at Harbor Freight at 6:45 a.m. Both will leave at 7 a.m. If you sign up and can't attend, please let leaders know by calling cell phones so the group doesn't wait. A stop will be made at CW Moss and for those who don't want car parts there is a cute store across the street. The day will wind up with lunch at Katella Deli. Fabulous Ford show is coming up and this year will be at Angel Stadium. Ford is encouraging Fords other than Mustang so Ford will pick up \$30 of the \$45 fee. Elaine has applications. She is trying to get everyone's mileage so she can then know what how many miles you travel for the year. Canyon Lands Hub Tour is in October you need to book your hotel now. Members were asked to sign up if they planned on attending CCRG (we usually have a large group). Handed out patches to Gordinier, Pisu, Marshall, Bates, Harrison, Thompson. If you wanted patches and didn't get them, let Elaine know. Elaine is reviewing emergency cards. Please give updates to Elaine and Wayne (Elaine's assistant).

**OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:** Hard luck award--very prestigious award Tim has won more than once. Art Wagner the guy who builds and rebuilds cars is the current recipient of this special award.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pasadena High School restoring a Model A roadster--and selling raffle tickets (\$35 in advance \$40 at the door). Having an oldies concert the night of the drawing on April 22. Wayne Sterling moved that the club buy three tickets, Dick Wyckoff seconded. All were in favor.

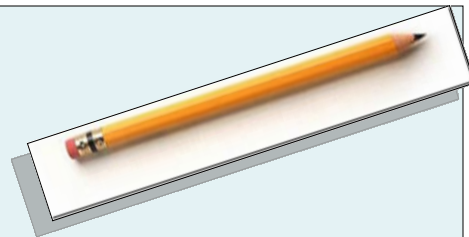
Banquet committee with input from Board approved 2020 Banquet at Bluewater Grill on Saturday, January 25, 2020. Thanks to all those attended and especially to Dennis and Linda for all the opportunity items. Two weeks ago we stopped going to Hof's Hut because they have closed for remodeling. Last Monday we tried Marie Calendars. Next Monday, February 25, Daffy Wagner has a birthday and we are going to celebrate at the Elephant Bar in Torrance from 5 to 7.

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:** Friday, March 22, 2019, at Walteria Park 7:30 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, West Tower 7 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Jim Speights moved that the meeting be adjourned it was seconded by Elaine Pisu. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted: Secretary, **Pat Harrison**



## Technical Talk

### Preventative Maintenance Checklist



**MINUTEMAN**  
**MODEL "A" FORD**  
CLUB OF MASSACHUSETTS

#### EVERY FUEL STOP

Check crankcase oil level  
Check radiator water level  
Check water pump packing Visual inspection of engine

#### MONTHLY

Check water pump for leaks and end play  
Check carburetor and fuel lines for leaks Inspect fan for cracks  
Check battery water level  
Check tire air pressure -34 lbs.  
Check tires for breaks, cracks, and abnormal wear  
Check radiator water level  
Check water pump packing Visual inspection of engine

#### EACH 500 MILES

Lubricate in accordance with 500 mile Lubrication Chart  
Change crankcase oil  
Tighten accessory mountings (windwings)  
Inspect radiator hoses  
Check fan belt adjustment (See Service Adjustments)  
Check wiper blade rubber  
Check generator charging rate, adjust as required (See Service Adjustments)  
Check carburetor and fuel lines for leaks

#### EACH 1,000 MILES

Do all 500 mile checks  
Test front wheel bearings for looseness (See Service Adjustments)  
Oil generator bushings at each end of generator  
Tighten spring U-bolts, front and rear.  
Tighten all wheel lug nuts (64 ft. lbs torque)  
Test all lights (head, tail, stop, dash, dome)  
Inspect all cotter pins (See cotter pin list)  
Wipe out light switch (End of steering column)  
Lubricate door hinges, striker plate, dovetails  
Inspect entire fuel system for leaks  
Inspect exhaust system for leaks  
Check steering wheel free play (2" max, See Service Adjustments)  
Check specific gravity of battery, charge if needed (See service and repair, Battery)  
Check for tight electrical connections at all harness connections.

