

# Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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Torrance, California

## June 2020

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Three of the 10 cars from the Harbor Club thanking the hospital workers on Friday, May 22nd

### Upcoming Business Meetings

The **May 29th** meeting is **cancelled** due to the virus.

The **June** meeting is scheduled for Friday the 26th. It is up in the air also. See note on page 5 from City of Torrance.

We will keep our members informed if there are any changes to the meeting schedule. Your health and safety is our prime concern

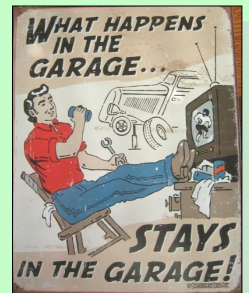


### Technical Activities

#### **Cancelled until (TBD)**

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

(Note: These events subject to change)

June 7th—Sun Henry Ford Picnic **Cancelled**

July 17-19 Solvang Drive 'n Dine **(TBD)**

August 22nd—Sat El Segundo Car Show

### Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing, on **Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020** at 7pm.  
Exact room TBD.

#### **Cancelled**

We will be planning upcoming events.



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Wayne's Words of Wisdom  
A Note from our  
President  
Wayne Sterling



Shelter in Place

Finally the Shelter in Place rules are easing up. On Friday, May 22 there was a parade to honor the heroes at Torrance Memorial and Little Company of Mary's and it was a treat to see some Model A friends and some Model A's. Thanks for all that supported the tribute.

Even though our meetings for June are still cancelled let's hope we can formally meet very soon. Everyone stay healthy and continue to take care of each other.

Wayne Sterling,  
 President

**A Little History. . . Reprinted from July 1980 Harbor Light**

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"A" Look Into the Past - 1931

\*\*\*Ford Motor Company turned out its 20,000,000th auto on April 14th.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was declared the national anthem on March 3rd.

The United States purchased the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

As the Depression continued, 2,300 banks failed.

Polio was declared an epidemic in several states.

The Empire State Building opened May 1st - the tallest in the world.

Pilot Wiley Post and navigator Harold Gatty circled the globe (June 23 - July 1) in their monoplane "Winnie Mae" in 8 days, 15 hours, 51 minutes - flying 15,474 miles.

Thomas Edison died at age 84.

Bridge was the rage - as were the transparent mesh stockings for women.

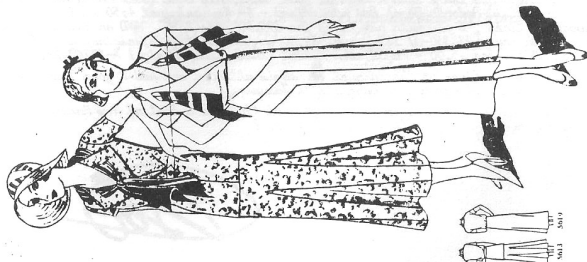
CBS of New York established the first television station to maintain a daily schedule of aural & visual transmission. Kate Smith and the Boswell Sisters were featured.

Top books of the year included Back Street by Fannie Hurst, The Good Earth by Pearl Buck, and Sanctuary by William Faulkner.

Two of the most popular plays were The Barretts of Wimpole Street and Mourning Becomes Electra.

The Ziegfeld Follies of 1931 was among the top musicals.

On your radio, you might hear such top songs as All of Me, Barnacle Bill the Sailor, Dancing in the Dark, Heartaches, I Love a Parade, Minnie the Moocher, Mood Indigo, Love Letters in the Sand, When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain, and Where the Blue of the Night Meets the Gold of the Day.



