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Harbor Club's
60th Anniversary picnic
Chevron Park, El Segundo, CA
September 2017

Monthly Club Meeting and Banquet

Some events are starting to happen!

First is our **February** "regular" meeting will be on **Friday, February 25th** at the Walteria Clubhouse. Open at 6:30pm for set-up and meeting at 7:30pm.

Safety check March 5th at Gordiniers.
9:30am

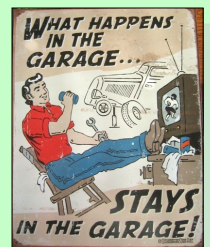
The **March** meeting is on **Friday, March 25th.**

The Board has re-scheduled the **Annual Banquet** for **Saturday, April 9th** at the BlueWater grill in Redondo Beach. More to come.

Don't forget to wear those masks

Technical Activities

Saturday mornings.
We meet from about 10 AM 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)



Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be **Saturday, March 5th** at the **Safety Check.**



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*A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez*

Looking Ahead

The Pandemic seems to be easing with many mask mandates being cancelled. However, for now we will require masks at our meetings with the understanding that you can lower it to speak or drink and eat. Refreshments will be after the official meeting to allow people to leave if not comfortable with lowered masks.

As we roll into spring and summer there will be more events to choose from. I can hardly wait to get behind the wheel of my coupe again. I had a hit and run accident and repairs, like everything, take time. Charlie is posting Youtube videos which I think are interesting. Check them out on Youtube; OneWhoCollects.

What tours or drives would you like to do as a club? Many like to drive locally, so maybe smaller gatherings are something we can do more of. If you drive your Model A to a local place for a meal, provide a time and place to meet so others can join you. A drive around PV and visit to the Iowa, a coastal drive up and back from San Francisco, or maybe you want an original soda from the pharmacy in Pasadena. Long or short, all ideas which help us get together and drive are welcome.

Rob

On-Line Security

The internet is great for connecting people, on-line shopping, email, sharing pictures, etc. However, this ability to communicate so easily also makes it a tool for scammers. No matter what the email is saying, no board member of the club will ever ask you to buy gift cards or provide personal information you haven't provided with your membership.

As a general rule, never click on an included link in an email or provide information to a call. If your bank needs information, call them directly or open your browser and go to their direct web site. Many scammers have very convincing screens. Even if you know how to check the URL address, it is best to just never click on the provided link.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.usa.gov/common-scams-frauds>

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/online-security>

The FTC says romance scams are big since COVID lock downs started. Sudden love interests may not be what they appear.

Rob

March Birthdays

- 3 Dianne Runyon
- 4 Mary Ann Friedrich
- 8 Richard Parrish
- 12 Margaret Gott
- 24 Jay Skinner
- 25 Diana Murphy
- 25 Jack Goldberg
- 28 Jim Perreten



March Anniversaries

- 7 Dick & Jan Wyckoff
- 7 Tim & Pat Harrison
- 10 Monty & Donnis Bates
- 20 Art & Daffy Wagner



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Lots of good things were discussed at the last Board meeting. Some future Friday night meeting dates were established: a date for the **Annual Banquet** was decided upon (**April 9th**). Things are looking up!

It was good to see Monty Bates at the meeting. He is using an O2 device for his respiratory problems. In the mean time, no more recycled cans for a while.

The Club's **safety check** this year will be at Jack and Joan's home on **Saturday, March 5th** starting at 9:30. Jay Skinner is bringing his new Burtz 'A' engine block and parts for a show and tell. We will have a 'Taco truck' there for our lunch this time. Cost per person is \$10.

Our repair team has figured out what was causing Walt Hibbard's Model A running problems. Some shorts in the ignition cables were found. Should be getting it back on the road soon.

After two years of no Orange County Pancake Breakfast, it is back on. **Sunday, March 20th**. Always looking forward to seeing our friends again. (See the flyer on page 7.) More info later.

Don't forget, the next club meeting is **Friday, February 25th** at the Waltheria Park clubhouse.

Dick



Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering is Alive and Well!!

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 and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



2022 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 updated **2022 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available from Ursi 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*.

Mr. President,

I am very pleased to inform you & my team that we have reached a new level of money raised via recycling cans & bottles. It has taken us over four year to reach \$2,000 but we made it...thanks to all those members collecting!!! I have so many to thank...most of all Donnis for putting up with this. Current health concerns are ending this effort, for the time being, and I will be back in business in a few months.

I would ask our newspaper editor to put a small notice to once again, thank all those who made this possible!!!!

