

# Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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Torrance, California

## April 2022

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Group picture at Richard Tupper's car collection in 2016

### Monthly Club Meeting and Banquet

Some events are starting to happen!

The **March** meeting is on **Friday, March 25th**.  
7:30pm at the Waleria Clubhouse

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

The next **Board meeting** is  
**Sat., April 16th** at  
Al's Garage at 9:30 AM.



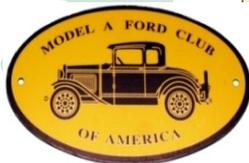
### Technical Activities

Saturday mornings.  
We meet from about  
9:30AM 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

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*A Note from  
Harbor President  
Rob Hernandez*



*Looking Ahead*

Today I got a call from Jay McCord, President of MAFCA.

Our club is both a MARC Region and MAFCA Chapter.

For members of our Chapter who have never been a MAFCA member, they are offering the first year FREE membership. The "catch" is they hope you will renew. Of course there is no obligation to do so. MAFCA will have a table at the Pancake Breakfast, so maybe stop to check things out or visit their web site.

Isn't it great to have things getting back to normal? Yesterday this car in front of me was slow, then fast, crossing the line... I'm thinking the driver must be texting. So as I pass during a slow period I look over...no, not texting...grooming using the visor mirror!! Oh wait, maybe "normal" LA traffic isn't a good thing. Lol

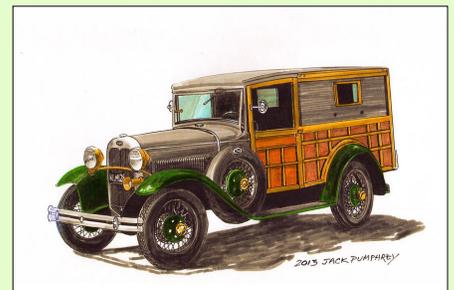
Be careful out there, other drivers may not be paying attention to the road.

**Rob**

***Some Additional Thoughts***

I hope you are doing well and adjusting to the end of mask mandates. The good thing with no mandate is you can wear a mask and have the extra protection if you want while others can choose what is best for them. I have seen a mix thus far and although smiling faces are nice to see, I hope you don't feel pressured to take it off. I imagine our Harbor Area Region is the same as others in that we have experienced members who have been very active and now must throttle back and we have suffered the loss of those who have been so important to our success and Model A hobby. Fortunately, our large family is very supportive with members who are always willing to lend a helping hand. I am very grateful for the abundance of help during my "training".

Every time we enjoy our cars on a drive, we are also promoting the hobby and history of our wonderful cars. Please pick up some business cards so the next time a person complements your car you can invite them to our web site or a meeting to learn more. The person you invite may become a member and save a Model A from being chopped into a hot rod.



**Rob**

## April Birthdays

- 3 John Hernandez
- 6 Mickey Fruchter
- 7 Walt Hibbard
- 12 Carol Olsen
- 14 Drain Marshall
- 15 Larry Sterling
- 19 Kathy Valot



## April Anniversaries

- 8 Patrick & Baylee Migliazzo
- 28 Larry & Patti Migliazzo



### Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

This has been a very stressful month in my life.

**Jan**, my wife of 40 years passed away peacefully February 23rd. This club has been very supportive and I thank everyone for the cards and calls to me and the family. Thank You!

I have not been driving the Model A much and look forward to the Orange County Pancake Breakfast. The club probably brings 10 cars to the event, but with the price of gas around \$6 a gallon, things may be different this year. See you there.

The safety inspection went off well. Cliff LeFall and his crew did a great job (as always). At the same time Jack and Joan Gordinier hosted a coffee and donuts gathering at their house. Thanks to them for hosting the event.

Our next Club meeting is Friday, March 25th. I plan on making this one. Drive carefully.