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**MAY 1931**  
**PARIS**  
**FASHION**  
**NUMBER**





## 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
12	Bea Fruchter	24	Julia Duenes
13	Joan Gordinier		
13	Larry Migliazzo		



## June Anniversaries

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



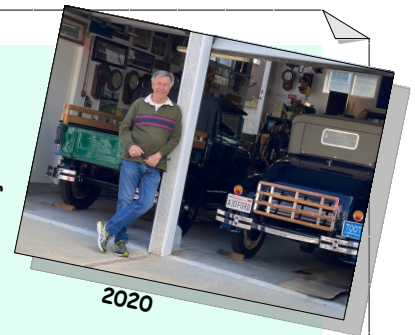
### Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

It is times like these that editors really earn their pay (ha ha). Club events are at a minimum as well as other car activities. The best Jan and I could do is take a ride in the cabriolet along the beach route to Torrance and back. We even did a little side trip to the Marina del Rey area. The only good car-thing I have done is doing a brake job on both of my As.

I want to salute all of our Veteran club members. With this virus thing, we sometimes forget those that have served in the military as well as in the health industry. Thanks to all that serve in different ways.

I mentioned that I have quite a collection of past *Harbor Light* newsletters. I will be searching them for interesting articles on the clubs activities in the past. It is amazing what our love of our Model As can do in bringing people together. I hope it never ends.

**Dick**



### (On hold) Monday Supper

Our usual Monday evening gathering at a local restaurant has been postponed due to the virus epidemic. The club is monitoring the events as they unfold and will keep you posted.

One of the changes we were making prior to the shutdowns of eating establishments was to move around to different restaurants in the area. This has been popular and will continue when the situation changes and we are safe to dine together again.

Watch your emails and the Harbor Light for the latest information.

### 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.



### 2020 Membership, Roster and Club Merchandise Items

Ruxella 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 **2020 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1. 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**.

### **Veggie/Beef Soup**

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 C. chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed
- 1 (30 oz.) jar chunky garden-style spaghetti sauce with mushrooms and peppers
- 1 (10 ½ oz.) can of beef broth, undiluted
- 2 C. water
- 1 C. sliced celery
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 1 (10 oz.) can diced tomatoes and green chilies
- 1 (16 oz.) package frozen mixed vegetables

Cook first 3 ingredients in a large Dutch oven over medium heat until the meat is brown, stirring to crumble. Drain and return meat to Dutch oven. Add spaghetti sauce and next 6 ingredients. Bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in tomatoes and vegetable, return to a boil. Cover and simmer 10-20 minutes.  
*Serves 6.*

Jan Wyckoff, El Segundo, CA



Being quarantined is so boring  
- so I made this Bloody Mary  
this morning to take the edge  
off.



## HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

### April 2020

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the April meeting was cancelled. Folks are encouraged to follow the "Stay at Home" request and keep in contact with other members. We are a family, you know.

Donnis Bates got this memo from the City of Torrance regarding the Waltheria Park meeting hall:

*Good Morning,*

*Due to the current situation, all reservations/meetings are currently on hold and you are unable to use the facility. The City is constantly working with the LA County Department of Public Health and trying to take the necessary precautions for the health and safety of the community.*

*All Recreation facilities in Torrance, will be re-opened once the City Manager makes the decision based on the information made available by the various health organizations worldwide.*

*Any updates regarding the re-opening guidelines and status of your reservations/meetings will be sent via email.*

*For all City related Covid-19 updates, please visit [www.TorranceCA.Gov/Covid19](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/Covid19)*

*Regards,*

*Facility Booking Office*

### DoubleTree Hotel Signature Cookie Recipe

Makes 26 cookies

$\frac{1}{2}$  pound butter, softened (2 sticks)

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup + 1 tablespoon granulated sugar

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup packed light brown sugar

2 large eggs

1  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoons vanilla extract

$\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice

2  $\frac{1}{4}$  cups flour

1/2 cup rolled oats

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon salt

Pinch cinnamon

2  $\frac{2}{3}$  cups Nestle Tollhouse semi-sweet chocolate chips

1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups chopped walnuts

Cream butter, sugar and brown sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer on medium speed for about 2 minutes.

