

Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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

December 2019

2017-2018 MARC
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Mirco and Elaine Pisu on tour in Utah.

Upcoming Business Meetings

The **November** meeting is a week earlier on **Friday, November 22. Election of Officers.** Set up 7pm, meeting at 7:30pm

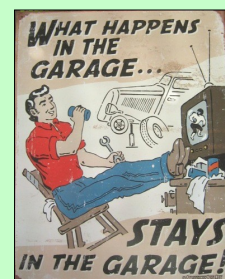
The **December** meeting is **Friday the 13th** with our annual cookie exchange. More info to follow as to location and times. See Elaine's article page 7.



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 (in the alley)



Model A Events & Local Shows

Dec. 2-5 (Mon—Thurs) MAFCA National Awards Banquet. Claremont, CA

Dec. 8th (Sun) - El Segundo's Annual Holiday Parade. 1pm—3pm. Meet on North end of town about noon. Contact: Dick Wyckoff

Dec. 8th (Sun) - Wilmington Holiday Parade (Website says 8am-12) Contact: Elaine Pisu

Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing, on **Tuesday, December 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

Who Was Henry Ford?

Henry Ford (1863 - 1947) was an American industrialist who is most renowned for his path-breaking contributions to the automobile industry. After building an early horseless carriage, he ventured into the automobile business by founding the Ford Motor Company.

Here are his 10 major accomplishments:

In 1896, at the age of 32, Henry Ford completed his first experimental self-propelled vehicle or automobile. He called it the Quadricycle as it ran on four bicycle tires. It was powered by a two-cylinder, four-horsepower gasoline engine.

Henry Ford founded the Ford Motor Company, which was incorporated on June 16, 1903. The company was launched with a capital of \$28,000, which came from twelve investors owning a total of 1000 shares. Henry Ford and Alexander Y. Malcomson held the maximum number of shares with 255.

In October 1908, the Model T of Ford made its debut. It was priced at \$850 and, through assembly line production, its cost continued to reduce till it was less than \$300 in 1925.

The moving assembly line was developed by Ford and it began operation on October 7, 1913, at the Highland Park Ford Plant. The process to build a Model T was divided into 45 steps. Using conveyor belts, the moving assembly line reduced the time it took to build a car from more than 12 hours to around 2 hours and 30 minutes.

On January 5, 1914, Henry Ford introduced the \$5 day wage to his employees, doubling their pay. This resulted in an immediate increase in productivity since the best mechanics in Detroit started to join Ford Motors. This in turn led to a stabilized workforce, accumulation of skilled human resources and lowering of training costs

On May 1, 1926, Ford made another revolutionary change by reducing shifts from nine hours to an eight-hour a day for a 5-day work week. This decision was made as Ford believed that workers would put in more effort into their works in exchange for increased leisure time.

During World War I, Henry Ford entered the aviation business building mass produced Liberty aircraft engines. In 1925, the Ford Motor Company bought out the Stout Aircraft Company and began construction of the all-metal Ford Trimotor. The Ford Trimotor became the first successful American airliner and it made passenger service potentially profitable

On January 15, 1936, Henry Ford, along with his son Edsel Ford, established the Ford Foundation. The aim of the foundation was to pave the way for research, education and development by providing ongoing grants. It had a global reach and, among other things, its interest included economic empowerment, education, human rights, democracy, the creative arts and development of third world countries.

Henry Ford is credited with the development of Fordism, a concept in manufacturing that standardized mass production and consumption. It has been used by numerous writers on economics and society. The three major principles that constitute Fordism are: standardization of the product; usage of highly efficient assembly lines; and higher wages for the workers.

Henry Ford is regarded as one of the most influential people of the 20th century. In 1928, Henry Ford was awarded the Elliott Cresson medal by Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. In 1946, Ford was admitted into the Automotive Hall of Fame, an American museum. In 1975, 38 years after his death, he was inducted into the Junior Achievement's U.S. Business Hall of Fame. In December 1999, Henry Ford was among 18 people included in the Gallup's List of Widely Admired People of the 20th Century. Moreover, in 1999, the TIME magazine included Henry Ford in its list of the 100 most influential people of the 20th century.