**DICK**

Note: Note my new cell phone number: 1-310-779-5772



### ***A Sad Month for the Harbor Club***

Please join me in life's celebration of a truly lovely and "feisty" lady, **LeOra Combs**. LeOra passed away yesterday and is now at peace and free of this world's pain. She was a long time member of the Harbor A's and a personal friend to many of us lucky to have known her! Her smile, quick wit and her great sense of humor could fill a room with laughter. She was tender hearted, compassionate and enjoyed her adventures in the Model A. Services are being formulated by Phil and remain unknown at this time. I know how very difficult it must be for him and your prayers and good wishes will be appreciated. Let's join together in celebration of LeOra's life and be grateful for knowing her and the joy she gave to so many. Regards, Monty.

A text message from **Jay Skinner's** son, Damon, notifying us of the passing of **Jay**. He had a massive stroke and passed away just four days after showing his Burtz engine at the Club's safety check. A 45 year member of the club, he was always available for technical advice and held many tech meetings as his garage in Long Beach.

'Dr. Babbitt's' dry sense of humor will be missed. Plans for services have not yet been made.

### **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*.



*From Dennis Simpson about the Orange County Pancake picnic.*

I grabbed a couple of screen shots from the YouTube video. <https://youtu.be/coWjZCjb2nc> I like this screen shot of our car, Jim right behind and Dick coming around the corner. If you look close you can even see Dr. Steve thru my windshield/right side windows. More pictures on page 10.

## Technical Talk

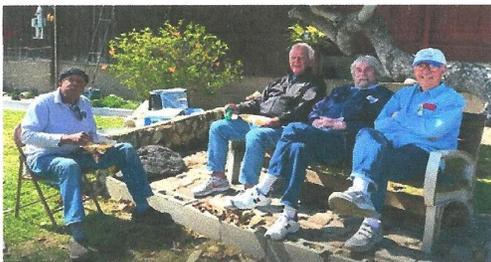
### **MARCH CAME IN LIKE A LION BUT DID NOT DAMPEN OUR SPIRITS AT OUR ANNUAL SAFETY CHECK MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

The entire prior week to our yearly Safety Check, the folks who were planning this event watched the weather reports, hour by hour, hoping and praying it would not rain! Our good luck held! It was clear as a bell! Saturday dawned without a drop of rain falling from the sky! However, Torrance has been known to have a "daily breeze," and we faced near gale force winds with a chill that went right up your skirt! It was so COLD! Our club members are made of sturdy stuff, so they put on their 'long johns,' if they had them, bundled up and came out for a great day! In addition to blowing wind, we were blown away by the turn out! Close to 50 of our Harbor A members participated in the event! We especially want to thank the Gordiniers for opening their lovely home to us. We enjoyed a delicious taco lunch and homemade flan cake for dessert! There was lots of visiting while the guys checked the cars. Jay Skinner displayed his new Burtz 'A' engine block and parts which included an excellent show and tell. A total of 14 cars have been checked, 11 that day and three more have been checked since. If you still need your car checked, bring it to the Shop on Saturday morning. Our technical director, Cliff LeFall, thanks everyone for taking such good care of their cars! No big repairs were required, leaving time for more coffee and donuts! Here are a few memories of the day.

#### FAMILIAR HAPPY FACES



THE BOYS!



**HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING**

DATE: February 25, 2022. Location: WALTERIA Park Clubhouse, Torrance, CA

**PRESIDENT:** Rob Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7:33PM

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Jack Gordinier led the flag salute.

**RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS:** Drain Marshall, Monty Bates, Tim Harrison, Carla Hibbard and Pat Yacklon.

**PRESIDENT:** Rob Hernandez asked for approval of previous minutes. Tim Harrison moved the minutes be approved as printed in the Harbor Light. Seconded by Drain Marshall. All approved. Rob is hoping his model A will be ready to drive soon. He was in a hit and run accident and a lot of damage was done to his coupe.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Dennis Simpson acknowledged Daffy's birthday and members sang Happy Birthday. Dennis reported this is only his 2<sup>nd</sup> opportunity drawing in the last 2 years, because of the pandemic. Buy tickets to help contribute to the raffle. March 20, is the Orange County Model A Clubs pancake breakfast. Dennis will be leading the surface street tour. Meet at Harbor Freight at Artesia and Hawthorne at 6:45, leave at 7 AM. Our club is donating a battery for the raffle at the breakfast.