Add eggs, vanilla and lemon juice, blending with mixer on low speed for 30 seconds, then medium speed for about 2 minutes, or until light and fluffy, scraping down bowl.

With mixer on low speed, add flour, oats, baking soda, salt and cinnamon, blending for about 45 seconds.

Don't over mix.

Remove bowl from mixer and stir in chocolate chips and walnuts.

Portion dough with a scoop (about 3 tablespoons) onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper about 2 inches apart.

Preheat oven to 300°F. Bake for 20 to 23 minutes, or until edges are golden brown and center is still soft.

Remove from oven and cool on baking sheet for about 1 hour.

Cook's note: You can freeze the unbaked cookies, and there's no need to thaw. Preheat oven to 300°F and place frozen cookies on parchment paper-lined baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake until edges are golden brown and center is still soft.



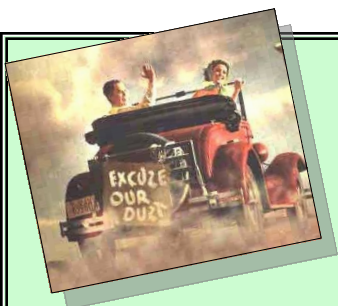
## Model A Maintenance Quiz

Since we are coming into the touring season, many of us will be taking our Model A's out of the garage, here is a little maintenance quiz for you to review.

1. How many grease fittings are on a Model A?
  - a. 10-12
  - b. 28-31
  - c. 40-50
  - d. Exactly 42
  - e. This was before grease fittings were invented
2. What happens when the front wheel bearings run dry?
  - a. The front wheel falls off
  - b. Grease squirts out from behind the hubcap
  - c. They seize up and weld to the spindle
3. How should the distributor cam be lubricated?
  - a. With a light coating of Vaseline
  - b. Through a normal grease fitting
  - c. Oil can
4. What type of lubricant goes into the steering column grease fitting?
  - a. 600W, just like the rear differential
  - b. The same grease as all the other fittings
  - c. 10W-30 non-detergent motor oil
  - d. Any of the above
5. How often should you change your oil?
  - a. Every 200 miles
  - b. Every 500 miles
  - c. Every 1000 miles
  - d. Just keep adding
6. How soon should you check your breaker points gap after installing new ones?
  - a. 10 miles
  - b. 15 miles
  - c. 100 miles
  - d. Never
7. What is the perfect color of spark plug electrodes after extended use?
  - a. Pitch black and dry
  - b. Pitch black with a little oil for lubrication
  - c. Pitch black with a little gas smell
  - d. Bright white
  - e. None of the above
8. How do you know when the u-joint has enough grease?
  - a. Remove the speedometer cap and look for new grease
  - b. The grease gun will be hard to pump
  - c. Grease will squirt out around the grease fitting
9. Which generator charging amperage range is considered best?
  - a. 1-2 amps
  - b. 3-5 amps
  - c. 6-9 amps
  - d. 15-20 amps
10. What is good front tire toe-in amount?
  - a. 1/32 inches
  - b. 1/16 inches
  - d. 1/8 inches
  - c. Model A's use toe-out instead
11. How many miles between tie-rod greasings?
  - a. 500 miles
  - b. 1000 miles
  - c. 2000 miles
  - d. 5000 miles
12. How much play should the clutch pedal have?
  - a. None, any play is bad
  - b. 1 inch
  - c. 2 inches
  - d. 4 inches
13. What is the best way of preventing grinding gears when shifting?
  - a. Double-clutching
  - b. A low idle RPM
  - c. Pure STP in the transmission
  - d. All of the above
14. How much pressure is recommended for Model A tires with tubes?
  - a. 50 lbs
  - b. 75 lbs
  - c. 35 lbs
  - d. None of the above
15. How do you access the clutch thrust bearing grease fitting?
  - a. There is no such bearing on the Model A
  - b. Not accessible on the Model A
  - c. From under the car, behind the transmission
  - d. Under the floorboard, through the transmission cover