Check for tight coil connections  
Check for tight connections at ammeter and terminal box  
Check distributor point gap (.016 -.018) See Service Adjustments  
Clean battery posts and clamps, tighten battery ground connection  
Clean horn commutator  
Drain fuel sediment bowl  
Check clutch pedal for free play, See Service Adjustments  
Check tail light lens mounting screws

#### EACH 2,000 MILES

Do all 1,000 mile items  
Lubricate in accordance with 2,000 mile Lubrication Chart  
Inspect starter commutator and brushes  
Examine tires for wear, cracks and damage  
Adjust Service Brakes (See service Adjustments)  
Inspect front leaf spring for sagging and cracks  
Repack top end of shock links  
Tighten differential banjo bolts

#### EACH 5,000 MILES

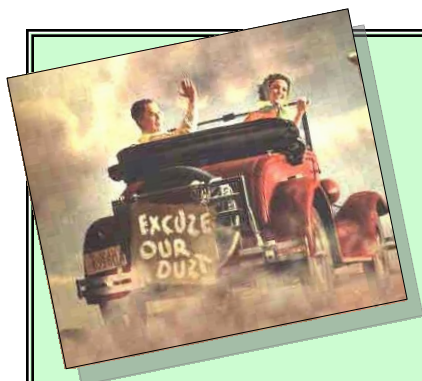
Do all 2,000 mile items  
Test engine compression  
Tighten rear wheel axle nut  
Rotate tires  
Lubricate in accordance with 5000 mile Lubrication Chart  
Flush cooling system  
Lubricate speedometer cable

#### EACH 10,000 MILES

Do all 5,000 mile items  
Pull all brake drums  
Inspect brake linings, drums, and springs  
Polish headlight reflectors

Notes:





## **Touring with Elaine** By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



### **So Many Events, So Little Time!**

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** is the **Orange County Pancake Breakfast**. We will meet at Harbor Freight at **6:45 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 **meeting at 6:45 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.

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** is **CCRG in Merced**. 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.

**Sunday—Tues, April 7-10** - **Treasures of California Tour, Cambria CA**

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**— **Wild Flower Tour**. More info to come

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** is the **Fabulous Fords Show** 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.

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**— **Edelbrock Car Show**. 208th and Crenshaw in Torrance

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**— **Culver City Car Show**

**Friday—Sunday, July 12-14**— Our annual **Solvang Drive and Dine**. *Save the date!*

As you can see, lots of events coming up. A good thing is that many of them are close by so we can drive our Model As.

Not sure of the exact date, (probably the end of April) Ruby's Diner in Redondo Beach weekly Friday afternoon car show will start up. This is another food event. Don't you just love it!

**Elaine**



### **Other Car Events of Interest for 2019**

**April 27 (Sat)** - Annual **Safety Check** at the Simpson home. Pot luck. A-L Salads/sides. M-Z Main dish.

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

**May 11 (Sat)** - 49th **Antique Nationals**. Auto Club Dragway 9300 Cherry Ave. Fontana CA. Gate opens at 8AM

**May 19 (Sun)** - Muckenthaler **Car Show**. Fullerton. Lots of classic cars! Fun event.

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

**July 20th (Sat)** - Model T **Swap Meet** at Long Beach Vets Stadium. 7am. \$5 admission. Free parking.

## MAFFI Newsletter Minute

### March 2019



#### It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's a **Penny Machine!**

In an effort to give our visitors to the Model A Museum an inexpensive souvenir to take home, we are installing a Penny Machine. I am sure that you have seen these in various tourist locations where you place \$.50 in the machine plus a penny and the machine cranks out a pressed souvenir of its place of interest. The trustees of MAFFI have chosen to invest in one of these from the Penny Press Machine Company in Little Canada, MN. The machine will have an oak base and will be representative of appropriate décor for our museum. In place of the conventional crank, it will have a Model A Steering Wheel to press the penny out. Our Museum Logo will be on the back and the customer will have the choice of 4 different cars for the front of their coin. We hope to have this in place and operational by April of this year and our goal is to enhance the experience of our museum visitors (similar to our interactive How to Start a Model A) and our growing audience.

The Model A Museum is the most visited museum on the Gilmore Campus. If you haven't been there recently, come see what's new! Our displays change frequently. Make your plans now to visit during Model A Day, September 21<sup>st</sup> for the *full experience*. Ride the AA Stake Bed Truck People Mover, see the sights, and get your Penny Souvenir!

