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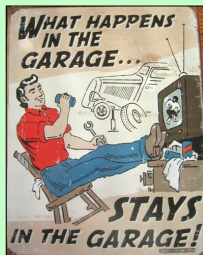
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Harbor Club touring Rancho Los Cerritos in Long Beach CA

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, April 28th, 7PM
Walteria Clubhouse

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting
will be
Saturday, April 8th,
2023
At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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*A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez*



Safety Checks on 1 April, no it isn't an April Fool's joke, but still a lot of fun. It is a good time to get a look at your car and if anything is identified as needing work you can schedule a visit to Al's Garage. Our cars are very reliable when properly maintained. Of course, there is the on-going deterioration when things sit for extended periods. It isn't just the battery that needs attention.

Thinking way back to before the Pandemic, several club members participated in a "starting party" for a 29 pickup. It had been sitting long enough that the tires had dry rotted off. Going through it including dropping the oil pan to scrap out the slug was a bit of work, but getting it started was a noteworthy success. The Pandemic forced a delay in wrapping up the final items which are now done. Hooray! The owner was so excited during the final shake out drive she did a great NASCAR simulation around the parking lot complete with squealing tires. Maybe she was practicing for a 6th street bridge Model A takeover? LoL!

Just another example of how club members are available to help with keeping our great Model As running so we can have fun driving them around.

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

Rob

February Nethercutt Museum Tour



Tim and Pat Harrison



Jack and Joan Gordinier

April Birthdays

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

April Anniversaries



Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff

Looking Forward

This winter has not been very friendly for us Model A drivers to get our cars out on the road. Here in So Cal, we have had one storm after another with record rains and record snow fall in the local mountains. We finally welcomed Spring last week so things should improve. Our ladies activities committee (Henry's Helpers) have been working overtime and have arranged some fun adventures in the near future. Thanks, Gals! (Hope the weather cooperates). I am glad the Orange County Club has started up the Pancake breakfast event again this year. Sure enjoy seeing all the As from all over So Cal. We get 250–300 cars there!

Looking forward to our annual Safety Check at the Gordinier's on April 1st. An important event with Cliff LeFall directing the inspections. The wives help make it a fun social event, too with a great feed afterwards. Don't miss it!

On a different note. . . As an editor, I am always looking for articles or Model A experiences to put in the newsletter. Technical, travel, family, funny Model A times. All welcome. Send them to me. Pictures too...

Drive those As. Be safe out there.

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

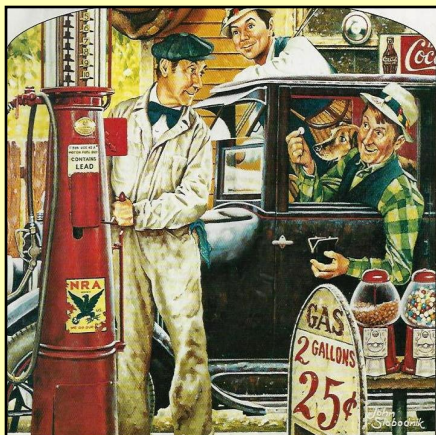
Ruxella and Jim have a selection of new **Club merchandise**. We have hats, shirts, patches, t-shirts and we still have 60th anniversary items for sale at a discount. More to come. The updated **2023 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available from Ursi free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail. Contact **Ursi Schmidt** at 310-561-4895. 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*.

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.

Two Helpful Tools

by Tom Endy 2022

A Model A runs better when the battery polarity to the coil is correct. Back in the old days the polarity was detected with a lead pencil. It was great sport for high school auto shop teachers to demonstrate to the class how it was done, then hand the pencil to the class clown and have him try it. Today there is a device available that will tell the polarity a lot easier and with little chance of an electric shock. It plugs into the top of the distributor, start the engine and one of two LEDs will be lit indicating correct or incorrect polarity. If the polarity is incorrect it is a simple matter of swapping the two coil primary wires around. Bratton's sells the device, part number 17140, \$27.95. I purchased one a number of years ago and at a club function we checked about 20 Model A's and found about half had the polarity reversed and the owners were not even aware of it.

The other handy device indicates the health of the ignition system. What is desired is a strong healthy spark. This device plugs into the top of the distributor the same as the other device. Start the engine and move the slider inside the engine down and observe the spark leaping across the gap. You should be able to move the slider all the way down to the bottom with the engine continuing to run and with a long spark. Bratton's sells the device, part number 17150, \$19.95. If you think you are not getting spark to the top of the distributor an easy test is to move the slider down about 1/16 of an inch and hit the starter with the ignition turned on and if you are getting spark you will be able to see it jumping the gap.






