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Half of the Model As that were inspected at the Safety Inspection/Pot Luck meeting on April 1st.

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, May 20th, 7PM
Walteria Clubhouse

***Note:** This is one week earlier due to Memorial Day weekend.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be
Saturday, May 6th,
2023
At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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*A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez*



Model A Youth (MAY) month is here and it will be fun to share with the automotive classes at SoCal ROC in Torrance. We know how great our cars are but most are amazed that we can still drive them as much as we do. The Model A represented cutting edge technology when it came off of the assembly line. No, I am not referring to the manufacturing processes which made the cars affordable to the average person. The technology in the cars was top of the line at the time. First, it had twice the horse power as the Model T. Yes, it had 40 horses straight from the factory! How did folks control such awesome power with the gravel or wagon trail roads of the day? For safety it had a triplex safety glass windshield (no more showers of glass shards when a rock hit the windshield) and brakes on all four wheels (mechanical for reliability). Smooth delivery of power was through the three-speed transmission. For comfort, it had hydraulic shock absorbers. Many cars either had friction shocks or no shocks at all. The Nethercutt Museum has a few high-end cars of the era with friction shocks, while our every day Ford Model As had hydraulic shocks.

A few of us were up at Santa Maria for the CCRG. Great fun and the drive back along the coast was more amazing than usual. Several car, truck, and motorcycle clubs were out and about. Too many waves, thumbs up, and smiles to count as we cruised along in the Coupe. A stop at the old Santa Barbara courthouse was a nice break to stretch the legs and check it out. The new construction including the tower was done in 1928-1929. If Dr. Who took us back to watch the construction taking place, I am sure we would see Model As and AAs driven by the construction crews.

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

Safety Meeting/Pot Luck/Club meeting

DATE: April 1, 2023 **LOCATION:** The Gordinier's
PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez called the meeting at 12:15 PM.

Rob thanked everyone for attending and bringing Model A's to the safety check. The potluck was delicious and thanks to the Gordinier's for hosting.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- Presented Donniss Bates with a plaque for Activities Committee. She was not able to attend the banquet in January.

Monty and Donniss received their 20 year pins and awards for participation.

Dennis and Linda sold tickets for 50-50 raffle. Steve and Weeg were the big winners.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- Thanked everyone for helping with the safety check. Theresa LeFall presented Joan Gordinier with the Women of the Year for 2022 trophy.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: Donniss Bates -- Reported information that upcoming events will be in the Harbor Light.

Andy Soto had an interesting scrapbook on the Battleship Iowa. He was a volunteer on the USS Iowa.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: April 28th , at 7:30 PM Walteria Clubhouse

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 12:31 PM all were in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Gloria Younkin, Secretary.



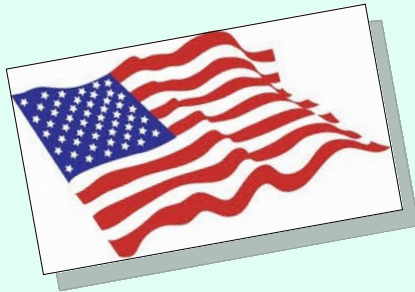
May Anniversaries

- 4 Wayne & Tomo Sterling
- 5 Dr. Stan Klein & Joan Wright MD
- 20 Leonard & Darlene Funk



May Birthdays

- 4 Leonard Funk
- 10 Jim Speights
- 15 Peggy Wishon
- 19 Steve Friedrich
- 19 Pat Tucker



Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff

A Fun Month!



It is always a fun time of the year when we have all the outdoor events without the fear of rain or stormy weather. This year was very wet and stormy, but it is over and lots of events are happening. Looking back, we toured the Los Cerritos Museum, enjoyed the Safety/Pot luck event and did a weekend tour to Santa Maria for the CCRG, Next weekend is the Orange County Pancake Breakfast with Model As from all over So Cal attending. In the past, we have had upwards of 250 Model As. (I bet we top that this year!) Our Activities Committee has another half dozen events planned before July!

In preparation, I have been doing routine maintenance on the Cabriolet. Lubed everything, checked the ignition, adjusted the brakes, checked the front end alignment, adjusted the clutch, etc. "Tootsie" is sounding good. Even took her to church and gave some friends rides. The nice weather also took me to nearby Marina del Rey harbor. What a great way to meet people. Even was asked if I bought it new! (Always good for a laugh).

Let's remember our Veterans for their service on Memorial Day, Monday May 29th.



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*.

Let's welcome our newest members. .

