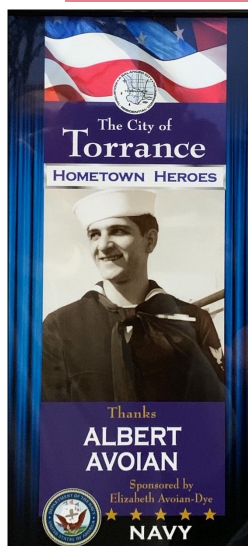


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Al Avoian
with club
members at
Torrance's
veteran
recognition
ceremony.

See article
on page 8.



Upcoming Business Meetings

The **May** meeting is on **Friday, May 31** at 7:30pm. Walteria Clubhouse.

The **June** meeting is on **Friday, June 28th** at 7:30pm at the Walteria clubhouse.

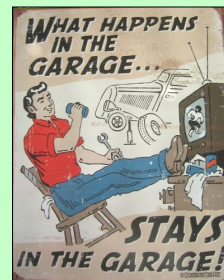
Come early and help set up and chat with your Model A friends.



Technical Activities

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



Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing, on **Tuesday, June 4th** at 7pm. Exact room TBD.

We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome.



Tours 'n Things

June 9th (Sun)- Henry Ford Picnic in Downey. Always a fun event.

June 15th (Sat)- Little Sisters of the Poor

July 12-14- Annual Drive 'n Dine in Solvang

July 20 (Sat)- LB Model T Swap Meet
Long Beach Vets Stadium. 7AM. \$5

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



A View From the Slow Lane

Recently I came upon an old *Saturday Evening Post* article from 1936 written by Henry Ford. The title was “Our Job.”

There were many thoughts relating to economics and Ford's thoughts about the importance of production over scarcity. He believed production was not a simple term more than a factory or manufacturing term. It is a term of deep social importance: “Production and the effects of production give the answer to practically all the things that trouble us. They answer the question of supply; you can't give the people what they need except by production. They answer the question of wages; you can't pay wages except by volume production. They answer the question of progressive efficiency; such national resources as we have today in industry are in the large-production industries.”

Henry's business model encompasses the following concepts and values: “See how these things all hang together. You can not lower prices unless you improve your methods. Improved methods can only work on the best of materials—poor materials are the most wasteful and expensive to work with—so the basic quality of your goods must improve. Economy requires that the very best labor be employed, and this calls for the highest wage—a cheap wage is always the dearest to everybody concerned, society most of all. It is strange that with all these values going up, prices can come down, but that is precisely the way it works. As prices come down to touch level after level or purchasing power, production goes up. And as a general and far-flung result, the standard of wealth and purchasing power of the whole community rises.

They are principles, and the application of those principles has created the America we now have—and which many of us believe we should at all costs preserve.”

“Take the facts: In 1909, when Mr. Ford introduced his model T—the first real automobile at a low price—the average annual earnings of wage workers was \$560. The cheap car which he brought out cost around \$1000. That is, it took two years of labor for the average wage earner to earn as much as the price of a car. And there were only 305,950 passenger cars registered.”

“In 1928, the average wage worker was earning \$1207 a year and the price of a far better car than was on the market in 1909 had dropped to between \$500 and \$600—which means that it took only six months' labor in 1928 to buy a better thing than had taken two years' labor in 1909. In 1928, 21,379,125 passenger cars were registered. There is an example of the American System at work.”

The Model T and Model A not only revolutionized the transportation industry but, Henry Ford revolutionized production and economics.



Price Reduced Again!

Long time senior club member downsizing his inventory. Selling recently restored (2015) late '31 AA Stake Bed truck.