A wooden stick is supplied with the device to move the slider. Don't try to do it with anything metal.

These are both good tools to have in your traveling tool bag under the seat. A trouble light and a by-pass cable are also good things to have along.



April's Events

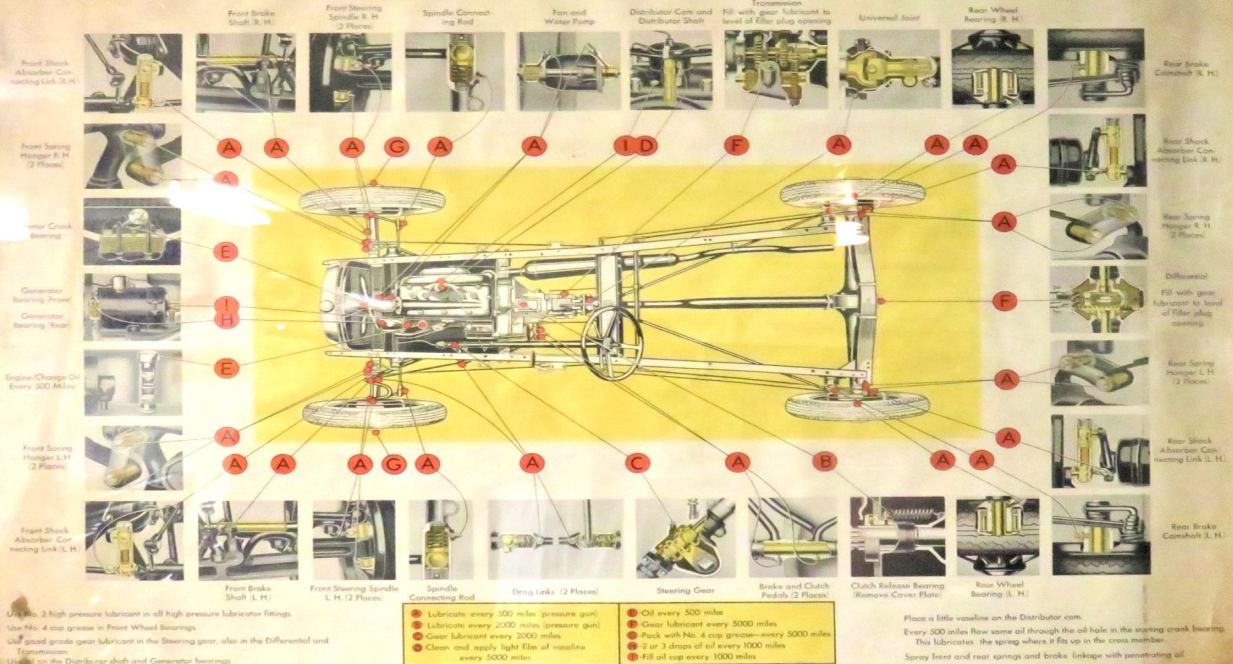
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HARBOR A HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						SAFETY CHECK/ BUSINESS MEETING Gordinier's 10 a.m. A-1 Side Dish/Salad M-Z Main Dish
	DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD			ACTIVITY COMMITTEE 10:30 		BOARD MEETING A1's Garage 9:30 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT A1's Garage
HAPPY EASTER! 	DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD					MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT A1's Garage 9:30-12
	DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD			CCRG Santa Maria "See Ya In Santa Maria" 	CCRG Santa Maria	CCRG Santa Maria
CCRG Santa Maria	DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD					
					CLUB MEETING Walteria Club House 7 pm	
ORANGE CO. PANCAKE BREAKFAST Hart Park, Orange 						

*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younklin for dinner location.

Model "A" Lubrication Chart

6 Separate Lubricants Used



The Annual Safety Check Is Coming!

Our annual Safety Check is coming up on April 1, 2023. The event will once again be hosted by the Gordiniers at their home at 2017 W. 238th St., Torrance. We will start at 10 am. Drive your Model A if you want to have it inspected. To qualify for the Roadrunner Award, your car must have passed the safety check inspection in addition to the 500 mile minimum requirement. You are welcome to participate in this event, even if you don't have your car inspected or if you don't have a car to be inspected.

This year, as in days gone by, we are making this event a potluck. The food assignments are as follows:

Last names beginning with A-L: Side dish or salad

Last names beginning with M-Z: Main dish

Donnis Bates and Joan Gordinier will be providing dessert.