Dr. Stanley Klein and his wife Joan Wright, MD

2715 Via la Selva, Palos Verdes Est., CA 90274

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Email: SKlein@UCLA.edu

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(Cost \$119 each+tax.)

Dennis Simpson 1-310-343-8227



For Sale:

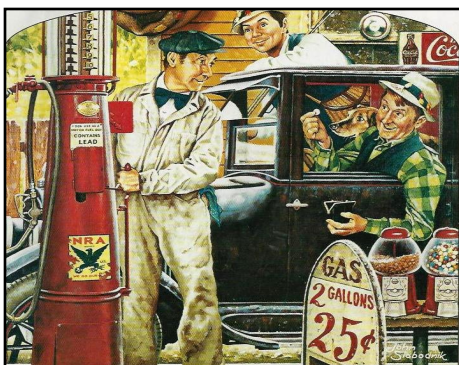
'30/31 original Fordor ten leaf rear spring. \$100.

Front ten leaf spring. \$100.

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

Two original drive shafts, very good. \$50. each.

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



TECH ARTICLE

Walt's Old Time Tech Tip

Original article was found at abarnyard.com, and was written by Marco Tahtaras

Technical Tip - Model A Overheating

Model A overheating seems to be an increasing problem in recent years. Although the intent of this page is to emphasize something that has nearly faded into obscurity, more common issues will be touched on briefly.

Let me start with the common issues in order of frequency and significance

1. Radiator - There are multiple problems encountered in this area. Seventy years of corrosion buildup in the engine block will rarely be cleaned adequately during an engine rebuild. Particles continually dislodge within the water jackets and work their way to the top of the radiator and block tubes. Back flushing the system will remove most of the recent deposits.

Loose radiator cooling fins dramatically reduce the effectiveness of the radiator. The fins were originally attached to the tubes with solder. Anywhere the fins are loose on the tubes, the heat cannot dissipate from the tube to the cooling fins.

Don't be fooled by flow testing! Flow testing your radiator as suggested in several publications will only confirm EXTREME problems. You can block more than 1/3 of the cooling tubes on an original radiator and pass the flow test. The reason for this is the lower water outlet of the radiator is the restrictor. It is designed to limit the speed the water travels through the tubes. More time in the tubes equals cooler water.

2. Ignition timing - There are generally two problems in this area. First, modern timing gears lack the deep impression required to easily locate top dead center (TDC) of piston #1 with the timing pin. This can easily be corrected with a 1/4" drill or countersink bit prior to installation. I've heard a few creative methods for doing it later and containing the timing gear chips created during the process, but can only recommend removal of the front timing cover to be sure the correct location is drilled and the chips contained.

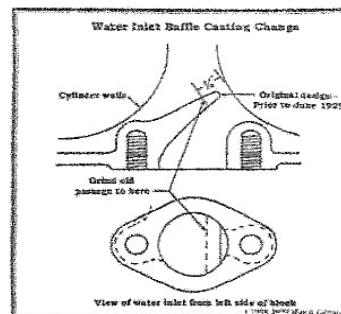
Second, as simple as it is to properly set the timing on the 'A', I find that very few people set it correctly. Most of those with years of experience are fortunate to get within a few degrees, but this is usually adequate to avoid overheating.

3. Fuel mixture - Running with the fuel adjustment too lean will also contribute to overheating.

Year/Model	Tubes	Fins
1928-29 models	94 round tubes in four rows*	Six fins per inch (all)
early 1930 "AA" truck	132 oval tubes in four rows	
1930-31 models	102 oval tubes in three rows	
late 1930-31 "AA" truck	136 oval tubes in four rows	
*Most common of three types		

NOTE: Retarded timing and lean mixture will only CONTRIBUTE to overheating. When these conditions are present the car will provide sluggish performance.

4. O.K., now for the obscure! As shown in the drawing at the top of the page, there is a baffle cast into the block to direct much of the water to the rear of the engine before being drawn forward by the water pump. It originally had a small passage to allow a small portion of the cooled water to flow directly towards the front to cool cylinders 1 & 2. In early-mid 1929 the size of this passage was nearly doubled in size to 5/8" wide to improve overall cooling. Following this change, service letters were sent by the various branches to their dealers. This included instructions to grind the baffle to the new dimension when complaints of overheating were received and all the usual checks were made. I've done this with a small pneumatic grinder and rotary file. It provided some gain in overall cooling.










Water inlet baffle changed mid-1929

Contributed by Tech Editor, Jim Broadhead

Thanks to the editors of the Rumbleseat Review
to reprint the above article.