Synthesized from Google

Tim

December Birthdays

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Gary Guttormson | 17 Bob DeCrescenzo |
| 3 Daniel Giagni | 20 Ruxella Speights |
| 4 Wayne Sterling | 21 Greg Clayton |
| 7 Dick Wenker | 23 Jeanne Parrish |
| 10 Dan Fitzgerald | 25 Jim Valot |
| 10 Anita Perreten | 25 Amy Knott |
| 11 Sue Hankins | 29 Gary Gaffney |
| 15 Mary Walker | |

December Anniversaries

- 1 Jack & Julie Goldberg



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

This next Club meeting is an important one in that we will be electing a President, Vice President, Tour Director, and Technical Director. Please give some serious thought in taking one of the positions.

The 'tech meeting' at Janet Blaschke's home went well and we got her '29 pickup going. (See page 9). Fun time. Looking forward to seeing it on the road!

Jan and I are going to the MAFCA event the first week in December. Hope to see some old friends and make some new ones. Lot's to learn at these events.

A MAFCA side note: Les Andrews suffered a stroke and is home recovering. Perhaps a get well card would be nice: 222126 Cottage Hill Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95949-8339. (He's the tech books author).

Got the '29 Pickup going for the El Segundo Christmas parade. Jan and I have been doing the parade for 20 years. Join us if you can on Dec 8th(Sun) 1-3pm on Main St. in El Segundo. Drive the Model A!

Just a side note to share . . . I volunteer with the El Segundo Police Department. Been doing this for almost 20 years. I was just selected as the 2019 Volunteer of the Year. I'm deeply honored.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Dick



Misc. Model A parts:

Good 28/29 Radiator — \$65
 Pickup bed—Fair Condition — \$650
 1929 CA License Plates, DMV clear
 Original & Pristine—\$275
 Misc. Sheet metal.

Contact Paul: 310-218-7266



Let's Trade!

Have good pair
 1930 CA plates.
 Want to trade for good
 1936 CA plates.
 Interested?
 Contact Nathan at
310-626-7799
 (Recently acquired a '36 Ford)



Wanted!

Model A tool display case.

I have the tools and need a display case for shows, etc.
 Does someone make them or has one for sale? Might consider complete display. . . .

Contact Dick Wyckoff at:
 310-322-8863 (h)

El Segundo CA

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.



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*.



The Elephant Bar Restaurant

The Harbor Club has been enjoying Monday suppers for the last 6 months at the Elephant Bar restaurant located in Torrance at 21227 Hawthorne Blvd. We meet about 5PM.

The food is quite good and the portions are generous. The back room is set up for the group with our own waiters and sports TV. We get approx. 30 folks for dinner. Come by and enjoy the food and good company.

Annual Dues are Due

Please send in your Harbor MARC membership dues for the year 2020.
Make the check out to " **Harbor M.A.R.C .** " and send it to:

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

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

Just In! The Board just voted this last meeting that if you have been a member of **Harbor MARC** for **50** years or more, your Harbor dues are free! You still have to pay National dues and if you want the *Harbor Light* newsletter mailed to you, it is \$10/year.

If you would also like to pay the National MARC dues at the same time as club dues, 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 printing and postage.

Thank you for supporting your Model A Club!!

Ursula Schmidt, Membership

BIG THANK YOU TO CLIFF, MONTY AND JACK

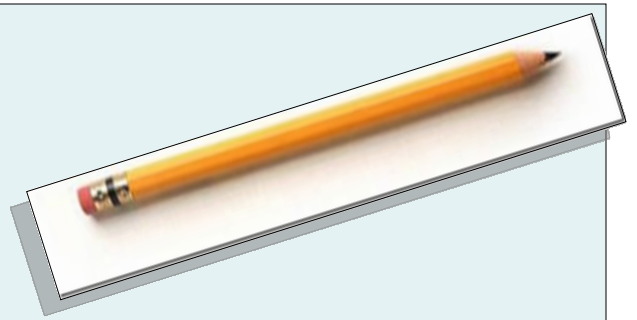
I want to again thank Cliff LeFall, Monty Bates and Jack Gordinier for coming to my house to help get my 1931 Coupe started. I hadn't driven or even started her in over a year. I had a new battery and alternator put in last year. The float on the gas gauge wasn't working at that time so the guys had told me to measure the gas with a ruler. When the guys came over the first thing they asked me was if I had gas. Yep I said, there's 3 inches. Monty stuck the ruler in the gas tank. EMPTY. No gas. He said the gas had evaporated! Who knew!! The guys said the A's don't have a seal like the moderns do and the gas can evaporate.