- ANSWERS:
1. b. 28-31
  2. c. They seize up and weld to the spindle
  3. a. With a light coating of Vaseline
  4. a. 600W, just like the rear differential
  5. b. Every 500 miles
  6. c. 100 miles
  7. e. None of the above
  8. a. Remove the speedometer cap and look for new grease
  9. c. 6-9 amps
  10. b. 1/16 inches
  11. a. 500 miles
  12. b. 1 inch
  13. b. A low idle RPM
  14. c. 35 lbs
  15. d. Under the floorboard, through the transmission cover



## Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



### Corona Virus 2020

Hard to believe we are in June already and our tour season hasn't even started. Well not completely.

Friday May 22nd several of the Harbor A's participated in a parade to Little Company of Mary Hospital and Torrance Memorial Medical Center to thank our **FRONT LINE HERO'S** for all they have been doing these past 3 months. They were all outside the facilities waiting for us to arrive and seemed quite pleased to see us show up. I think there were about 150-200 cars of all kinds there. It really was an incredible turnout.

From the Harbor A's I'm not sure who all was there but I saw our president Wayne Sterling riding with Jim Huizdos in his new '31 Victoria, Ursi and Gary were in Gary's beautifully newly painted and upholstered coupe. Art and Daffy Wagner and little Donald rode with Mirco and me in our 1935 Dodge. Our son Angelo drove his Grandmother in our 1940 Plymouth. I saw Bobby D in his '30 Tudor Sedan, Dick and Jan Wyckoff in their '29 Roadster PU, and Steve, Weeg and Laynie Thompson in their beautiful '31 Phaeton. Steve and MaryAnn Friedrich drove their '31 Roadster. Monty and Donnis Bates came along in a modern since 'Alice' is still quarantined at Al's Garage. It was a beautiful day and I think in spite of the chaos a good time was had by all. Everyone was pleased to be out and about!!

Since we have no idea when the stay at home orders will end and since we are all in the "High Risk Group" I am not making any tour plans. Weeg was notified that the Solvang theater show has been cancelled. I think we should cancel Solvang this year.

**BE SAFE - STAY HOME—  
WEAR A MASK— Practice SOCIAL DISTANCE**

*Elaine*

## Remembering Wilbur Richardson

Member Wilbur Richardson passed away at the age of 98 about 2 months ago. Last year he moved back to Virginia to live with his son.

Wilbur was a veteran of WWII in the U.S. Air Corps and a recipient of a Purple Heart for wounds during the war. He still enjoyed working on the old B-17 war planes at the air museum at Chino airport.

Wilbur was one of the early club members with membership number 46. He was a teacher in the Los Alamitos school district back then. He joined the club in February of 1958 until December 1962 and then rejoined again in 2005 until 2019.

Rest in Peace, my friend. . .



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## The passing of Pat Harrison's Mom, "Kate"

It is with deep sorrow that we tell of the passing of Pat's mother, Kate. It was just this last year that Pat moved her mom from her residence in Palm Springs to an assisted living facility here locally. She was 95.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pat and her family with their loss. She is in the Lord's hands. RIP. . . .



## A Harbor Club Salute to our Medical Professionals

This week, workers at Torrance Memorial Medical Center and Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center were the ones who received the appreciation. Members of the nonprofit Patriot Guard Riders and the Harbor Area Model A Club joined Torrance police officers and firefighters Friday, May 22, for a Caravan of Appreciation recognizing the contributions of health care workers at the two Torrance medical facilities. About 200 cars of all kinds participated.