If you have a camp chair, please bring it along. We will have some chairs available, but people bringing their own will really help us out.

If you are planning to attend the Safety Check or if you have questions, please text or call Weeg Thompson at 310-346-6409.

Harbor Area Model A Club Activities Committee



**Six of Harbor's Model As made the tour to Long Beach
To visit the Rancho Los Cerritos California historical site.**

Harbor's Future events



Saturday, April 1st – Annual Safety Check /Potluck
 Jack & Joan Gordinier's home
 2017 W. 238th Street, Torrance
 10:00AM
 Potluck – Last Names
 A-L: Side dish or salad
 M-Z: Main Dish

April 20th – 22nd – CCRG Jamboree
 Santa Maria A's
 Be sure to sign up early
 Sign Up sheets available for Harbor Area
 Participation

Thursday, May 4th – May is Model A Youth (MAY) Month
 So Cal ROC – Harbor A's will bring our cars and a sampling of our tools to the school and give a short presentation about the history of the Model A and share some fun stories.
 More information to follow. Please contact Pat Harrison if you would like to participate.

Sunday, May 21st – Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival – Fullerton
 Fun Event – More information to follow.
 Please contact Jim Huizdos or anyone of us on the Activities Committee with any questions. Sign-up sheets will be circulated.

Sunday, June 25th – International City Theatre, Long Beach
 We are planning on lunch before the 2:00 matinee.
 Play: Into the Breeches by George Brant. A heartwarming comedy which takes place in 1942 when the men of the town have gone off to war.
 It will be a fun day! Please confirm by early May with Weeg Thompson.
 More information to follow

We have many more fun activities coming up. Please watch for next month's upcoming events!

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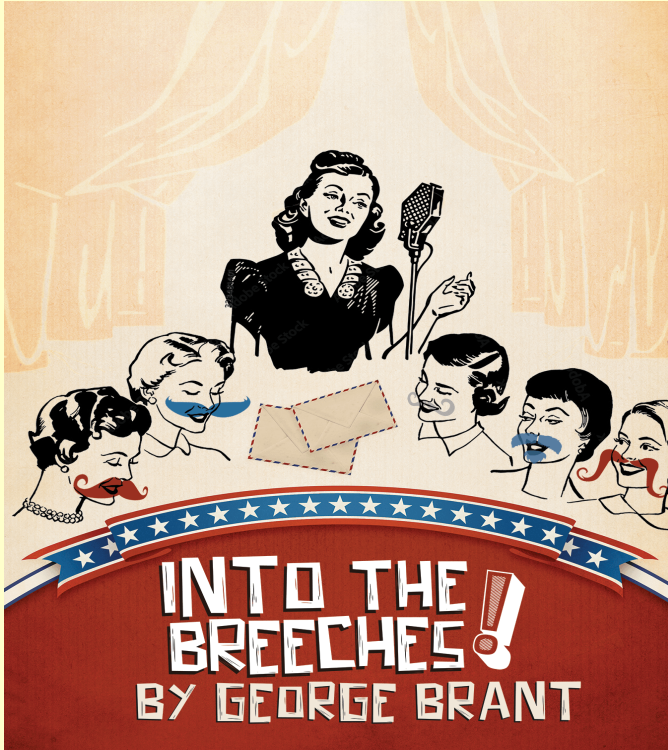


**I FINALLY FOUND A BOLT I CAN USE!
 TOO BAD I NEED 3 OF THEM**

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Odds and Ends

Come join us on June 25, 2023 for lunch followed by *Into the Breeches* at the Beverly O'Neill Theatre in Long Beach. If we have a group of at least 10, tickets are \$42 each (\$10 savings per ticket). If the group gets up to 25, tickets are \$37 each (\$15



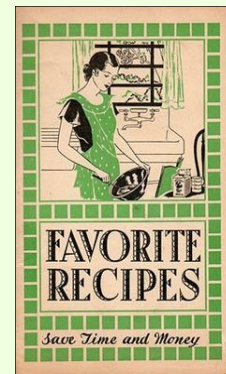
savings per ticket). We will be having lunch in Long Beach before the 2 p.m. matinee.