Pat and I went to Kragens and bought a gas container, filled it with 2 gal of gas, the guys put it in the tank, and she started right up. By the way, I didn't have a battery minder on my car during that year, but she started. We took her over to Al's Garage Sat. morning, and Cliff put in a new gas float and the guys checked things. Now that she's running great again, I'm going to keep her running.

Sue Hankins

HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

October 25, 2019
Walteria Clubhouse



PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison--called the meeting to order at 7:59 p.m. after enjoying our annual potluck which began at 6:30.

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 Huizdos moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the Harbor Light. The motion was seconded by Phyllis DeCrescenzo. All in favor.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson—Many items for the raffle.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner—reported the club account balance is good. Membership dues are due.

HARBORLIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff—Thanked Weeg and Steve Thompson for their article and pictures from the Utah trip. Next month November 11 is Veteran's Day. Use to be called Armistice Day. It was changed in 1954 by Eisenhower to include all veterans not just those from WWI. Dick has been volunteering for El Segundo Police Department for about 20 years and informed us he was just awarded 2019 Police Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations!

WEBMASTER: Sue Hankins—Continues to put the articles in MARC and MAFA each month.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt—Membership renewal is due \$30 Harbor Area and MARC is \$45. Give your check made out to Harbor MARC for \$75 to Ursi or Daffy and they will take care of the mailing.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: No one won the women's prize of \$35 so it goes to \$40. No one won the men's prize of \$15 so it goes to \$20 next month.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall—The garage will be open tomorrow from 9:30 to noon. First six people to arrive will have their choice of donuts. Janet Blaschke has invited club members to her house on December 9 at 9 a.m. for donuts and coffee and will serve hot dogs for lunch with the goal of the day being to get her Model A running.

SERGEANT AT ARMS (badge money): Jack Gordinier collected \$3.89.

SUNSHINE: Doris Marshall & Theresa LeFall—Theresa reported that Art is suffering from an eye injury. Anne isn't here because she isn't feeling well. Happy to see Fran who is recovered from her knee operation. Pat Yacklon is out with a cold.

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

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

TOOLS COORDINATOR: Bobby DeCrescenzo—All of the tools have been returned. If you need anything, call Bobby. The website doesn't list all of our tools. Bob will get a list to Sue so she can update the list.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson—Thanked everyone for bringing such a fabulous potluck and thanked the ladies who helped in the kitchen.

CLOCK PRIZE: Joan Gordinier—Dennis Simpson is the winner of the \$5 clock prize.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos—Everything is good.

MERCHANDISE: Gloria Younkin—Everything is OK. We have new hats and a couple of shirts.

TOURS: Elaine Pisu — Mirco is keeping pretty busy taking the Pisu's cars to movie sets. The studio needs 30 cars at Melody Ranch on November 30. Holiday dinner and cookie exchange will be on December 13 (more info to come). Crandall's Radiator is no longer available for repairs. Bob French auto glass is no longer in business. Vellios is threatening to retire. Gardena radiator is still available to work on our radiators. As repair options for our Model As become scarcer, we need to share resources.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS: Monday night dinner spot Elephant Bar. January 25 is the date for our banquet at Blue-water Grill from 11-4, menu same as last year.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations—President 2 yr -no one accepted the nomination; Vice President—2 yr -no one accepted; Secretary—2 yr—Gloria Younkin was nominated (is considering running), Technical Director currently Cliff LeFall, Tour Director currently Elaine Pisu.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Friday, November 22, 2019, at Walteria Park Clubhouse 7:30 p.m. This meeting is our Election of Officers for 2020-21

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Steve Thompson moved that the meeting be adjourned and Jim seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm for the opportunity drawing and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted: Secretary, *Pat Harrison*



Re-engineering the Model A Engine

Long-time MAFCA member Terry Burtz of Campbell, California has long been working on a project to have a new Model A engine block, crankshaft and connecting rods manufactured. The engine will be identical to the original Model A engine on the outside but will have 5 main bearings, a balanced crankshaft, and full pressurized oil system.

He began this project in 2007 and has worked with California foundries for several years trying to get an end product that would cost about the same as rebuilding an original Model A engine. The



project stalled in 2015, and for the last 4 years there has been no news.

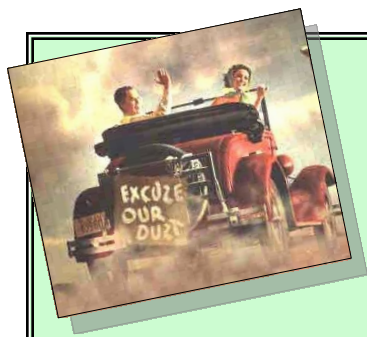
However, this year Terry got in touch with a man with businesses in China and USA that manufactures engines. They have met and discussed Terry's project and it looks like the project is back on track.



