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Torrance, California

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Harbor As at Ruby's Diner Anniversary

Photo by Dr. Steve Thompson

Upcoming Business Meetings

The **August** meeting will be at the Clubhouse on **Friday, August 30th** at 7:30pm.

The **September** meeting will be the annual picnic on **Saturday, Sept. 28th, Torrance Park, 2001 Santa Fe Ave.** 10am-3pm

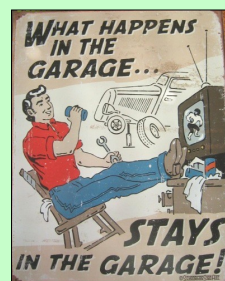
Come early and help set up and chat with your Model A friends.



Technical Activities

Saturday mornings.
We meet from about 10am to noon to work on Model A projects.
Bring your Model A by and we'll work on it.

Al's Garage, 907 Van Ness, Torrance CA



Some Summer Events & Shows

Sept. 7th (Sat) - Westchester Elks Car Show and chili cook-off 9am-3pm. Playa del Rey CA. Contact Lisa @ 818-441-3488 for info

Sept. 15th (Sun) - Manhattan Beach Car Show (Police K-9 foundation) along Manhattan Ave. Visit mbpdk9.com/carshow for details.

Sept. 21st (Sat) - Torrance Elks chili cook-off and Car Show. 12-4pm. 1820 Abalone Ave 310-529-7403

Sept 28-29 (Sat-Sun) - Antique Car Swap Meet. Paradise Valley Model A Club. Little League Regional Headquarters 6707 N. Little League Dr. San Bernardino. 909-262-9623.

Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing, on **Tuesday, September 3rd** 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

As I look forward to September, we will have our annual picnic on Saturday, September 28, from 10 to 3. Torrance Park is located at 2001 Santa Fe Avenue (cross street Arlington Avenue), Torrance 90501. We will have bingo, Hubley races, food and friends.

Hubley races are always a big hit at our picnics. Bobby DeCrescenzo built a great race track a while back and is bringing it to the picnic. We will have Hubley assembly and tuneups on Saturdays at the Al's Garage until September 28.

A little background: Hubley's diecast Model A Ford cars come in seven different models: roadsters, pickups, phaetons, station wagons, town sedans, coupes and Victorias. If you need a car or parts, you can call Ralph Jones in Norwalk at 562-863-0302. He has fair prices and has a good supply of parts.

There will be awards prepared by our vice-president, Dennis Simpson, for first, second and third in both men's and women's divisions.

We look forward to seeing all of you with your Hubleys and your Model A's at our annual picnic.

Tim



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



Price Reduced!

1929 Ford Woody Station Wagon

- LeBaron-Bonny side curtains and seats
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- Rebuilt transmission
- Most of wood original (not kit wood)
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- 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 \$30,000 OBO.**
- Contact Dan Fitzgerald
- (c) 310-344-2306

Palos Verdes Estates, CA
Note: Price includes approx \$3000 worth of new and refurbished original parts!

Downsizing is reason for sale.

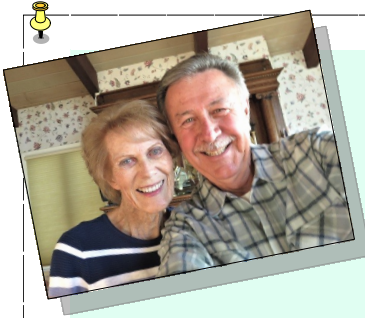


September Birthdays

5	Dennis Simpson	13	Ed Duenes
6	Darlene Funk	14	Cliff LeFall
6	Jim Beardsley	15	Harcourt Hervey
8	Bob Olsen	17	Art Wagner
8	Rob Hernandez	20	Vince Migliazzo
11	Ursula Schmidt		

September Anniversaries

5	Carla & Walt Hibbard
11	Dale & Karen Barry
15	Michael & Teri Larquier
17	Dick & Gwen Valot



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Boy, this has been a busy month. The club has participated in several car shows with several more to go.

Many of us are driving our cars more due to the great weather we have been having. I dusted off my '29 Roadster Pickup and took in the El Segundo car show. Lots of fun comments. People were amazed by the fact that it was my first car that I bought while in high school (59 years ago). It is still fun to drive.

Looking forward to some swap meets coming up soon. You never know what you need until you see it!

Congratulations to my San Diego friends with their winnings in Dearborn MI at the MARC National Convention. Three Henry awards for highest scores. Congrats to Gary Karr, Mark Williamson, and Arlyn Bieber.

