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Christmas Cookie Exchange/Meeting

Reminder of upcoming event: 2023

Jan 28th- Annual banquet at
Blue Water grill. See page 10



"Patches" helping editor with newsletter

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

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be
Saturday, January 14th, 2023
At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez



Happy New Year! If you haven't already renewed your membership and gotten tickets for the annual banquet, get on the throttle. Several fun events are in the planning stages so if you have a fun place to visit, please share your ideas on the place, drive, or restaurant to visit so the club can check it out.

I drove the car in two parades recently, my first parade events. It was a lot of fun. Some of the other club members are much more creative than me in decorating their cars. It may not seem like much, but talking with a few folks afterwards I received the feedback on how much folks like to see the old cars in the parades. If you haven't done one recently, I encourage you to sign up for the next one.

I guess we don't have to worry about being too hot in our cars this time of year. However, there are other things such as rain and it getting dark early in the evening that may require some extra preparation for the drive. Margarita doesn't have a working windshield wiper. This hasn't been an issue as I carry a small squeegee to clear the mist and rain clears itself like on a motorcycle visor. There are several water treatments for glass to help bead and clear your windshield such as RainX and AquaShield. Clean glass with a fresh coating gets the job done.

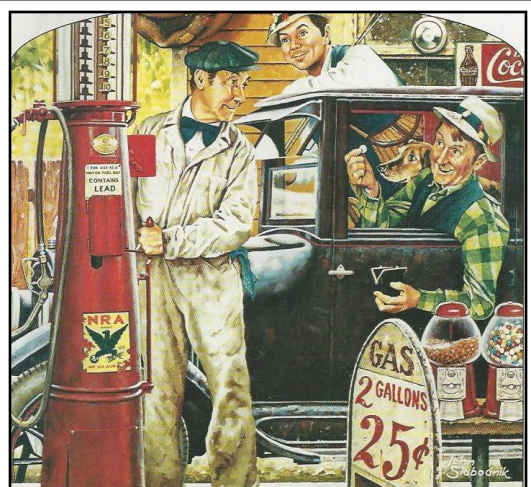
I tried several times but failed to align my headlights correctly shining them against a building. The lights were so bad that I installed LED driving lights below the bumper to see at night. Fortunately, I found an alignment procedure using levels which worked great! Use a 4-foot level (or straight edge) to get both headlights pointed in the same direction (parallel), then use a small level to tilt them down $\frac{1}{2}$ bubble. 32 candle power never looked so bright! If you have bright LED bulbs, correct alignment avoids blinding other drivers since the light is focused on the road and not into the cab.

Stay safe and I hope to see you at the next meeting or on the road.

Rob



How many guys does it take to check the points on a Model A?



January Birthdays

2 Janet Winter
3 Darlene Duncan
11 Jerry Reine

January Anniversaries



Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff

A Fun Filled Month!

What can I say? Lots of events for the Harbor Area Club this last month.

All the planning finally came together and the Club had a wonderful time. Someone even made arrangements for some great weather. Thank You. The city of El Segundo thanks you. Southern California thanks you. . . .

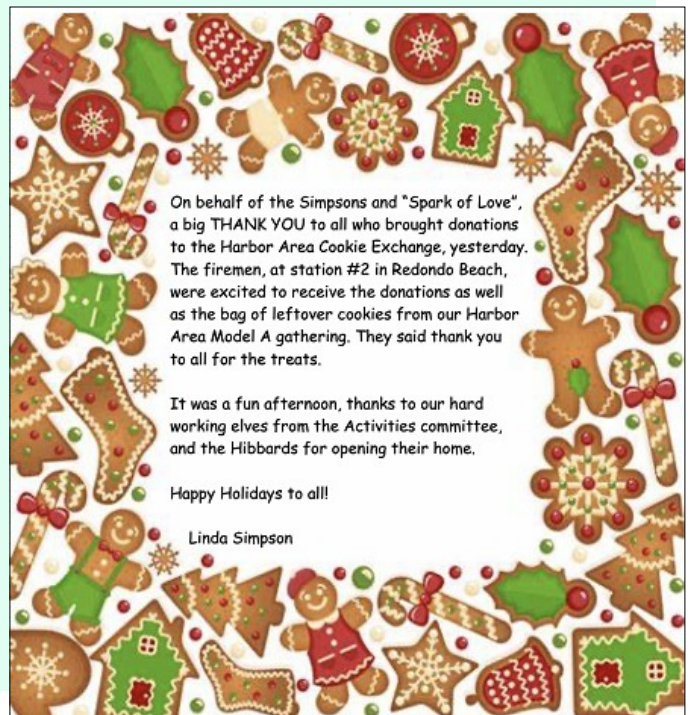
As we reflect on events this last year, most were great fun. Some great trips, our 65th anniversary picnic with some wonderful food (of course) , and some great friendships. We also have to pause to remember those loved ones that passed. We miss them. . . .