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



June Birthdays

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Joan Young | 14 Fran Earhart |
| 2 Gary Kuhlman | 15 Frank Young |
| 8 Michael Larquier | 21 Jim Huizdos |
| 10 Weeg Thompson | 23 Andy Soto |
| 13 Joan Gordinier | 24 Julia Duenes |
| 13 Larry Migliazzo | |



June Anniversaries

- | |
|----------------------------|
| 2 Frank & Joan Young |
| 4 Richard & Jeanne Parrish |
| 5 Dan & Liz Fitzgerald |
| 5 Diana & Marty Murphy |
| 14 Jim & Kathy Valot |
| 22 Greg & Fran Earhart |
| 26 Cliff & Theresa LeFall |
| 26 Ed & Julia Duenes |

Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

The Harbor Club bid farewell to member **Willie Duncan** last week in a beautiful ceremony. We had 46 club members and eight Model As attend the celebration.

On my way home, the Cabriolet started running poorly. After checking things out, it was a blown head gasket between 3 and 4 cylinders. Then the fun began. It took almost three days to take the head off. Rusted studs, damaged tools, sore back (I regress). Anyway, I was right. Bad gasket. Removed the old studs, installed new ones, and started reassembly. I installed a 'B', 5.2 to 1 'Police head' that I had, new water pump, and aluminum fan. Torqued it all down per Les Andrews and fired it up. Sounded pretty good. Retorqued things several times and I think I am ready to go.

The Safety Inspection Club meeting went very well. 12 cars and 43 people attended the pot luck event at the home of Dennis and Linda Simpson.

I personally want to thank the Simpsons for their hospitality. This is an important event each year and it was a big success due to their efforts. **Thank You!**

Dick

Car Collection Tour

A friend of Jim Huizdos, **Jim Dahl**, allowed us to visit his car collection last weekend. Five Model As and a couple moderns made the short trip to Jim's garage in Torrance where his collection of 70 mostly unique 50's through 70's cars were displayed. Among the beautifully maintained cars were a nice '29 Roadster Pickup, a '33 Chevy, and a '35 Dodge truck and a '77 Peterbilt pickup truck.



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. (at Artesia Blvd.)

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 Diner 245 N. Harbor Drive in Redondo Beach (by the pier) hosts a weekly Friday 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. 4—7pm

Parking is free to participating cars.

Hope to see you there.



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** are available. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1.75 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

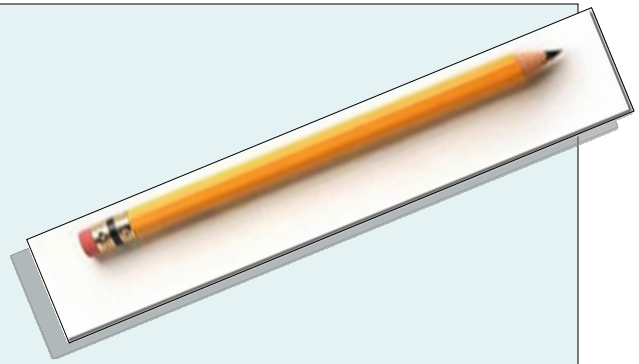
An **Aphorism** is a statement of truth or opinion expressed in a concise and witty manner.

The term is often applied to philosophical, moral and literary principles. Some examples:

- ◆ I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?
- ◆ I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.
- ◆ When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body. Men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.
- ◆ Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?
- ◆ America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.
- ◆ You know that tingly little feeling you get when you love someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.
- ◆ My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that!

HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB/SAFETY CHECK MEETING

Saturday, April 27, 2019
Simpson Residence



PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison--called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

Welcome: Tim welcomed all to the meeting

THANKS: Tim thanked Linda and Dennis for opening up their home and hosting our event with a beautiful plant and a card from our club.

NEW MEMBER: Kewyn Cardenas was introduced. He and his wife Lilia have a '31 two-door sedan.

GUEST: Janet Blaschke attended our meeting and was introduced. She inherited a Model A from her father.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Jack Gordinier moved and Linda Simpson seconded that the minutes be approved as printed in the April issue of the HarborLight.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson—Presented Sue Hankins with a plaque from the Banquet for her hard work in putting articles and pictures in the *Restorer* and the *Model "A" News* about the activities of our club.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner—reported that we have an acceptable balance in our account. Monty has set a goal of collecting \$1000 for the club from recycling aluminum and plastic containers.

HARBORLIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff—There was a problem with the last issue. Donnis wrote a great article with pictures about CCRG and less space had been allotted for the article than needed. Problem solved—those receiving email got the entire article with pictures. Dick reminded members that with May comes Memorial Day and an opportunity to remember all of our veterans. Dick was once again awarded the MARC Award for Continued Excellence for the outstanding job he does on the HarborLight. Dick appreciated the award; he has been our editor for 12 years! Dick's newsletter goes to many people and clubs and one of the latest people on his distribution list is Jay Leno.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt—has ordered 50 various years of membership patches in preparation for future needs.

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: BIRTHDAYS: LeOra Combs 1, Leonard Funk 4, Peggy Hopkins 7, Karen Barry 8, Jim Speights 10, Larry Migliazzo 13, Peggy Wishon 15, Steve Friedrich 19, Pat Tucker 19, Jesse Dykes 22. ANNIVERSARIES: Wayne & Tomo Sterling 4, Dan & Liz Fitzgerald 5, Leonard & Darlene Funk 20.

TOURS: Jim Huizdos—Saturday, May 4, a tour to a private collection of not only Model A's but other amazing cars. Meet at 8:30 a.m. and leave 8:45 a.m. at Spires on the corner of Western and Sepulveda. Of course, lunch will follow. Shop will be closed Saturday.

MEMORIAL: Willie Duncan's memorial will be on 4/15 at 10 a.m. at the University Christian Church. It would be great if you could drive your Model A. A motion was made to get a brick at the MAFFI Museum in memory of Willie by Dennis Simpson and was seconded by Dot Knott, and all approved.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS: Monday night we will meet for dinner at the Elephant Bar.

No Weeg—no dessert.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Friday, May 31, 2019, at Waleria Club House in Torrance beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Linda Simpson moved that the meeting be adjourned it was seconded by Dot Knott. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Secretary, *Pat Harrison*

ADDED GROUND CABLE INSTALLATION

INTRODUCTION

A good ground is essential for proper operation of the electrical system and the ignition system. A poor ground potential at the engine block and distributor can cause a poor running ignition system and rough running engine. A poor ground in the electrical system causes higher than normal currents to flow, resulting in burned out light bulbs. A poor ground to the Starter Motor causes a slow starting engine.

The ground post on the battery is connected to the main cross member of the frame. The ground potential of the frame is not always the same at the engine block due to rust buildup, paint, grease, and dirt build up over the years at the connections between the frame and engine block. The frame is electrically connected to the engine through the front and rear spring connection and through the rear motor mounts. These connections develop a high resistance from rust and dirt buildup, reducing the electrical ground potential between the frame and the engine. The addition of Float-A-Motor rear motor mounts also reduces the electrical ground potential between the frame and engine block due to the rubber mounts.

The metal engine pans, located on each side of the engine, provided a good positive ground connection between the frame and the engine block. Many times the engine pans have been taken off for removal of the oil pan and not replaced. This removes the main ground connection from the frame to the engine block.

An added ground cable, directly connected from the frame cross member at the battery ground connection, and attached to the transmission housing will ensure a good ground potential between the frame and the engine. A good ground to the engine will result in a smoother running engine, a faster turning Starter Motor for quicker starting, and improved lighting and longer burning light bulbs.

Installation

1. Use a 19" General Purpose #4 gauge battery cable. (This cable has a bolt eye at both ends).
2. Remove the frame bolt for the battery braided ground strap. Attach one end of the new ground cable, and the braided ground strap, to the frame bolt and reattach to the frame cross member.
3. Route the new ground cable next to the center cross member and attach to the top of the transmission housing on the right side of the transmission (Figure 4-15). Ensure all connections are tight.

