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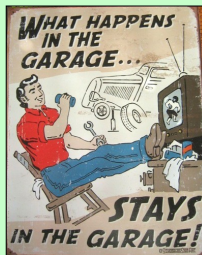
Joan Gordinier
and Dennis Simpson
Harbor's Woman and Man
of the year for 2022

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 Club Meeting
Friday, March 31st at 7PM
Walteria Clubhouse

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting
will be
Saturday, March 11th,
2023
At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez



It is chilly in the morning, but oh the sun is feeling good in the afternoon. Spring must be just around the corner! My first trip to the Nethercutt Museum was a lot of fun. The car collection and the music machines are really amazing. It was a nice drive in the Model A and a chance to earn some Roadrunner miles. Many of us were both full and carrying a to go box from lunch. Big round of applause to Pat for "herding the cats".

I often mention doing the maintenance checks and I am happy I got around to the oil pan gasket so I didn't leave a puddle in the Nethercutt's parking lot. Yes! I did remember to put oil back in. LoL This year I think I will go to the CCRG in Santa Maria, the drive along the coast is always fun and I am sure the evening adventures will be a blast. Maybe a stop in Santa Barbara for a visit to the old courthouse since it fits the timeline of our cars. If you have been thinking of getting your car out, but needs some assistance getting it running right, visit the garage or reach out to club members. We are blessed to have so many willing to help.

It is almost time for breakfast...the Pancake breakfast that is. A good fund raiser for the Orange club and you will probably see a handful, or arms full of Model As and other interesting vehicles. Folks just love those pancakes!

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

Rob

Welcome our new members:

Danny and Nicole Schmitz

A fun note: Danny is the grandson of our club's founders, Rod and Margaret Gott.

Their address is: 19332 Olana Ave.

Huntington Beach, CA 92646.

Tel: 1-949-375-0518

Email: DannySchmitz@MSN.com

Danny has a 1931 Model A Coupe.

Welcome to the Harbor Club!

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Pancake Breakfast
7:30am-11am
Adults \$10 / Children \$5 (Ages 2-10)
Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Juice, Hot Cocoa & Hot Coffee
Large Raffle Selection

BURTZ Engine Raffle
www.ocmafc.com for info

Sunday, March 19, 2023
Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St, Orange

For more info contact:
Frank Reese
714-348-2507

60th
2023
HART PARK ORANGE, CALIFORNIA
ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

March Birthdays

3 Dianne Runyon
4 Mary Ann Friedrich
8 Richard Parrish
12 Margaret Gott
25 Diana Murphy
25 Nicole Schmitz
25 Jack Goldberg
28 Jim Perreten

March Anniversaries

7 Tim & Pat Harrison
10 Monty & Donnis Bates
20 Art & Daffy Wagner



Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff

It's Fun Time!

What a fun couple of events this last month! First was the fabulous annual banquet and then two weeks later, visiting the Nethercutt car museum in Sylmar. My personal thanks to all the folks that participated in organizing these events.

Our banquet brought together 65 members and friends at the wonderful Blue Water Grill in Redondo Beach, CA. Parking was reserved for the 13 Model As that attended the event. (They drew quite a crowd of looky-loos while we were there!) The banquet room was nicely decorated by the staff and the food service was great. A big hand for them! There was a large selection of prizes also thanks to VP Dennis and members.

Two weeks later we had a tour at the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar organized by Pat Harrison. WOW! What a great collection of rare and exotic cars from the late 1800's to the 30s and 40s. Many one-off custom made, special order cars all restored to their original condition. We found out that the museum drives all these cars once a year! That must be a fun time. . . .

Looking forward to more fun times in 2023

See you on the road



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*.