**TREASURER:** Daffy Wagner--- Reported balance. Collecting money for the March 5<sup>th</sup> Taco man and for the April 9<sup>th</sup> banquet.

**HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR:** Dick Wyckoff, absent because of Jan's passing. Rob ask members to send any information for the Harbor Light to Dick.

**TECHNICAL DIRECTOR:** Cliff LeFall...reported the shop is open on Saturdays. Safety check for Model A's, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30, at the Gordiniers.

**TOURS:** Open position....Donnis Bates is sending around a tour sheet. If you would like to lead a tour or sign up for an activity would appreciate any help. Upcoming events: 1.Safety check: March 5<sup>th</sup> 2.Pancake breakfast: March 20<sup>th</sup> 3. CCRG: April 4-7<sup>TH</sup> 4.Banquet: April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**SUNSHINE:** Theresa LeFall----Reported the passing of member Jan Wyckoff. We received a card from Fran Earhart. Thanking club members for attending Greg's services, driving their Model A's and the lovely flowers. LeOra Combs is now in hospice care. Noralene Porper is doing okay, but doesn't drive at night. Dot Knott had another stent procedure. Steve Thompson's brother broke his back. Mirco Pisu's sister is in the hospital in Italy. Theresa said her granddaughter and son are having health issues. Prayers for all.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Ursi Schmidt---Currently 51 memberships paid. New member is Greg Earhart, Jr. Forty members and two guests in attendance tonight.

**TOOLS:** Bod DeCrescenzo--- Club tools available for club members.

**WEBMASTER:** Steve Thompson...no changes.

**ADVERTISING:** Jim Huizdos...Advertisers in Harbor Light who have not paid will be removed.

**MERCHANDISE:** Ruxella Speights...Hats and shirts for sale.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Weeg Thompson...Mary Ann Friedrich provided cookies and Weeg Thompson brought brownies for tonight's refreshments.

**OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS:** Tour position is open. Clock prize winner was Mike Wright.

Membership drawings---Woman's Ursi Schmidt, Man's Tim Harrison.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:** March 25, 2022, 7:30 PM at WALTERIA Park Club House.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:14 PM.

**OPPORTUNITY DRAWING** held....Thanks to Dennis and Linda Simpson.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Gloria Younkin, Secretary.



## Touring Events



### *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  
Wilmington Parade



### **May 21st, Saturday**

Crafts with Joanie

Breakfast before at Restaurant TBD

Fee for crafts materials \$5.00 per person

### **June 24th, Friday**

White Elephant Sale at our regular Business Meeting

Need someone to volunteer to run the auction and coordinate

### **June 25th, Saturday**

Garage Sale at Ursi's

All leftover items from the white elephant sale will go to the Garage Sale. Any additional items that anyone wants to donate are gladly accepted. Maybe even consignment with a small % to the club. (Just an idea)

### **September - date TBD (This September is the club's 65th anniversary)**

Model A Ford Day - Progressive

Need volunteers to open their homes for the three stops.

Breakfast, Main dish and Dessert

We had discussed making this a Poker Run as well. Let us know your thoughts on this.

**Some more events**

**in the works**

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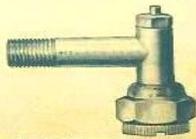
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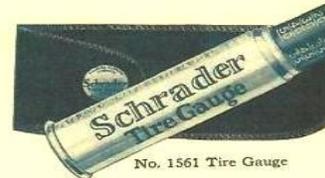
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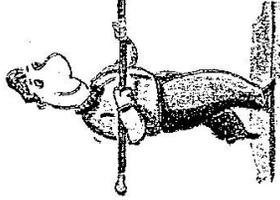
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# Our Crazy



If pro and con are opposites, is congress the opposite of progress?

ENGLISH is the most widely used language in the history of our planet. One in every seven human beings can speak it. More than half of the world's books and three-quarters of international mail are in English. Of all languages, English has the largest vocabulary—perhaps as many as two million words—and one of the noblest bodies of literature.