The team is hopeful that they will have the first machines samples available by late fall 2019 and will send updates including pictures as the project matures.

The articles that Terry has been emailing interested parties over the years can be found on his website www.ModelAEngine.com under the menu item UPDATES.

- taken from the Tucson A's newsletter "Old Pueblo A"



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



WOW HOW CAN 2019 Be OVER ALREADY??

December is going to be really fun and a blur before you know it.

I'd like to start out our holiday season by participating in a toy drive. Please bring an unwrapped toy to the Business Meeting on Friday, November 22nd. If you are unable to bring a toy to the meeting and would like to donate please let me know and I will be happy to pick them up. Toys will be donated to military families.

Once again we will be participating in the Heart of the Harbor Holiday Parade on **Sunday, December 8th.** Please meet at the Waleria club house at 10:00AM, we will leave at 10:15AM. After the parade we will go and have lunch.

Dick Wyckoff will be organizing participation in the El Segundo Parade also on **Sunday, December 8th.** That parade is on Main St. from 1pm to 3pm. Meet on Imperial (North end of town) about noon.

Our annual Holiday Dinner and Cookie Exchange will be at the **Stone Fire Grill** at 25352 Crenshaw Blvd on **December 13th at 5PM.** After dinner we will go to the Pisu's home and decorate and or exchange cookies.

I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season and look forward to a fun 2020!!

Elaine

Price Reduced!

1929 Ford Woody Station Wagon

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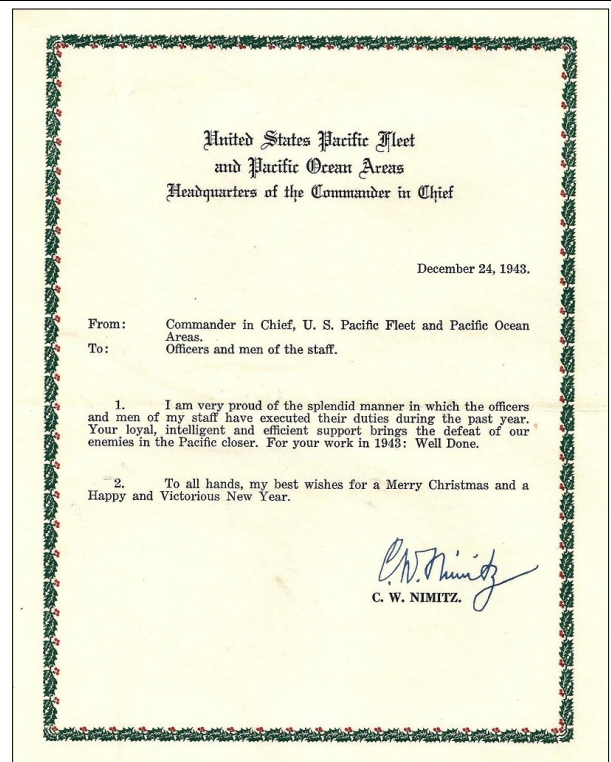
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- Gas tank flushed and cleaned
- Completely rebuilt distributor, new electrical harness, rebuilt original horn

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- Contact Dan Fitzgerald
- (c) 310-344-2306
- Palos Verdes Estates, CA

Downsizing is reason for sale.





MAFFI Newsletter Minute November 2019

In an effort to keep our museum exhibits new and different, we have appreciated our association with NATMUS (National Automotive and Truck Museum) in Auburn, Indiana. They have been willing to use several of our Model A Trucks and service vehicles in one of their exhibits and have made several improvements to display them. This has opened up areas in our museum to bring in newly donated vehicles and to showcase others. Dave Yarde who is one of our Trustees is also the Executive Director of NATMUS and we appreciate his willingness to work with us on this effort. Also a special thank you

to Randy Czubko and his grandson Tyler, Stan and Mary Sorrels, Greg Fish, Jerry Morrissey and Lou Ironside for their help in the move.

If you haven't been to NATMUS, you should make it a destination. It is well worth seeing and it is adjacent to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum which also has an amazing showroom of beautiful cars.