Club tour to Lompoc, CA 2019



Era poster from March 1931

Technical Talk

Solving a Starter Problem

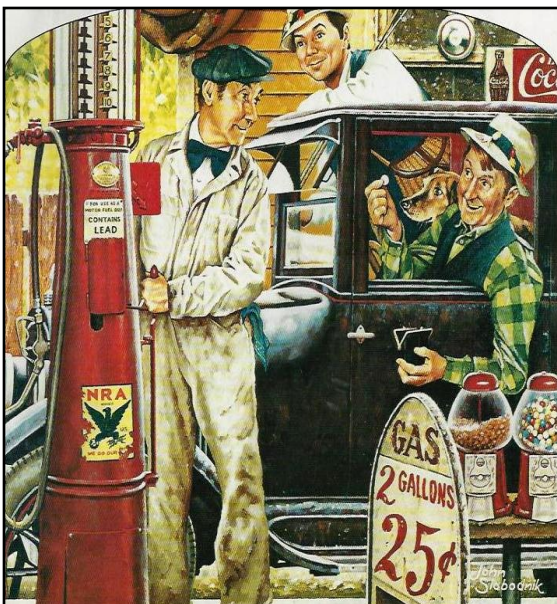
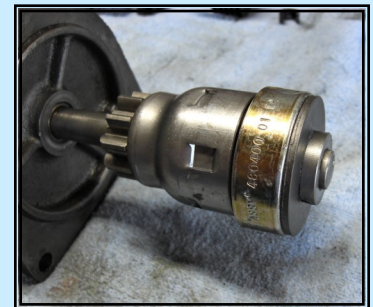
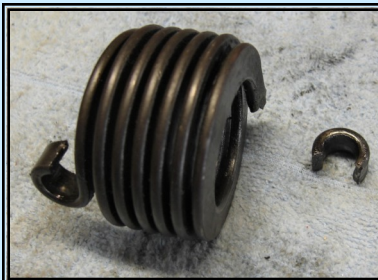
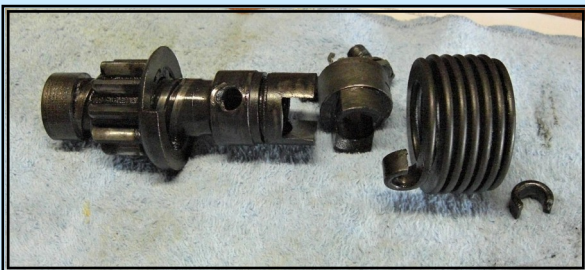
By Bobby DeCrescenzo

The other day I took a neighbor for a ride in the Model A . We went to Del Amo shopping center, drove around for a 1/2 hour stopping and shutting off the car several times. Got home and parked the car in the driveway as usual. At 4 p.m. I went out to put the car in the garage and I heard the starter spin but the motor wouldn't turn over! After a few more tries, I decided something must be wrong with the starter. So I take out my tools and proceed to remove the starter .

First thing, disconnect the battery! A few bolts here a screw or two there and the starter was out. Over to the work bench, looking it over I noticed one of the ears that hold the drive spring broke off, and therefore the drive gear would not engage the flywheel. As luck would have it, I had a new (modern) drive gear assembly . It's all encased in a big housing.

Well it was very easy to install it on the starter shaft . I went to reinstall the starter and it WOULDN'T FIT back into the flywheel housing !! The starter was hitting the engine block water inlet elbow! I had to drain the water, remove the elbow, and now the starter had enough room to maneuver this modern bulkier starter drive over the flywheel. I reassembled everything back together and the engine starts great.

I read somewhere these modern drives are very reliable, we'll see! I would suggest carrying a spare starter drive spring about \$8, or the whole assembly for \$25, or the modern one for \$40 in your tool box of parts for peace of mind while driving around! Remember, these parts are over 90 years old !!!



OK, team. . . . Do the points look OK?

A note from our Vice President

Dear Ford Model A Pilots and Party People,

We had a great day at the Bluewater Grill on Saturday for our 2023 Installation Banquet. The food was good and as always it was great seeing all of our members together.

There is a lot of work put in to bringing off an event like this.

I would especially like to thank all of the members (you know who you are) that helped with the opportunity drawing: selling of tickets, set up, displaying of the 'gifts', the distribution to the winners and clean up at the end.

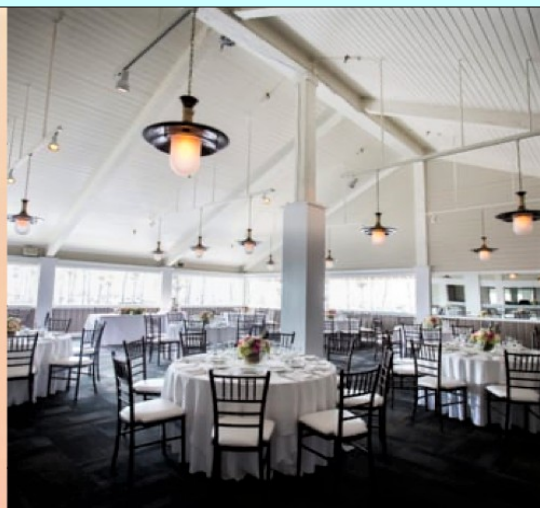
Without their help, Linda and I would not have been able to pull it off. With our generous members donating 57 items plus numerous gift basket items, the vendors donations and of course the items donated by the Harbor Area Model A Club, the Opportunity Drawing was a big success.

We also enjoyed the Hand Cut Silhouettes by Candice Colbert, arranged by Weeg. What a treat!

Lastly, a big thank you to Donnis for all her hard work putting together the awesome looking program. Unfortunately Donnis and Monty were not able to attend. Their presence was greatly missed.

Thanks all,

Dennis Simpson, Vice President
and "Man of the Year"
and Linda, his CEO.





SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 19th - Orange County Pancake Breakfast
Hart Park, 701 South Glassell Street, Orange
See Flyer for additional information
More information on the Harbor Area group to follow

March 25th or 26th - Rancho Los Cerritos - Historic Site
4600 Virginia Road, Long Beach
In the works, more information to follow

Saturday, April 1st - Annual Safety Check
Jack & Joan Gordinier's home
2017 W. 238th Street, Torrance
More Information to follow

April 20th - 22nd - CCRG Jamboree
Santa Maria 'A's
Be sure to sign up early
More information on the Harbor Area group to follow

Saturday, May 20th - Lyon Air Museum
Planes, Cars, Motorcycles - Lots to see
19300 Ike Jones Road, Santa Ana 92707
Lunch too, of course!
More information to follow

Sunday, June 25th - International City Theatre, Long Beach
Play: Into the Breaches by George Brant. A heartwarming
comedy which takes place in 1942 when the men of the
town have gone off to war.

*We are planning on lunch before the 2:00 matinee.
It will be a fun day! Please confirm by early May.
More information to follow

Items For Sale

FOR SALE:

Two new, still in the wrapper,
Lucas 475/500-19 Olympic tires \$200.
(Cost \$119 each+tax.)

Dennis Simpson 1-310-343-8227



For Sale:

'31 Running boards, new, unused in the box, complete w/ mat &
trim, some light surface rust underneath. \$100 for the set.

'30/31 original Fordor ten leaf rear spring. \$100.

Front ten leaf spring. \$100.

Front spring from "Jakes", reversed eyelets for one inch drop.
\$100.

Four original "A" rear axles, good keyways, very useable.
\$50 each or a pair for \$75.

Two original driveshafts, very good. \$50. each.

Leonard. Call 9AM-7PM. 1-562-425-8747.
Leave a message if no answer.

'31 Victoria For Sale

I have the Vicky running great except for the
slow speed shimmy typically at braking which makes it
not very fun to drive. I'm not able to fix this issue but
I'm sure someone with more knowledge could. I'm ready
to sell the car as I don't have the time probably for
awhile to have a project. Please let me know if you can
help me with putting the word out.

The good

Engine starts right up.
Accelerates to 50 no problem.
Newer generator
Newer white wall tires and tubes (less than 500 miles
on them)
Rebuilt steering box
New battery
Lights all work

The improve-able

Speedometer doesn't work
Paint is 3/10 in many spots
Interior 7/10
Low speed shimmy at braking. Should be fixed immedi-
ately.

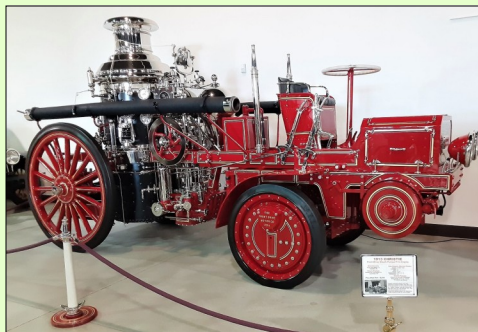
Make offer.

Patrick Miglazzo 1-310-413-0993
Pacific Palisades CA

2023 Harbor Annual Banquet
Blue Water Grill
Redondo Beach, CA



Harbor's Tour of the Nethercutt Car Museum



Our Nethercutt Adventure

On February 11, 2023 members of Harbor Area Model A headed to Sylmar to the Nethercutt Museum. We sure saw some beautiful cars. I guess our Model A's are the zirconias and the cars on display at the museum are the diamonds (cars you do see at Pebble Beach)--Impressive but I think we have more fun with our A's. In addition to beautiful cars we saw incredible music machines (music boxes, pipe organ, etc.)

Of course, we included a dining experience having lunch at Presidente Bar and Grill. What a great spot, close to the museum and good food.

What a fun day thanks to Dennis for providing our driving directions, Jim for the restaurant suggestion and our members for their attendance and enthusiasm!

Pat Harrison



MARCH 2023
HARBOR A HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> AI's Garage 9:30-12
5	6 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	7	8	9	10	11 <u>BOARD MEETING</u> AI's Garage 9:30 am <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> AI's Garage 9:30-12
12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 	13 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	14	15 <u>ACTIVITY COMMITTEE</u> 11:30 	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> AI's Garage 9:30-12
19 <u>ORANGE CO. PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u> Hart Park, Orange, CA 	20 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	21	22	23	24	25 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> AI's Garage 9:30-12
26	27 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	28	29	30	31 <u>CLUB MEETING</u> Walteria Club House 7 pm 	

*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.



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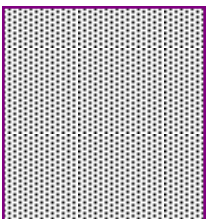
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