Dick



El Segundo Car Show

Club members were busy this last weekend, but four of us showed cars at the car show. Steve and Weeg Thompson, Jim and Elyse Beardsley, Jerry Reine, and Dick Wyckoff.

For those that missed it, there were lots of people and awesome cars. The final tally was over 400 cars and 15,000+ people visited Main Street. The largest showing in 22 years.



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. 3—7pm

Parking is free to participating cars. And the food at Ruby's is great too!

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.

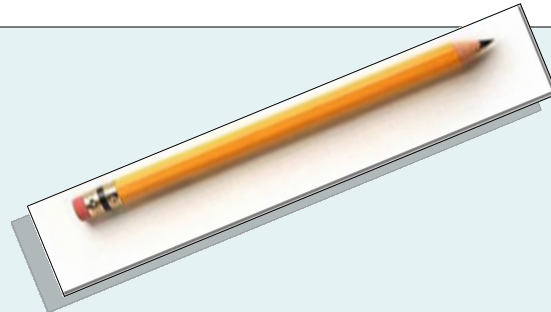
The **2019 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1.75 They are also available free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail. Contact **Ursi Schmidt** at 310-539-5391. Make 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*.

Some more pictures of our cars at Ruby's Diner Anniversary.



HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

July 26, 2019 Walteria Clubhouse



PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison--called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 Harbor Light. The motion was seconded by Jim Speights. All in favor.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson--Shared that the drawing tonight has a lot of tools and all kinds of nice things. Asked everyone to please put a safety fuse on their car to keep your car from shorting out and/or catching fire.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner--reported the club account balance is good but she is sure to get some bills tonight.

HARBORLIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff--hoped everyone got their Harbor Light. Fun tours last month. Requested members to please send pictures that they take on tours to him for the Harbor Light.

WEBMASTER: Sue Hankins--Absent

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt--Absent--cruise to Alaska. Gary Gaffney (2) and wife Emma attended the meeting and were introduced. All three Garys (1, 2 & 3) were in attendance tonight.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: no one won the women's prize so it goes to \$30. No one won the men's prize so it goes to \$10.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall--The safety fuse is very important and will be a top issue for the next safety check. No garage tomorrow.

SERGEANT AT ARMS (badge money): Jack Gordinier--Collected \$7.

SUNSHINE: Doris Marshall & Theresa LeFall--Looks like we have a pretty healthy group. Pat Tucker's son is receiving treatment--keep him in your thoughts. Lydia is doing better. Drain lost his sister and Doris had surgery on her knee. Al is as mean as ever--which is good thing.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: BIRTHDAYS: Sandy Ragon 1, Janice Dalton 2, Phyllis DeCrescenzo 13, Greg Earhart 14, Marty Murphy 15, Linda Skinner 18, Michael Klyde 19, Dot Knott 20, Jack Gordinier 23, Gwen Valot 24, Dick Valot 25, Monty Bates 26, Theresa LeFall 31.

ANNIVERSARIES: Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs 4, Dr. Steve & Weeg Thompson 4, Doris & Drain Marshall 12, Mary & James Walker 19, Steve & Mary Ann Friedrich 25.

TOOLS COORDINATOR: Bobby DeCrescenzo-- Good month for lending out tools, lent out four and got two back other two still being used. Two returned were in good shape. Some members wanted a heavier duty spring spreader, but person who used said it worked fine.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson--tonight Speight's and Kealy's provided the refreshments. September 28 is our picnic, you will be getting a flyer, watch for info in the newsletter or in an email. Greg, Jack, Art, Steve Newton are Hubley experts so good members to ask for help before the picnic.

CLOCK PRIZE: Joan Gordinier--Phil Bonneau winner of the \$5 clock prize.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos--all is good. Sent out invoices and 8 or 9 have sent in payment. Please use the companies that advertise in the Harbor Light and let them know where you got their information.

MERCHANDISE: Gloria Younkin--Absent--Jim Huizdos--have the usual shirts, Weeg brought in shirts that we could order, let Jim know if you would like one. Will put logo on whatever you want.