I would like to thank those that put in the extra effort to make all this happen: Donnis and the ladies of the activity committee (I lovingly call Henry's Helpers), members that attended car shows to display their Model As, mechanics that helped keep our cars in good running condition, parade organizers and the Hibbards that let us use their home for the cookie/gift exchange this last week. Thanks again. . . .

This next year will hopefully be as successful. Lots of planning goes into these events. When asked to help, lend a hand and make the job a little easier for all.

Have a Happy New Year!

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.



2023 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 **2023 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*.

The Sun Shines on Wilmington Parade

On Sunday, December 12, ten hardy club members and six Model As set out to attend the Wilmington Christmas Parade with some trepidation. On the way to meet at the club house, there were lots of sprinkles and at least one pretty hefty downpour. Fortunately, by the time we got to Wilmington, the rain had stopped and eventually blue skies took over. We had no rain at all while we decorated our cars, and, during the parade, the clouds dissipated almost completely. The spectators were fewer than in years past because of the earlier inclement weather, but the folks who braved the weather were just as enthusiastic as ever.

New members Joanne and René Covarrubias (and their darling dog in holiday attire) participated in their first parade in grand style along with President Rob Hernandez, Drain Marshall, Mirco and Elaine Pisu, Nathan and Jeanette Sherry, and Steve and Weeg Thompson. Thanks to Elaine's connections, we were fortunate to get onto the parade route early (Thank you, Elaine!). Following the parade, the Pisos and the Thompsons were joined by Monty and Donnis Bates, Jack and Joan Gordinier, Gary Guttormson, Cliff and Theresa LeFall, Ursi Schmidt, Art and Daffy Wagner, and Gloria Younkin for lunch at Stone Fire Grill.

What's a Harbor A's outing without food? **See some pictures on page 9.**

HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: November 25, 2022 **LOCATION:** Walteria Park Clubhouse, Torrance, CA

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez called the meeting at 7:32 PM. Rob hoped everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Rob asked for the approval of the October business meeting minutes as published in the Harbor Light. Jim Huizdos made a motion to approve the minutes. Dick Wyckoff seconded the motion, all approved.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Jack Gordinier lead the flag salute.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff, and Tim Harrison.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- Accepting donations for the opportunity drawing at the banquet. Also accepting donations for the drawings at the business meetings.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported balance of \$4686.00. Accepting checks for the January 28th banquet. It is \$55.00 per person, payment needs to be paid by January 7, 2023.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff --- Thanks for the articles and pictures for the newsletter. The activities committee has been helpful by supplying information of upcoming events.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- Absent.

TOURS: Open position --- Donnis Bates and activities committee have been organizing upcoming events. The events calendar will be in the Harbor Light.

Dec 4th - 11:30 AM meet for lunch at Marmalade Café in El Segundo before attending the El Segundo Old Town Music Hall to watch *White Christmas*. Please let Pat Harrison know if you are going to lunch.

Dec. 10th --- Jeanne and Richard Parrish are hosting family and friends' open house 11-3PM. Brunch served 11AM to 2PM. Location First Christian Church of Orange, 1130 E. Walnut Av., Orange. RSVP to Richard.