The latest happenings from the
Activities Committee
May 2023

MAY 2023
HARBOR A HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 ACTIVITY COMMITTEE 10-30am 	4  MODEL A YOUTH ACTIVITY @ SCROC--2:00pm	5	6 BOARD MEETING A's Garage 9:30 am  MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT A's Garage 9:30-12
7	8 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD	9	10	11	12	13 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT A's Garage 9:30-12
14 	15 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD	16	17	18	19  MEETING NOTICE! CLUB MEETING Walteria Club House 7 pm	20 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT A's Garage 9:30-12 
21 MUCKENTHALER CAR FESTIVAL (more info to follow) 	22 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD	23	24	25	26	27 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT A's Garage 9:30-12
28	29 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD	30	31			

*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.



Thursday, May 4th – May is Model A Youth Month
Southern California Regional Occupational Center (SCROC)
Coordinator: Pat Harrison
Location: 2300 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, 90501 (Crenshaw & Sepulveda)
Time: 2:00pm (1 hour – 1.5 hours)
– 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.

Sunday, May 21st – Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival
Coordinator: Jim Huizdos
Fun Event – We are waiting for confirmation regarding arrival time. The event opens to the public at 8:00am; we will arrive early to coordinate our part of the festivities. Please sign-up on the circulated sheets or contact Jim. We will be sending an email out to those who have signed up with the meeting place and time once it has been determined.

Saturday, June 17th – Lyon Air Museum Planes, Cars, Motorcycles
Coordinator: Weeg Thompson
19300 Ike Jones Road, Santa Ana 92707
Time: 10:00am
\$11.00 Seniors 60+
Lunch following the tour – Location TBD

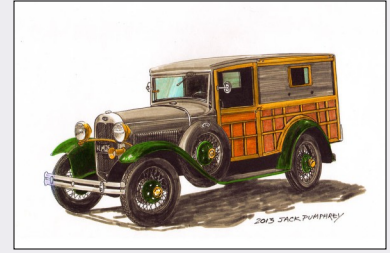
Sunday, June 25th – International City Theatre, Long Beach
We are planning on lunch before the 2:00pm matinee. Location TBD
Play: Into the Breaches by George Brant. A heartwarming comedy which takes place in 1942 when the men of the town have gone off to war. It will be a fun day! Please confirm by early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

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



HOW IS MILEAGE CALCULATED ?

The Activities Committee has received questions regarding, how we calculate mileage for our yearly driving awards. With a little research, we found the following guidelines.



NOTE: Members must have completed the Safety Check to be eligible for driving awards. Safety Check may be completed at the annual Safety Check event or scheduled on a Saturday at the garage.

Mileage Allocation Procedures

- *Local event where we meet at a location to begin the tour (e.g. Harbor Freight)
- *Mileage for all members is calculated from the meeting location, even if you start from another location.
- *Mileage is currently set at 50 miles minimum. If the tour exceeds 50 miles from the meeting point, actual mileage will be awarded
- *Model A drivers and all passengers in a Model A will be awarded full mileage for the tour.
- *Modern drivers and all passengers in a modern will be awarded 50% of the mileage assigned for the tour.
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Events out of the local area (e.g., CCRG)

- *Drive Model A to and from destination - Full mileage calculated from Walteria Clubhouse, will be awarded to driver and all passengers
- *Trailer Model A to and from destination - 75% of the calculated mileage will be awarded to driver and all passengers.
- *Drive Modern to and from destination - 50% of the calculated mileage will be awarded to driver and all passengers.
- *For daily tours at the event, mileage will be awarded as identified in item 1 above and calculated from the host designated meeting location.
- * For all events, if a driver starts the event in a Model A, has a breakdown, returns home and completes the tour in a modern, the driver and all passengers will be awarded 75% of the calculated mileage for the tour.

Dear Model A'ers,

Model A Days are set for Friday and Saturday, September 15-16 this year. As always, it will be held at the Gilmore Museum Complex in Hickory Corners Michigan. It is not too early to book your hotel.

Information for the Host Hotel is available at the following location

Ford Model A Convention Block 2023

Delta Hotels Kalamazoo Conference Center

2747 South 11th Street Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009:

1-269-375-6000

Last Day to Book: Tuesday, August 22, 2023

\$129.00 USD per night (*These rates are available from September 11-18, 2023.*)

MAFFI Model A Days Events and Registration forms are available now on the Gilmore Website or by searching, "Gilmore Car Museum/Ford Model A Days". To participate in some activities this year you must preregistration by September 1, 2023.