TOURS: Elaine Pisu--Solvang success 31 at dinner, the play was fun--put it on your to-do list if you haven't gone. Will send dates out for next year. Beardslys aren't here but they had a friend who arranged tour and their friend has agreed to do it again next year. **Rock around Block** fun. Monday night we will attend \$2.99 birthday dinner at Ruby's at 4:30, drive your Model A's. **Wounded Warrior Car Show** 100% of entry fee goes directly to the organization. We will give two \$50 donations. Elaine moved that we provide two \$50 donations and Daffy seconded. Fifty dollars from A's directly to Wounded Warrior fund and \$50 to the car show raffle, Gary 3 seconded. Daffy should send a check for the donation. One member opposed the rest in favor. Meet at Simpson's home 7 and leave at 7:45, need to be at event by 8, it is a sellout. Mr. Huizdos has an extra entry if anyone needs one. Bring food to share. We will have popups but will have limited space. Wounded Warriors car show is an all-volunteer activity, maybe next year we could volunteer to help. Club Annual Picnic 9/28. Same box lunches.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS: Monday night dinner spot Elephant Bar.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Friday, August 30, 2019, at Walteria Park 7:30 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, West Tower 7 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Elaine Pisu moved that the meeting be adjourned it was seconded by Bobby DeCrescenzo. The meeting was adjourned at 8: 25 pm for the opportunity drawing and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted: Secretary, *Pat Harrison*

Service Information

PLATE LEVER NOTCH IN DISTRIBUTOR BODY MUST NOT BE ALTERED

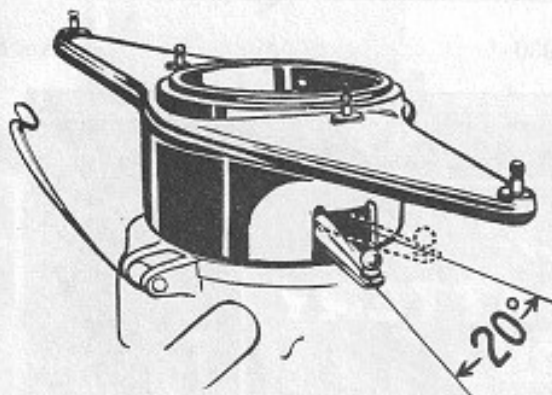


Fig. 950

Several instances have been reported of dealers increasing the width of the plate lever notch in the distributor body in endeavoring to increase the travel of the plate lever.

This is exceedingly poor practice and must be discontinued at once.

The plate lever notch in the distributor body is accurately machined to permit the lever to travel 20° from the fully retarded to the fully advanced spark lever position. See Fig. 950. When the width of the notch is increased it permits the lever to travel beyond the recommended 20° range and this of course affects the timing.

Before timing an engine always check the travel of the plate lever. This can be easily done by fully retarding the spark lever on the steering gear quadrant then noting whether the plate lever is touching against the side of the notch. Next pull the spark lever all the way down on the quadrant to the fully advanced position and see if the plate lever is touching the opposite side of the notch. If the plate lever does not make the full 20° travel disconnect the spark control rod (see Fig. 951) and slightly bend the control rod lever (see Fig. 952) until the plate lever

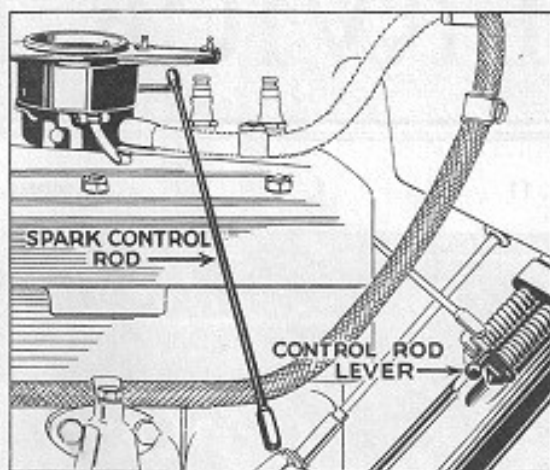


Fig. 951

touches one side of notch in distributor body when spark lever is fully advanced and touches opposite side when lever is fully retarded. Do not under any circumstances attempt to correct this condition by increasing the width of notch in distributor body.

After checking travel of plate lever proceed with timing operation in usual way. When the timing operation is completed the travel of the lever should again be checked. When timing ignition do not remove distributor body.

Inasmuch as there has been some misunderstanding on the part of mechanics please make correct travel of plate lever a part of your regular inspection.