Dec 11th - Two Christmas Parades, El Segundo and Wilmington. Also note we will go to lunch after the Wilmington parade.

Dec. 17th--- Meet at Carla and Walt Hibbards, 1 to 4PM. Will have a short business meeting, with cookie exchange to follow. Bring at least a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie. There will be a gift exchange, of you want to participate, bring a gift costing from \$18 to \$20. Gift exchange will be at 2PM. Bring the gift wrapped.

Jan 28th —Banquet at Blue Water Grill in Redondo Bch 11 to 4PM. \$55.00 per person, pay Daffy Wagner by Jan. 7. Put food selection on check.

Feb. 11th --- Nethercutt Museum tour, \$10.00 per person.

March — Orange County Model A Club pancake breakfast.

April 20-23rd —CCRG Jamboree in Santa Maria.

June 25th --- Long Beach Theater Production, "Into the Breeches", 2PM.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Absent.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- Absent.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Tools available for club members to use.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- Absent.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- Nothing to report.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights --- Absent

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson -Absent—DeCrescenzo's and Pisu's furnished the refreshments tonight.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: Pay dues to Ursi Schmidt . \$40.00 for local and \$50.00 for national.

NEW BUSINESS: On the website the price of local dues needs to be changed to \$40.00.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: December 17th , at Hibbards house, 19207 Ronald Ave., Torrance.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 10th , 9:30 AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 7.57PM Tim made a motion to adjourn, Daffy Wagner second the motion and all were in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: *Gloria Younkin*, Secretary.



**December's Club Activities:
Cookie and Gift Exchange**



Weeg and Donniss working the crowd at the gift 'exchange'



Some of the gifts for the gift exchange



Dr. Steve and Dorothy checking out the cookie exchange selection



Viewing 1952 "White Christmas" movie at the El Segundo "Old Town Music Hall". See write-up on page 8.



Luncheon at the Marmalade Cafe



Touring Events

Save the Date

Saturday, January 28th - Annual Banquet,
Blue Water Grill, 665 North Harbor Drive,
Redondo Beach 90277
11:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, February 11th - Nethercutt Museum
15151 Bledsoe Street, Sylmar, 91342
\$10.00 per person
More information to follow

Sunday, June 25th - Long Beach Theater Production
'Into The Breeches' - Comedy - 2:00pm Matinee
Cost: \$42.00 per person
More information to follow

Events in the works

April
Safety Check
More Information to follow

April 20-23
CCRG Jamboree (Santa Maria A's)
More information to follow

May
Lyon Air Museum - Planes, Cars, Motorcycles
Santa Ana, \$11.00 per person
More information to follow

GREAT! GREAT! GREAT!

GREAT Weather!

GREAT Turn Out!

GREAT abundance of COOKIES

FUN FUN DAY!

Our final event of the year turned out to be a GREAT day; so many cookies and so many wonderful people. It has been said the Harbor A's have the best members and have the most fun events! Just a few highlights to remember...

COOKIES - OF COURSE

We have very creative members. One example was a cookie with the images of a Model A pressed into a gingerbread cookie! Dick has included a picture of the cookie table, all were DELICIOUS! What a sugar rush...

PEOPLE - OF COURSE

We had a great turn out. I believe someone counted 35! The environment and weather could not have been better! Carla and Walt are such delightful hosts. Thank you so much for opening your home to us and having such wonderful surprises for us.

GIFT EXCHANGE - SOMETHING NEW!

This was fun! One prize winner comes to mind: Jim Speights. When he opened up his gift, and behold, he held Cinderella's bedroom slippers. Can you just imagine... Jim attempting to fit into a shoe that looked like a size 2. (It actually was a size 7 and was a very nice Dearfoam slipper.) That gift gave us a good laugh! Someone stole this little number from Jim, thank goodness!

Another clever gift was \$20 worth of scratchers! Carla & Walter ended up with this gift. Their winnings were \$11 and 3 scratchers. Not a big haul, but the entertainment priceless.