Charles M (Mike) DuBreuil

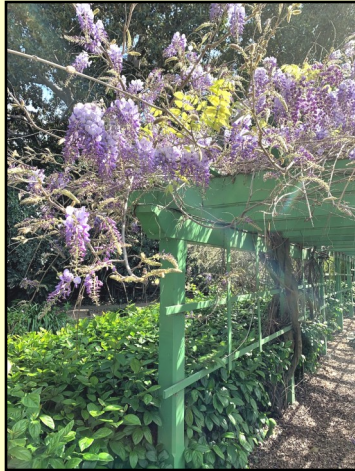
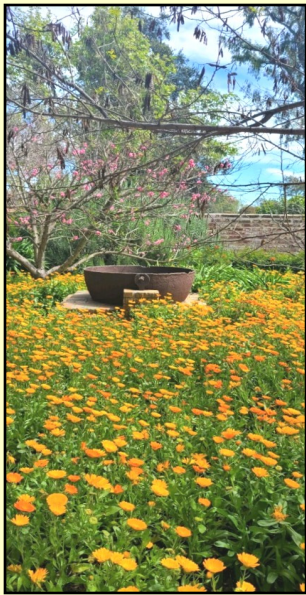
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MAFFI Newsletter
April 2023

Some pictures taken at our recent event at Rancho Los Cerritos in Long Beach CA



Rancho Los Cerritos Tour

*Eden, open your ardent arms to grace
Wisteria's soft lilac petaled blooms
Draped stunningly about Spring's sunny face
In softest shades of lavender like plumes.**

On the beautiful Sunday morning of March 26th, all the more appreciated after the heavy rains we had been having, a group of 15 Harbor As members set out from Harbor Freight headed for George's 50's Diner in Long Beach for breakfast/lunch. Participating in this outing were Monty and Donnis Bates, Jack and Joan Gordinier, Gary Guttormson, Tim and Pat Harrison, Jim Huizdos, Drain Marshall, Ursula Schmidt, Nathan and Jeanette Sherry, Dennis Simpson, Steve and Weeg Thompson, and Gloria Younkin. Following our tasty meal and a picture session outside with our cars, the gang drove up Signal Hill to Sunset View Park and Hilltop Park (across the street from one another). From there we had an incredible view from Huntington Beach, across Long Beach to Catalina and the Palos Verdes Peninsula, on to Santa Monica, the Hollywood Hills and Downtown Los Angeles. Though at least one of the As struggled up the hill, the view was well worth the trip. From here we headed to the main event of the day where we were joined by three more club members, Gary and Emma Gaffney and Dick Wyckoff. We were split into two groups for our guided tour at the Rancho Los Cerritos adobe and gardens, a National Historic Landmark since 1970. The house is considered the largest and most impressive adobe residence in Southern California from the Mexican period. The structure was originally built in 1844. Between the 1880s and 1920, the adobe fell into disrepair. Starting in 1929, extensive renovations were undertaken so much of the residence is from the same period as our Model As. The gardens were amazing, including an enormous Moreton Bay Fig, stunning flowers, and the beautiful but ephemeral wisteria. True to form, given that it had been nearly four hours since we had eaten at George's, a majority of the participants stopped for an ice cream treat at the Long Beach Creamery before the drive home. It was a full day enjoyed by all!

From Winsome Wisteria Sonnet (poetrysoup.com)



"The Gals"



"The Guys"

Attendees of the annual Safety check and Pot Luck meeting



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Lots of food at the Safety Check/Pot Luck event on April 1st

Walt Hibbard's 95th Birthday Celebration

Long time member, Walt Hibbard, celebrated his 95th birthday in style. Pulling out all the stops, a fully catered affair took place at the Hibbard residence in Redondo Beach, CA. 54 of Walt's closest friends and family attended to wonderful affair.
Happy Birthday, Walt!



Walt and Carla Hibbard with daughter Maria Ryan



The Harbor club members enjoying the affair.



Birthday cakes



Anniversary banner



Fun article/poster

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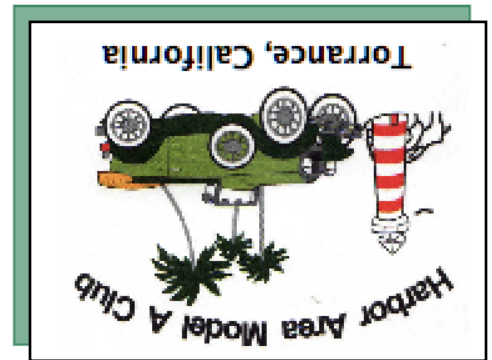
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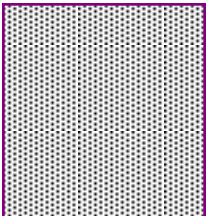
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