Staging the cars



Dr. Steve and family



Pres. Wayne and Jim



Gary and newly painted coupe



Patriot Guard Riders lining up



Dick and Jan's Roadster PU



Bobby's Tudor and Steve's Roadster



Jim's new Vickey



Health workers waving to parade  
At Torrance Memorial Hospital



## MAFFI Newsletter Minute May 2020

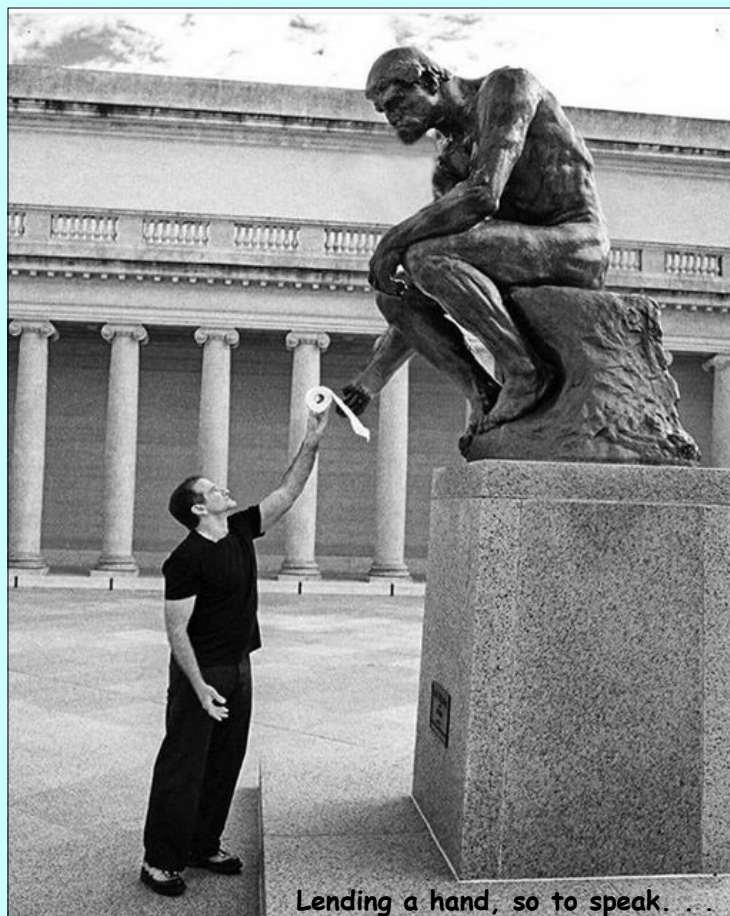


What's new at the Museum you might ask? Well, in spite of the mandatory closure due to Covid19 the Board of Trustees have been working hard behind the scenes in anticipation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Model A Day, September 19, 2020. There have been new projects underway to make the museum more enjoyable. We are hoping to have the Interactive Chassis up and running for Model A Day. A Vintage Post Card machine to go along with our Penny Machine will give you more ways to take home a souvenir of your day at the Museum. Recently some of our Trustees have been also working on a complete collection of Model A Jim Beam Bottles to have on display. Two new donations to the Museum are The America's Sweetheart (see article in The Restorer Mar/Apr 1998) and a Sears Tractor Conversion!

The response to the 2019 Model A Day Pins and the 20 Millionth Model A Pins have been great. If you didn't get your order in, contact Suzan O'Neale (oneale31@gmail.com). She will be able to let you know what is still available.

Make sure to get in your hotel reservations for Model A Day if you haven't done so. Our host hotel is the Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo. Call them directly to get our Model A Day room rate (269)385-3922. DO NOT CALL THE SHERATON 800 NUMBER! There are other hotels in the vicinity as well if the Four Points is sold out and also RV and camping areas.

Thank you for your continued support of MAFFI through your membership and donations!



Lending a hand, so to speak. . .



Picture stop in Hermosa Beach CA





### I TALKED WITH A MAN TODAY

I talked with a man today, an 80+-year-old man. I asked him if there was anything I can get him while this Coronavirus scare was gripping America. He simply smiled, looked away and said:

"Let me tell you what I need! I need to believe, at some point, this country my generation fought for... I need to believe this nation we handed safely to our children and their children...