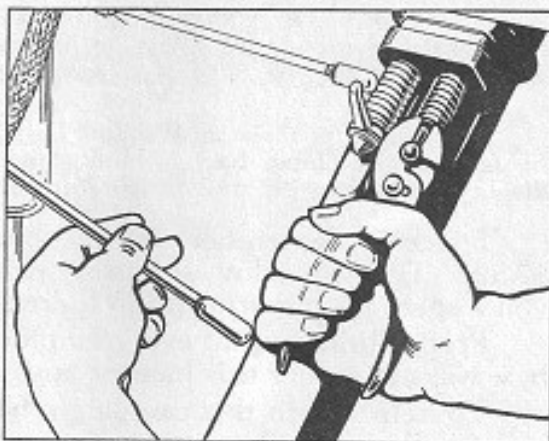
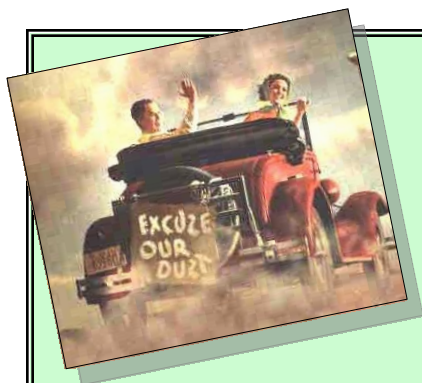


Fig. 952



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



September. How can it be September already???

Harbor A's made a GREAT showing at the Wounded Warriors Car Show. A Big THANK YOU to Linda & Dennis Simpson for hosting the breakfast stop on our way to the show. We had 18 members in attendance and 8 1/2 cars. (Cliff's car almost made it). The Pisu, Wagners, Thompsons, Bates, Simpson, Wyckoffs, Gordinier's, Dot, Tim, Jim Huizdos, Cliff and his grandson. I understand that the event raised \$24,500 for the Semper Fi Fund. It was fun to participate in such a worthwhile event. Believe it or not Tim won 7 out of 25 baskets in the raffle. What are the odds of that???

We were also well represented at the El Segundo Main Street Car Show by Dick Wyckoff, The Thompson's, The Beardsley's and Jerry Reine. I understand there were 400 cars at the show. A great show with little bit of everything.

If you have not made it to Ruby's Cruise at the Beach in Redondo Beach we are there every Friday evening at 4:00. Bring your Model A and come join us for dinner at 5:00.

Our big event for September will be on the 28th when we have our annual club picnic. Bring your Hubbllys and plan on a fun day!! Oh, and don't forget to give Weeg your lunch order.

Elaine



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MAFFI Newsletter Minute

August 2019

Coffield Collection of Model "A" Advertisements

Al Coffield was an active member of the Model A Ford community in the Phoenix area. In addition to enjoying Model A cars, Al collected Model A era ads. He passed away in 1993 and in 1995 his estate donated a large collection of Model A era ads to MAFFI.

Most of the activity in the past years involving the Coffield Ad collection is connected with the use of the presentation seminar prepared by MAFFI and now being used by various clubs.

The program provides insight into the techniques used to promote sales of the Model A during its years of manufacture. MAFFI solicits additions to both the ad collection and the photograph collection from anyone who has examples that should be preserved and shared with other members of the hobby, present and future.

The collection contains over 600 magazine and newspaper ads, including many foreign ads. The typical ad in the collection shows the methods and techniques of Ford advertising and revealing those things which Ford considered to be important to car and truck buyers of that era.

Member clubs have the opportunity to see a selection of these ads in color. MAFFI will provide a set of transparencies and a script. Your club need only provide an overhead projector and a screen. This program is also available on a DVD.

Enjoy an evening of education and entertainment using copies of these original advertising pages.

Please contact the MAFFI office for scheduling:

ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org

Thank you for your continued support of the Model A Ford Foundation by both item donation and monetary support.

Thank you,
Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee



12th Annual Wounded Warrior Car Show

The 12th Annual Wounded Warrior Car Show was held at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center on August 4th 2019. All proceeds go to the Semper Fi Fund "Serving Those Who Preserve Our Freedom". Thanks to Mike Green for putting on this show. The Semper Fi Fund benefits not only the Marines but the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard as well.

The Harbor Area Model A Club donated \$50 to the Semper Fi Fund and a \$50 cash prize for the opportunity drawing. Judging by the amount of tickets in the jar, the cash prize was very popular! Total money raised for Wounded Warriors was \$24,500! Thanks everyone. . . .

We all converged at the Simpson's House (at 7am, YIKES) where Linda Simpson fed us donuts, croissants, fruit and coffee... YUM! Thanks Linda! Then we were off to the show.

We had 18 members participate with 8 Model A's on display. We had another 3 Model A's entered but didn't make the show due to mechanical issues. Jim's '31 Roadster was being cantankerous so he brought his Chevelle.