Make sure you ask Pat Harrison what he got! GREAT!

It was a memorable day... thank you all for helping to make it such a fun day!

See you all next year!

Donnis Bates

**JANUARY 2023
HARBOR HAPPENINGS**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! 	2 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	3	4	5	6	7 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
8	9 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	10	11	12	13	14 <u>BOARD MEETING</u> Al's Garage 9:30 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> —following meeting
15	16 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	17	18	19	20	21 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
22	23 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	24	25	26	27	28  <u>**BANQUET/Business Meeting</u> —Bluewater Grill, RB, 11-4
29	30 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	31				

*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

**Location: Bluewater Grill, 665 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, 90277. Cost \$55 per person, please pay by January 7th. Dennis Simpson is accepting donations for the raffle, please contact him (310) 343-8227.

MARMALADE CAFÉ & WHITE CHRISTMAS

Another great day with Harbor Area Model A members. About 35 of us started at Marmalade Café on their tented outside patio with heaters. The separation from their inside diners allowed for lots of socializing and catching up with members, old and new. A big thank you to Marmalade for allowing us to order off the regular menu with such a large group and the food was yummy!

Our president, Rob Hernandez, led by example and drove his Model A. He was hesitant to drive with no wipers on a rainy day. On second thought, he said he would use his Rain X. I guess the rest of us were "fair weather drivers" that day.

From there we went to Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo where we saw the movie "**White Christmas.**" But in the tradition of a theatre of the '30s we saw a "Tweetie Bird" cartoon and then had a sing-a-long of Christmas tunes. What a wonderful way to spend the day!

It's Parade time!

Winter storms almost canceled two local Holiday parades locally. We kept our fingers crossed and just as the parades were starting, the rain stopped and we had a nice day. As it happens every year, El Segundo and Wilmington have their parades the same day and the same time. What do we do? We participate in both. More people live closer to Wilmington so they get a larger turnout. Not to worry, we still cover both events. Here are some pictures taken at the events.



Harbor Area Model A Club 2023 Installation Banquet



ON THE ROAD AGAIN, CAN'T WAIT TO GET ON THE ROAD AGAIN!
Gas up so you can drive your Model A to our Harbor Area Banquet!

Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 11:00am-4:00pm
Bluewater Grill - 665 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

This year we will be enjoying the following entree choices with a garden salad and two choices of salad dressings:

- Boneless Breast of Chicken**
- Norwegian Salmon**
- New York Steak**
- Vegetarian Entry**

We will conclude the meal with Oreo Cheese Cake & Coffee

Order Form Cut Here _____

Name: _____ Entree Selection _____ Price \$55.00
Name: _____ Entree Selection _____ Price \$55.00

For additional orders, please use the back of this form Total: \$

Make checks payable to: **HARBOR MARC** & indicate your entrée selection on your check as well **thank you**

Send checks to Daffy Wagner (by January 7th), 2705 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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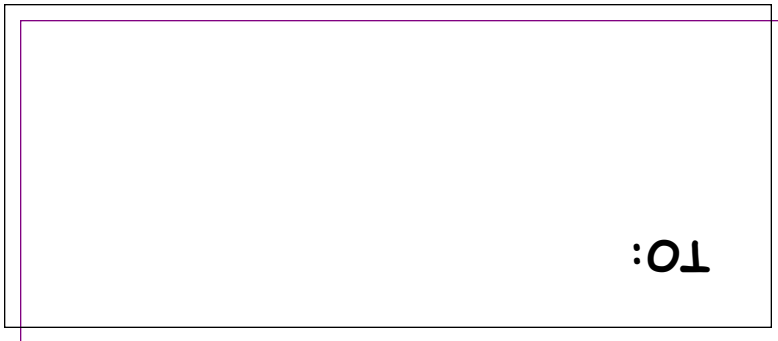
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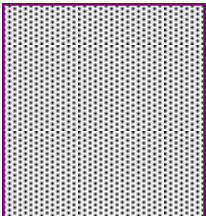
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