### **Come on Back!**

- The goal of this program is to help former MAFCA members see the value of MAFCA membership and rejoin the National Club.
- The program was introduced with an announcement in 2017 it is the hope of the Board of Directors that each Chapter will strive for 100% Membership in MAFCA.
- The program is to be implemented through the individual Chapters.
- Each Chapter is challenged to encourage all of their members to Rejoin MAFCA.
- Remember the benefits of Membership in MAFCA:
  - The Restorer Magazine, the Best Publication in the Automotive Hobby
  - Help with recruiting New Members through Free Membership Program, Event Kits, The Blue Oval Program and our Facebook Outreach.
  - The Best Quality Club Branded Merchandise, including clothing items and publications.
  - Free classified ads to assist you with your Model A in the Restorer magazine and on the MAFCA.com website
  - Fun, Fellowship, Technical Expertise.
  - Technical advice to keep your car running available at [tech@mafca.com](mailto:tech@mafca.com)
  - An extensive library in the area of Era Fashions on the MAFCA website
  - Local Activities through one of our nearly 300 Chapters, Regional events and Special Interest Groups
  - National Activities: Tours, Conventions, Era Fashion and Fine Point Judging, Touring Class Judging, and The Restorers Class Evaluations
  - The Best Insurance Coverage for Chapter Activities and Directors and Officers



We hope that each chapter will accept this challenge and work to increase our membership.

**Mike Kelley**

MAFCA Membership Director

[membership@mafca](mailto:membership@mafca)

253-569-2352





## A Bit of Model A History

### How Henry Ford changed America forever, one car at a time The 1928 Model A Ford. A New Beginning

By Jeff Koch, Hemmings Classic Car

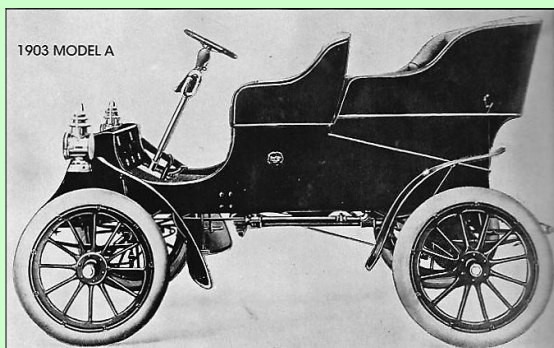
Henry's devotion to the Model T meant that he was on the back foot when it came time to replace it. He cared little for pretty styling or technical gimmickry, but the competition (primarily from General Motors) made technical innovation and high style a priority on its new models. The Model T was showing its age, and by the mid-1920's, buyers increasingly sought cars from other brands. Henry resisted, but the sales numbers didn't lie.

At last, in the summer of 1926, development on the Model T's replacement began. Henry's hopes for an eight-cylinder X-configuration engine proved technically unfeasible, while the marketing department pushed for a six-cylinder. The compromise, a more-or-less carryover four-cylinder with 40 hp. Henry's son, Edsel, was in charge of styling the Model A.

So late did development start on the Model A (a name indicating a new beginning for the company) that the factories were shut down for more than half a year to prep for the new car. Thousands of workers were laid off across Ford's 34 North American plants (as well as more than a dozen overseas factories). But by the time they were rolling again, 10 body styles were available; by 1929, that number had doubled.

As time went on, the Model A became nearly as popular as the Model T was in its day: Ford sold 1.5 million Model A's in 1929 alone, out of roughly 5 million built over a four year period. And the reasons for the A's popularity were the same as the T's: simplicity of operation, economy of ownership, robust build quality, and an affordable buy-in price. Alas, the Model A's true potential would never be realized, as the Great Depression slammed the brakes on car sales nationwide. (Chevy outsold Ford in 1931, the A's last year, by 4,000 cars.) The Model A didn't last as long as the Model T; the days of innovating the market and waiting for the rest of the world to catch up were over.

Today, a strong devotion to the Model A Ford remains: entire magazines dedicated to its preservation were launched (including a digest-sized parts guide in 1954 called *Hemmings Motor News*), and club support remains strong.



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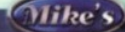
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