Nonetheless, let's face it: English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, neither pine nor apple in pineapple and no ham in a hamburger. English muffins weren't invented in England or french fries in France. Sweetmeats are candy, while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted.

But when we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, public bathrooms have no baths and a guinea pig is neither a pig nor from Guinea.

And why is it that a writer writes, but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce, humdingers don't hum and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, shouldn't the plural of booth be beeth? One goose, two geese—so one moose, two meese? One index, two indices—one Klee-nex, two Klee-nices?

Doesn't it seem loopy that you can make amends but not just one amend, that you comb through the annals of history but not just one annal? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and you get rid of all but one, what do you call it?

If the teacher taught, why isn't it true that the preacher praught? If a horsehair mat is made from the hair of horses and a camel's-hair coat from the hair of camels, from what is a mohair coat made? If a

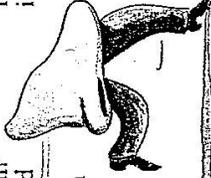
# Language

Condensed from "Crazy English"  
RICHARD LEDERER



vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? If you wrote a letter, perhaps you also bote your tongue?

Sometimes I wonder if all English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what other language do people drive on a parkway and park in a driveway? Recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?



How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? How can *overlook* and *oversee* be opposites, while *quite a lot* and *quite a few* are alike? How can the weather be hot as hell one day and cold as hell the next?

Did you ever notice that we talk about certain things only when they are absent? Have you ever seen a horseful carriage or a strapful gown, met a sung hero or experienced requited love? Have you ever run into someone who was combobulated, grunted, ruly or peccable?

And where are the people who

are spring chickens or who actually *would* hurt a fly? I meet individuals who *can* cut the mustard and whom I *would* touch with a ten-foot pole, but I cannot talk about them in English.

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which your alarm clock goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race (which, of course, isn't really a race at all). That is why, when stars are out they are visible, but when the lights are out they are invisible. And why, when I wind up my watch I start it, but when I wind up this essay I end it.



Pictures from the Orange County Club's  
Annual Pancake Picnic,  
Sunday March 20th, 2022



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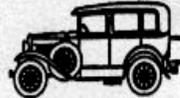


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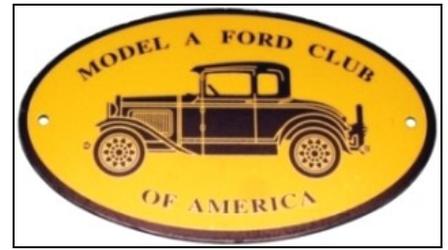
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 1242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and 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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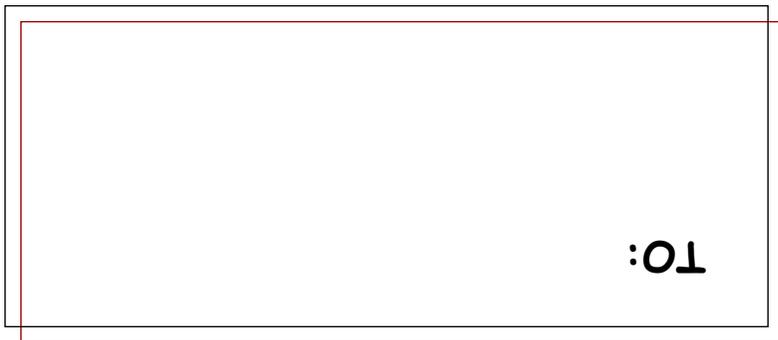
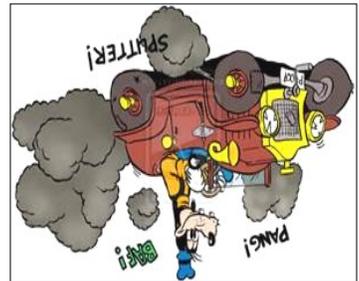
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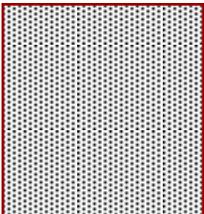
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