Best regards,

Monty



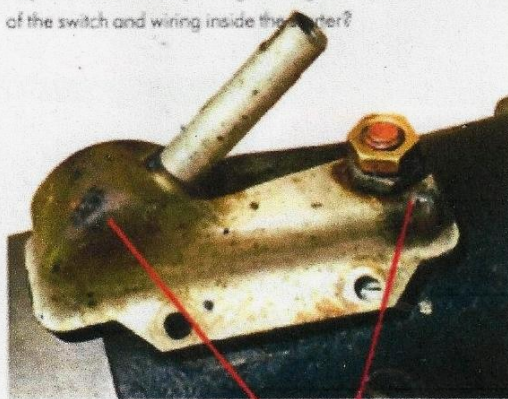
Model A Tech

Interesting info from Secrets Magazine sent in by Mike Green.

Absolute Genius - Starter Switch Fix

Invented by Bob Baas

Have you ever had your Model A starter switch stick, like it was welding itself to the starter post, and you had to get out of the car and whack the switch to stop the starter from spinning, fearing a complete melt down of the switch and wiring inside the starter?



Here we can see the severe heat and burning caused by the starter's contact when shorted (welded) to the starter contact post.



The hose adds more positive spring action to the switch's metal contact strip.

Bob's fix is about as simple as a fix can be, one piece of rubber hose and done. Brilliant!



Short circuit weld remnants on starter copper contact

I've seen an accessory spring fitted between the floorboard and under the pedal top but it didn't work for me.

The starter switch relies on the spring-like ability of the metal contact strip inside the switch housing. It is quite a common situation when these parts decide not to part and you'll find yourself moving at top speed to get the hood up and whack the start switch (if you have a whacker handy).

So, I tried something different. I cut a short piece of 5/16" OD rubber fuel hose (think springy) and put it next to the starter contact, then set the starter switch back on.

The rubber hose acts like an insulated tough spring and pushes the switch contact up and away from the starter's copper contact boss when you release your foot pressure.

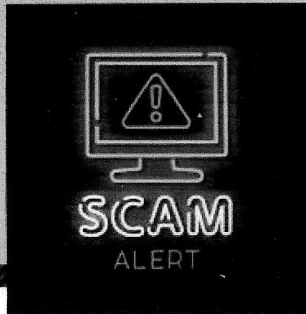
No sticking, no shorting, no fires, no damages to parts, no unwanted spinning, and it has never stuck again. (CY)



The armature, in this case, was also damaged from the extreme heat that builds up until you can find a way to break the circuit.

This small 5/16" OD rubber fuel hose has completely prevented the contacts from sticking. Bob shows where to place the rubber hose piece just long enough to fit firmly inside the switch housing.





A WARNING TO ANTIQUE CAR HOBBYISTS ABOUT POTENTIAL ONLINE SCAMMERS

Submitted by a long-time collector and scam victim
(Name withheld for publishing)

I am writing this warning after being scammed earlier this year as a result of running a want ad on a very popular and reputable car club website. I am a member of several national car clubs and believe that these clubs always try to protect their members from scammers who are constantly looking for ways to steal from members.

Although these scammers use lots of techniques to deceive readers, there are important warning flags telling you to stay clear. If I had paid attention to this list, I would still have my money! Some (but not all) of these are listed below:

- If you really want or need the items or car, do not let your emotions take over your brain!
- If it sounds too good to be true, it almost always is, so use extreme caution!
- If you do not know the person who responds to your ad, or they cannot provide references you know, stay clear.
- If the ad respondent is not a club member, beware! Scammers scan websites looking for suckers!
- If you have had good past experiences buying from an ad or website, that is no indication that this new deal is legitimate. I bought a great car from a legitimate seller, then got scammed by a respondent to my new want ad on the same website. Always keep your guard up!
- If the respondent is in a hurry to finalize a deal with you (same day, for example) stop and ask yourself 'Why?' They may tell you the car or parts are headed to the scrap yard that day because they lost their lease or sold their house, among other reasons. Do not be in a hurry!!
- If the respondent can't send you a picture of themselves with the parts, or especially a picture of the car with them holding the legible title, stay away. Insist on seeing a picture of the VIN number stamped on the car and confirm that it matches the title of the car you are seeking.

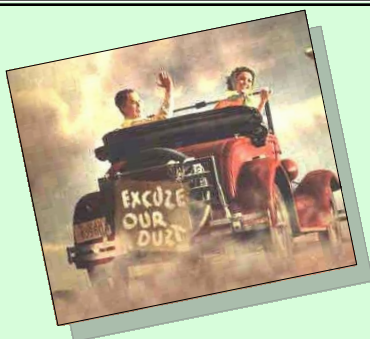
- If the respondent can't or won't give you their verifiable address, be very careful.
- If the respondent insists on receiving payment through Western Union or MoneyGram, use extreme caution. Both of these legitimate services will ask if you know the individual you are wiring money to. This is to protect you. If you don't know the person, don't send the money.
- If the respondent will not accept a wire transfer to their bank, stay away!
- If the respondent gives you their phone number, try to reverse trace the number. It may end up being a "burner phone."
- If the respondent tells you they will arrange shipping for a car, don't let them! Arrange your own shipment.
- Don't be deceived by scammers who have lots of information about a car and its history. With a little research, scammers' fake news can be very convincing! Be careful.
- If you decide to ignore your instincts or these warnings and the respondent tells you about an add-on deal, it's a sure sign the deal is suspicious. Stay away.