Your continued support of MAFFI through your membership and donations is always appreciated. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2020, please go to our website www.maffi.org and renew using PayPal or download a form and pay by mail.

Thank you,
Marsha Quesnel,



Benefits of National Club Memberships

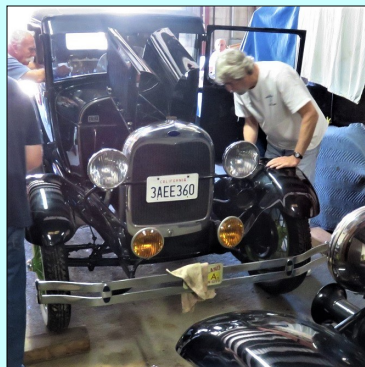
Membership in MAFCA includes the following:

- A one year subscription to *The Restorer*, our award winning bi-monthly magazine including free classified ads.
- The right to register and participate in all National and Regional MAFCA meets
- Voting privileges in National elections of officers and by-laws revisions
- Free classified advertising on the MAFCA web site and posting of photo of your car in the Photo Album section
- Technical advice to help restore your Model A and keep it in top shape

National MARC Membership Includes:

- Six issues each calendar year of our award-winning, international, bi-monthly *Model 'A' News* magazine.
- Includes detailed technical and Era fashion articles, Model A historical articles, coverage of National Meets and Region News, classified ads, and vendor ads - a great source of information for parts and services.
- From 64 to 72 pages each issue. Excellent quality coated paper with color, and black and white photography.
- FREE 40 word Classified Ad in each issue for club members - buy and sell Model A parts and services to a target audience.

Workin' at Al's Garage



Al's grandson, David, is learning to drive the sedan. New to stick shift and Model As is a challenge!

Ursi Schmidt's '29 Special Coupe hadn't run in several years so we brought it down to Al's Garage to check things out. We haven't got all the bugs out yet, but with our team of 'experts', we should have it going soon. Phil, Cliff and Tim are discussing the situation while Monty is inspecting something.



A Challenge from Janet

New member, Janet Blaschke, inherited a '29 Closed Cab Pickup that has been in the family since 1960. It probably hadn't run in many years and she wanted to get it going. Friend, Rob Hernandez, said "No Problem". Well it turned out to be somewhat of a problem. Bad tires, stuck engine, bad radiator, dirty oil. . . You know the drill. Anyway, Janet invited the 'Al's Garage' gang to her home to see what we could do. She said she would buy the coffee, donuts and hot dogs if we could get it going. (We couldn't turn down that offer!)

With an offer like that, 10 guys and several wives took her up on the offer. The gals gossiped (or whatever they do) and went to a local church sale and shopped. The guys got busy. It wasn't long before the pan was off, the carb was off, the plugs were out, fuel lines/filters cleaned/replaced, and the engine was freed up. With everything cleaned up inside, it was reassembled and the fun began. The distributor was removed, checked out and reinstalled. The engine was turned over with the starter to circulate the fresh oil. Plugs cleaned and reinstalled. Timing verified. So far, so good.

Well, Janet, try and start it. It fired and died. What's wrong? We checked for spark (kinda weak) verified timing, seemed OK. We moved a few wires around in the distributor, added some gas, adjusted the rebuilt carb, and it finally started again. Lots of smoke, but running. We figured the oil we put in the cylinders made all the smoke and hard to start. The radiator leaked and it got a little warm, but mission for the day accomplished!

Janet watched most of the proceedings and was very appreciative of the gang's efforts. Still need to do brakes and probably get another radiator. We all learned from the effort and Janet is a happy camper! (The hot dogs were great, too!) This is what the club is all about. . .



Evaluating the job



Installing the pan



New radiator hoses



Janet adding gas



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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1929 Model A Police Car

**Individual pictures available upon request*

Contact:

Don Gott ph 760-519-2318.

Email: dgott@cox.net

Margaret Gott ph 760-310-2959



1930s Winter Fashion and a Little Senior Fun

You never
appreciate what
you have till it's
gone.
Toilet paper is a
good example.



When I was a kid, my
parents would always
say, "Excuse my
French" just after a
swear word... I'll never
forget my first day at
school when my
teacher asked if any of
us knew any French



Try to remember,
the greener grass
across the fence
may be due to a
septic tank issue.

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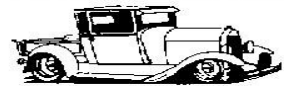
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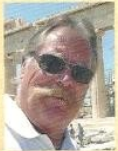
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