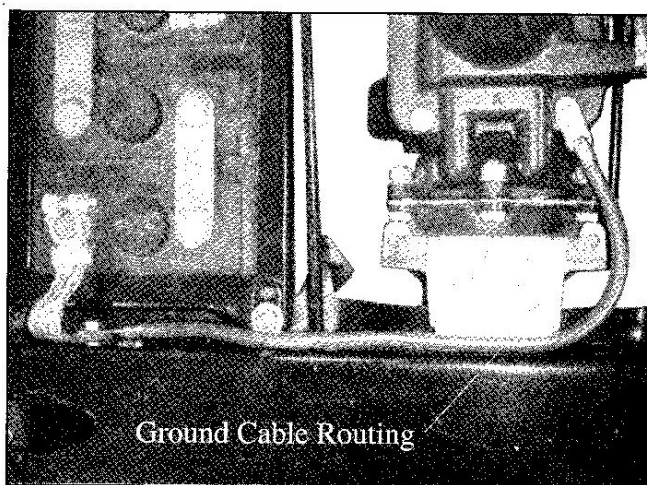
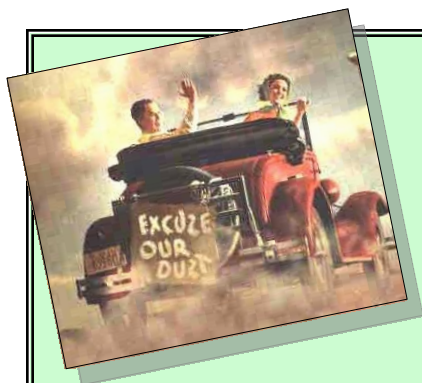


Figure 4-15 Added Ground Cable



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



HOW CAN IT BE JUNE ALREADY???

We had a great showing for the memorial service of our friend Willie Duncan. I counted 42+ Model Aer's and I believe we had 8 cars. It was a great send off for a great guy. I will miss his jokes.

May 11th we were invited to see the private collection of Jim Dahl. Thanks to Jim Huizdos for setting up the whole thing. We weren't sure what we were in for but we saw 3 warehouses and one was better than the next. Thanks to everyone that came out and enjoyed the tour!!

We had several members planning on going to the Muckenthaler Concours in Fullerton but the rain scared everyone off.

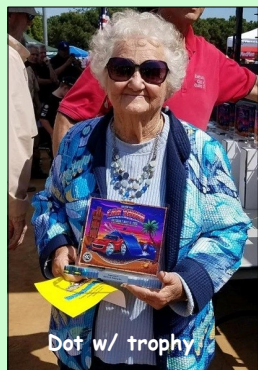
We have 2 events coming up in June:

June 9th will be the Henry Ford Picnic hosted by Diamond Tread Model A Club. We will meet at Harbor Freight at **8:30AM and leave at 8:45**. I think there will also be a group going surface streets. Tim Harrison has the sign up forms to send in to order your lunch. You must sign up by June 1st.

June 15th we will be going to **Little Sisters of the Poor in San Pedro** for our annual Father's Day show and we will also give rides to the residents which is always a fun morning. The Little Sisters give us lunch. We will meet at the Club House at **9:15 and leave at 9:30**.

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

Elaine



Dot w/ trophy

PS: Noralene Porper drove her Model A to the Culver City car show and won a trophy! **Dot Knott** showed her sedan and won a trophy too. Way to go, gals!



Noralene w/ trophy

Other Car Events of Interest for 2019

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

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

August 17th (Sat) - El Segundo Main Street Car Show.

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What's new at the Museum?

A small team of trustees have been working on developing an electronic information kiosk for our museum. The kiosk will be free standing and will allow visitors to learn about the Model A, our museum, contributors to the museum, Hall of Fame inductees, and to provide access for respectful memorial recognition.