If you are interested in participating in this event, please

Thick Sloppy Joes

- 3 pounds ground chuck
- 1½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 3 teaspoon salt
- ¾ chili powder
- 1½ tablespoon brown sugar
- 2¼ cut catsup
- ½ teaspoon ginger
- 3 tablespoon dry mustard
- 3 cans tomato puree
- ½ Tabasco sauce
- 1½ cup ground carrots and celery
- 3 onions, chopped
- 1 large potato

Brown chuck and onion. Pour off fat. Add all other ingredients and sauté on low heat (stirring occasionally 1 hour. Serve on toasted round buns. Serves 8.
Monty & Donnis Bates, Torrance, CA



Beer Bread

- 3 cups self-rising flour (do not use all purpose flour)
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 (12 ounce) bottle of beer
- 1/3 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Shift together flour and sugar. Add beer 1/3 of bottle at a time, mixing into flour with a wooden spoon (important to use wooden spoon). When dough is well mixed, put in loaf pan. Pour 1/3 cup melted butter over dough. Bake for 50-55 minutes. Completely cool before removing loaf from pan. The loaf will stick a little to the pan.

Daffy Wagner, Redondo Beach, CA

Bran Muffins

- 1 box 15 oz. raisin bran
- 1 C. Crisco oil
- 3 C. sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 8 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 qt. Buttermilk
- 5 C. flour
- 5 tsp. soda
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 C. ea. nuts, raisins, dates

Mix dry ingredients, beat eggs, oil and buttermilk. Add everything together. Fill muffin pans ¾ full, Bake 20 minutes at 370 degrees. Keeps 6 weeks in refrigerator, bake as needed. Serves 2 dozen.

Jan Wyckoff, El Segundo

Our Rancho Los Cerritos Tour



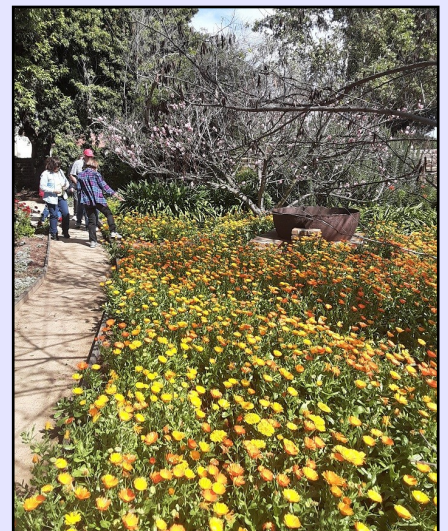
Hi Laura -

I have completed the survey and passed it on to other participants. We had a wonderful time on our visit. The adobe and grounds have so much history! It was great that you were able to split us into two groups as that made the visit more manageable as we can sometimes be like herding cats. Our guides were fabulous, so knowledgeable and patient. I really appreciate your efforts in putting this together at your end. I think I can safely say a good time was had by all!

Just a thought...I found it was interesting that so much of the adobe's history takes place in the 1930s. Our cars were built between 1928 and 1931. If you are ever doing an event that might be enhanced by period vehicles, I wouldn't be surprised if some of our club members would be willing to help out.

Thanks so much for the great day!

Eloise (Weeg) Thompson



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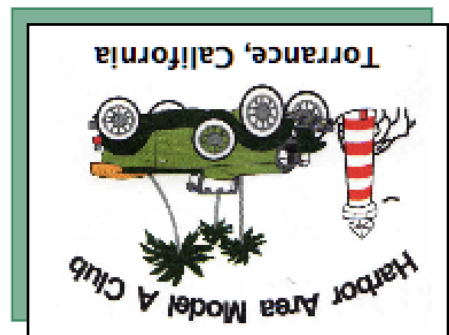
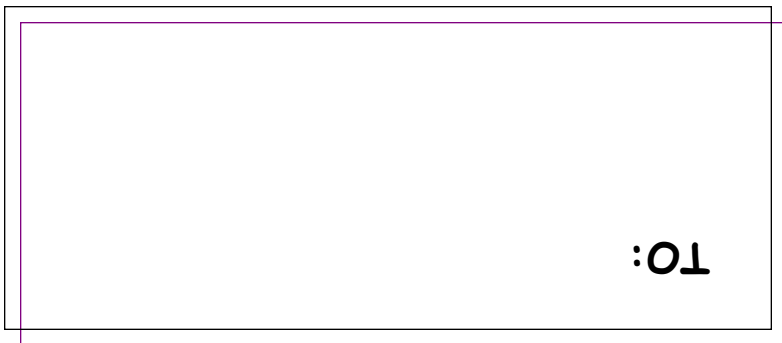
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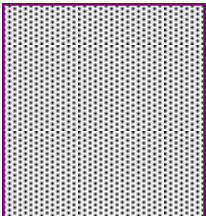
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