I need to know this generation will quit being a bunch of sissies...that they respect what they've been given...that they've earned what others sacrificed for."

I wasn't sure where the conversation was going or if it was going anywhere at all. So, I sat there, quietly observing.

"You know, I was a little boy during WWII. Those were scary days. We didn't know if we were going to be speaking English, German or Japanese at the end of the war. There was no certainty, no guarantees like Americans enjoy today.

And no home went without sacrifice or loss. Every house, up and down every street, had someone in harm's way. Maybe their Daddy was a soldier, maybe their son was a sailor, maybe it was an uncle. Sometimes it was the whole damn family...fathers, sons, uncles...

Having someone, you love, sent off to war...it wasn't less frightening than it is today. It was scary as Hell. If anything, it was more frightening. We didn't have battlefield news. We didn't have email or cellphones. You sent them away and you hoped...you prayed. You may not hear from them for months, if ever. Sometimes a mother was getting her son's letters the same day Dad was comforting her over their child's death.

And we sacrificed. You couldn't buy things. Everything was rationed. You were only allowed so much milk per month, only so much bread, toilet paper. EVERYTHING was restricted for the war effort. And what you weren't using, what you didn't need, things you threw away, they were saved and sorted for the war effort. My generation

was the original recycling movement in America.

And we had viruses back then...serious viruses. Things like polio, measles, and such. It was nothing to walk to school and pass a house or two that was quarantined. We didn't shut down our schools. We didn't shut down our cities. We carried on, without masks, without hand sanitizer. And do you know what? We persevered. We overcame. We didn't attack our President, we came together. We rallied around the flag for the war. Thick or thin, we were in it to win. And we would lose more boys in an hour of combat than we lose in entire wars today." He slowly looked away again. Maybe I saw a small tear in the corner of his eye. Then he continued:

"Today's kids don't know sacrifice. They think sacrifice is not having coverage on their phone while they freely drive across the country. Today's kids are selfish and spoiled. In my generation, we looked out for our elders. We helped out with single moms whose husbands were either at war or dead from war. Today's kids rush the store, buying everything they can...no concern for anyone but themselves. It's shameful the way Americans behave these days. None of them deserve the sacrifices their granddads made.

So, no I don't need anything. I appreciate your offer but, I know I've been through worse things than this virus. But maybe I should be asking you, what can I do to help you? Do you have enough pop to get through this, enough steak? Will you be able to survive with 113 channels on your tv?"

I smiled, fighting back a tear of my own...now humbled by a man in his 80's. All I could do was thank him for the history lesson, leave my number for emergency and leave with my ego firmly tucked in my rear.

I talked to a man today. A real man. An American man from an era long gone and forgotten. We will never understand the sacrifices. We will never fully earn their sacrifices. But we should work harder to learn about them...learn from them...to respect them.

Posted on Facebook, courtesy of Craig Dew

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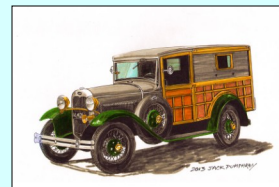
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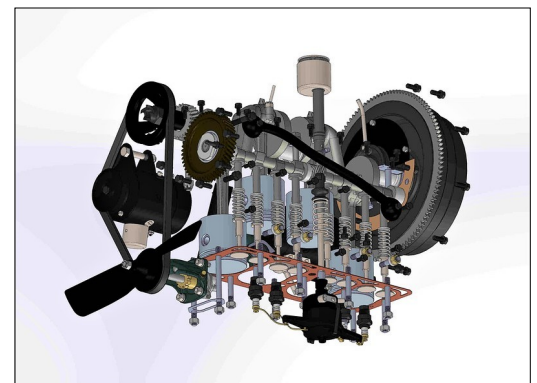
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