Think of the kiosk as an "electronic docent" whose purpose is to help you experience the beautiful museum that recognizes the Model A and its many friends and followers. With the software now developed and hardware on order, we expect to have the kiosk up and running this June. We hope you will visit the museum soon and enjoy our newest volunteer...even though he's electronic!

Don't forget to start making plans to attend Model A Day, September 21, 2019. Hotel rooms book up quickly. It's a great day of seminars, fun and of course, our ever growing Swap Meet! Tour our museum and the many others on the Gilmore Campus. You won't want to miss seeing all of the Original & Unique Model A's that will be on a special display.

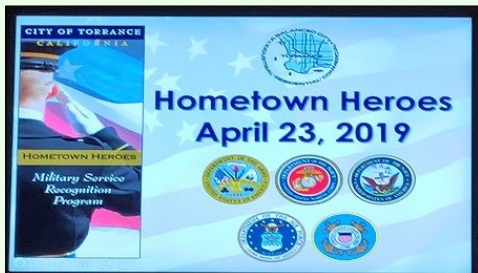
If you have any questions regarding Model A Day, please feel free to contact Jerry-Morisey. jertrudy@sbcglobal.net

Thank you,
Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee
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Tribute to Al Avoian

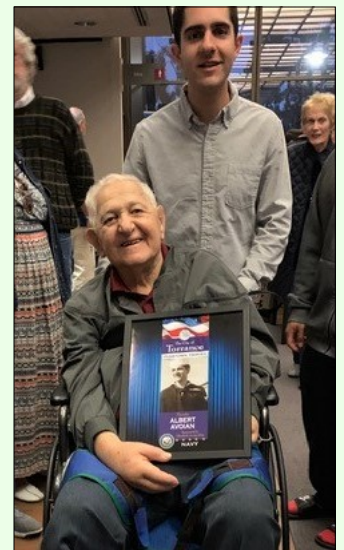
The City of Torrance CA has a nice tradition of acknowledging the military service of those that have also contributed much to the City. Member **Al Avoian** was so recognized with a 'Hometown Heroes' ceremony at City Hall recently. Daughter Liz Avoian-Dye nominated Al for his US Navy service in the 1950's and he was awarded a nice plaque by the Mayor and the City Council. The ceremony was attended by many Harbor Club members and Al's grandson, David. A commemorative flag in his honor is also being displayed on the main thoroughfare in town. Congratulations, Al, for all that you have done for us.

Note also that member **Dick Valot** was recognized a while back for his US Navy Seabee service during the Vietnam era. Thanks, Dick, for your service, also.



**Torrance City Council
recognition of
Al Avoian.**

Grandson, David, and Al (R)



Harbor's Safety Inspection and Club Meeting

Each year about this time, the Harbor Area club has it's annual Safety Meeting, a combined monthly club meeting, pot luck and safety inspection of club member cars. This year, thanks to the generosity of Dennis and Linda Simpson, the meeting was held at their home in Redondo Beach.

A lot of preparation goes into an event like this. Dennis was able to get several members to bring tables and chairs, and, of course, members brought food. Lots of food! We had 43 people and 12 cars show up for the event. Tech



Director, Cliff LeFall, led the inspection team. With a check-off sheet in hand, the team looked for such things a working lights, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, good tires, safety up-grades like seat belts, turn indicators, LED lights, safety glass,

brakes, windshield wipers, etc. All the cars passed inspection. Good job to Cliff and team!



While all this was going on, Linda and crew were preparing the tables for food. Lots of food. Some had to be heated, some refrigerated, and the ice cream frozen. When the dinner bell rang, the hungry crowd put a dent in the food. There was very little left over.

President Tim Harrison then held a brief club meeting thanking all those that showed up. A big round of applause for Dennis and Linda for their efforts.



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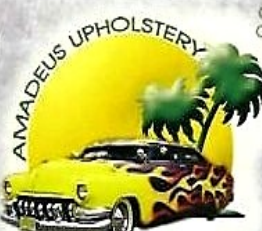


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