Color guard presenting colors



Harbor members enjoying the show



Tim's winnings in Dennis' car

As typically is the case with our club, there was plenty of food and drink to go around. President Tim came away the BIG winner, taking home 7 gift baskets out of the 25 baskets given away!! In fact, he won so many he had to walk home. There was simply not enough room in Dennis' Town Sedan for the baskets AND Tim... Congratulations Tim! Great fun was had by all and the show benefits a great cause. Until next year,
Dennis Simpson, V.P.



Harbor Club's cars lined up at show

ASSIGNMENT OF MODEL A PART NUMBERS BY FORD

By Charlie Stephens

Assignment of part numbers at Ford was not random but instead was approached in a logical manner. Groups of numbers were assigned according to the parts function. An example of this is that the engine components were assigned numbers from 6000 through 6999 (a complete list of these groups of numbers is contained in the table). Continuing the example within the block of numbers, "6050" was assigned to the cylinder head. This number would continue to define the cylinder head as future parts were identified by new prefixes and suffixes. When later V8's required a different cylinder head for each side of the engine the left head continued to be numbered "6050" while the right head was designated "6049".

The prefix to the number represented the application for which the part was first used. All Model A (1928-1931) part numbers began with "A" for passenger vehicles and "AA" for heavy trucks. When the 1932 vehicles were introduced the part numbers began with "B" for the 4 cylinder and parts common with the V8, with "18" for the parts unique to the V8 and with "BB" for the large trucks. Any Model A parts that were used in the 1932 vehicles were renumbered. An example of this is the valve spring retainer. Part number A-6514 was renumbered to B-6514 and shown in the later Ford part books as being used 1928 through 1934. This part (as well as other renumbered parts) was a functional replacement that may or may not be identical to the original part used in the Model A.

Ford was interested in building "drivers" not "show cars". Current catalogs from Model A parts suppliers may show either part number (or their own number). Any part that was unique to the Model A retained the "A" prefix. This concept is important to the Model A owner because it explains why some Model A parts in the suppliers catalogs carry a "B" prefix while others have an "A" prefix.

The model year 1932 was the last time that Ford would completely renumber all of the parts. In 1933 the prefix was "40" for the passenger car, "46" for the commercial and "BB" for the large trucks. Parts that remained the same from 1932 were not renumbered.

If after the original release of the part a change was made such that the part was not functionally interchangeable, a suffix was added to the part number beginning with "A" and extending through the alphabet. If more than one configuration was required within a given prefix and basic part number it would also receive a different suffix.

Ford Groups of Numbers

The following information is from an illustration contained in the Ford Service Bulletin issued for July-August 1931.

A-1000 TO A-1999 Wheel Group

A-2000 TO A-2999 Brake Group

A-3000 TO A-3999 Front Axle and Steering Gear Group

A-4000 TO A-4999 Rear Axle Group

A-5000 TO A-5999 Frame Group

A-6000 TO A-6999 Engine Group

A-7000 TO A-7999 Transmission and Clutch Group

A-8000 TO A-8999 Cooling System Group

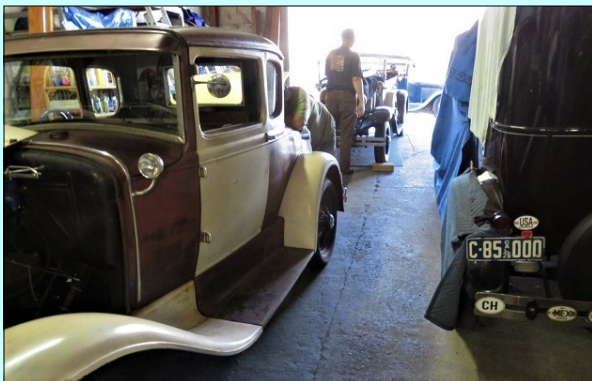
A-9000 TO A-9999 Fuel System Group

A-10000 TO A-15999 Electrical Equipment Group

A-16000 TO A-16999 Fender Group

A-17000 TO A-19999 Special Equipment Group (Tools, Speedometer, Windshield Wiper, Mirror, Bumpers, Shock Absorbers)

Some recent happenings at Al's Garage



Most every Saturday, members gather at 'Al's Garage' and work on our Model As. We have changed engine, done brake jobs, fixed blown head gaskets, etc. Mostly, we do minor tune-ups and adjustment to keep our As running well.

(Oh yea, the donuts and coffee aren't too bad either.)

Request from Dot Knott

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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 124th St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one block south of Pacific Coast Hwy.) We'd like to invite all interested parties, even if they don't own a Model A Ford, to come and join us. Our goal is to educate the public about Model A Fords and have fun while doing it.

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