Always talk to trusted friends and advisors about any deal you are contemplating. A third party is much more likely to read a situation for what it is. Had I listened to my friends and advisors, I would not be writing this article today.

If you have questions or comments, contact the Editor at timeseditor@modelt.org and she will pass your message along to me.

Caveat Emptor! (Buyer Beware)

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Some possible future events/tours

CCRG April 4,5,6. Paso Robles

Henry Ford Picnic—June

Solvang weekend—July

El Segundo Car Show—August

Wounded Warrior Car Show—August

Model A Ford Day—September

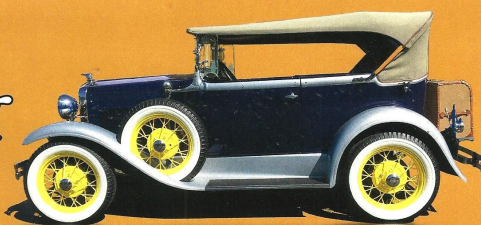
Harbor Area Annual Picnic—September

Frazier Park Model A Ford event- Oct

El Segundo Holiday Parade—December
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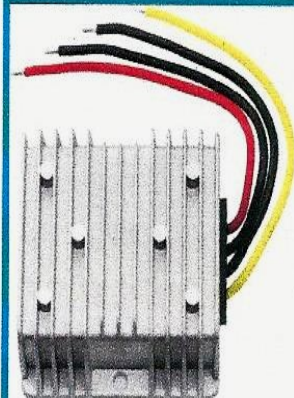
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Six to 12-Volt DC Converter

by Tom Endy

For those folks driving a Model A with a 6-volt electrical system, a converter is available that will provide 10 amps of 12-volt DC power to operate a GPS, a back-up camera, or any other 12-volt device, and re-charge a cell phone while rolling down the road. It is small enough to be mounted under the dash rail along with an automotive power output receptacle.

The converter is available on-line from Amazon and is described as a Digiten 6-volt to 12-volt converter with a 10 amp output capacity. The device size is 2.9" X 2.9" X 1.25" and is priced at \$28.99.

Santa Anita A's Member, Tom Endy; Editor of the Victoria Association Newsletter (The Bustle) for the past 20 years, has created the 20+ years of the work. Some of the articles and documents have been featured in the MAFA Restorer Magazine, other club's websites, and some are not published anywhere but here: santaanitaas.org/tom-endys-tech-articles/. Enjoy, utilize, and learn!



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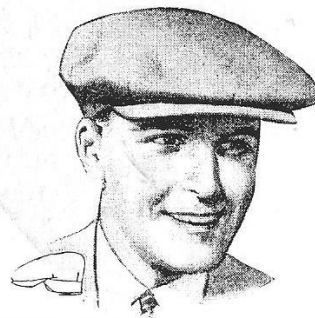
By Esther Meyer



Men's hat styles remained the same through the four years of the Model "A" era. There were hats for every occasion, from the most casual golf style hat to go with knickers, to the top hat with formal evening tails. Straw hats for summer were worn with Palm Beach suits. Derbys or fedoras were worn with business suits. For every job there was a work hat. Following are descriptions and examples of men's hats which were used during the Model "A" era.



All Wool:
Hand shaped and hand blocked of fine all wool top coating material. One piece top with warm inband for cold weather. Fancy medium brown plaid and fancy medium gray plaid.

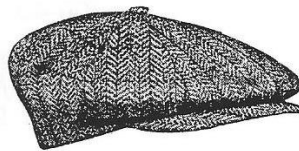


All Wool One-Piece Kersey

One Piece Kersey:
Solid one piece style all wool kersey cloth, satin lined with warm inband and unbreakable visor. Colors: bluish gray and tan.



All Wool:
All wool with a soft nap closely resembles camels hair. Patterns are dressy and refined. Satin lined. Colors: medium gray and medium tan.



Wool and Silk:
About 2/3 wool, balance silk. Full cotton twill lined. Colors: gray and brown.

New Snappy Collegiate Cap



Collegiate Cap:
Smaller shape 3/4 wool, balance rayon. All around leather sweatband. No inband. Colors: fancy grey and tan.



Adjustable:
Adjust the buckle in front to fit head. Tailored of a swagger plaid material 2/3 wool. Genuine leather sweatband in front, satin lined. Colors: fancy bluish gray plaid, fancy tan plaid.

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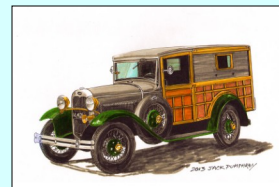
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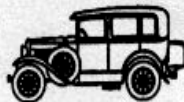
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