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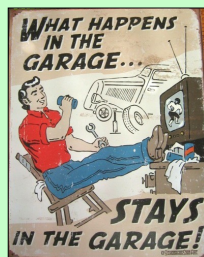


Overall view of cars at the Orange County club's Pancake Breakfast.

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, June 30th, 7PM
Walteria Clubhouse

***Note: (May meeting is Friday, May
19th, a week earlier due to
Memorial Day weekend)**

Next Board Meeting
The next Board meeting
will be
Saturday, June 10th,
2023
At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez



I hope you have been out driving your Model A enjoying the nicer weather and the flowers. It is always a joy to share the hobby with others from a short chat while gassing up, at a show, or other event like the pancake breakfast...yummy pancakes!

Our recent visit to the Southern California Regional Occupation Center (SCROC) was a blast. As is typical with the club, we had wonderful support from club members and huge thanks to Pat for organizing it and keeping the ducks in line. Most importantly, the students and faculty were very interested with good engagement and many questions. No phones were out except to take pictures!

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

Rob

Editor's note: Rob was elected VFW District 4 Commander on Sunday, May 7.

Congratulations, Rob!



HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: April 28, 2023 **LOCATION:** Walteria Park Clubhouse, Torrance, CA

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez called the meeting at 7:30 PM. Rob asked for the approval of minutes from the previous business meeting as appeared in the Harbor Light. Tim Harrison made the motion to approve. Dick Wyckoff seconded the motion and all were in favor. Rob reported he really enjoyed the drive to and from Santa Maria in his Model A. Enjoyed all the CCRG events. If you have any American flags that need to be retired Rob can take them to the VFW.

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

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Drain Marshall, Carla Hibbard, Dick Wyckoff, Monte Bates and Tim Harrison.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- Presented Dick Wyckoff with a certificate of recognition from MARC for the article he provided the MARC magazine on our clubs 65th anniversary. He also received a 2022 Award of Excellence for the Harbor Light from MARC.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported balance of XXXX. Richard Parrish and Tim Harrison turned in money received from recycling bottle and cans.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff --- Send articles and pictures of club events for Harbor Light.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- Safety check was a big success - 13 Model A's checked. Shop will open April 29th. Check Harbor Light for upcoming events.

TOURS: Open position --- Activities committee have been organizing upcoming events. 18 club members attended CCRG in Santa Maria.

April 30th --- Pancake Breakfast by Orange County Model A Club. Jim Runyon gave us updates on the event.

May 4th --- Model A Youth Day at SCROC. Event organized by Pat Harrison.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Let her know if any club members are not well. Pat Tucker is doing okay - selling her antique doll collection.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- 42 memberships currently.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- One tool loaned out presently. Club has 32 different tools to be loaned out.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- Reported he is adding photos, club calendar and Harbor Lights.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- Will get club logos on shirts for members - bring items to Jim.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights --- Sold several pieces of club merchandise tonight.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson -Daffy and Gloria provided refreshments tonight.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: White Elephant sale at Sept 30th business meeting. Garage sale next day Oct 1st. Need members to volunteer their yard.

NEW BUSINESS: Donniss Bates reported a Mileage Allocation Procedure for events will appear in the Harbor Light.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: May 19th 2023 - 7:30PM Walteria Park Clubhouse.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 6th 2023 - 9:30AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:40 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: *Gloria Younkin, Secretary.*



June Birthdays

- 10 Weeg Thompson
- 12 Bea Fruchter
- 13 Joan Gordinier
- 14 Fran Earhart
- 21 Jim Huizdos
- 22 Joanne Covarrubias
- 23 Andy Soto



June Anniversaries

- 4 Richard & Jeanne Parrish
- 5 Diana & Marty Murphy
- 14 Jim & Kathy Valot
- 26 Cliff & Theresa LeFall

Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff

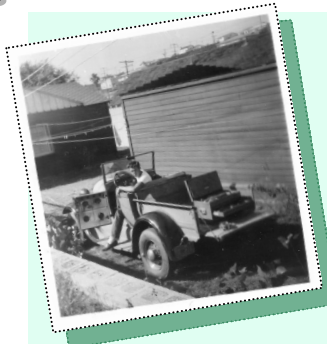
Fun Months!

The activity committee has been amazing these last months. Not only was the Safety/Pot luck event a fun time, but the Santa Maria CCRG activity, the Orange County pancake breakfast and the SCROC educational visit were wonderful events too. GREAT JOB! (See articles enclosed)

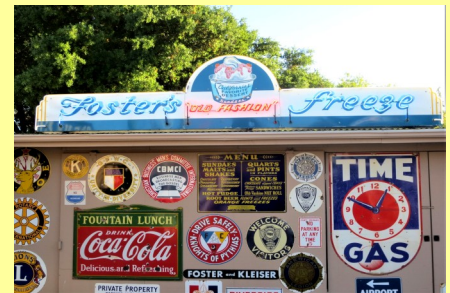
There are more events in the near future, but they might take a little more effort. . . Like Loveland, Colorado!

The real message here is that there are several activities with chances to drive our cars. If you have a problem, the Saturday morning Al's Garage team will help you get your car running again and then let's drive 'em!

Dick



Some Santa Maria pictures. (Article on page 7)



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:

Marty Fox and Jenny Vogal
6918 Crest Rd.
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Member # 1091



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Janet Winter's Harbor Historian's Column

June 2023 issue

I'm very happy to be our Club's newest Historian. The Club has been very kind, helpful, and welcoming to me and to my little 1929 closed cab pickup, so I thought I might step up and help out.

Fifteen years ago.....

May 2008 marked the first newsletter composed by our now-famous editor of the Award-Winning Harbor Light. Dick Wyckoff created it with the 2007 version of MS Word (v 1.4).

Some of the activities are familiar to us: the Pancake breakfast in Orange County, a trip to the Nethercutt museum, Progressive and the CCRG, which was in Fresno that year. There were other things that are not as familiar now.... The now closed Ruby's Restaurant get-together on Fridays, the Redondo Beach Memorial Day parade, and Hot 'N' Tot restaurant for Monday dinners.

Also in 2008, pictures were being requested for the soon-to-be new website! Not a small undertaking, to be sure. And those beginning efforts are valuable even now. In case you were wondering about some of the involvement in the club 15 years ago, here is a little quiz to jog your memory if you were around in 2008. Or even if you weren't, you can see some familiar names and their contributions.

In 2008, who was the **Membership Chair**?

Doris Marshall
Ursula Schmidt
Elaine Pisu

Who was **Tour Director**?

Cliff Heise
Drain Marshall
Monty Bates

Who was **Harbor Light Editor**?

Dick Wyckoff
Steve Preston
Bill Younkin

The **Harbor Light Newsletter** was provided in:

Electronic form (e-mail)
Paper form (via US Mail)
Both

President was:

Drain Marshall
Steve Preston
Monty Bates



Solvang 2010

No peeking! The prize for getting 100% on this questionnaire is....**bragging rights!**

Answers

A. **Ursula Schmidt**. Our very own Ursi has been Membership Chair for more than 15 years! Thanks for all that you do.

B. **Drain Marshall**. Past President and currently one of our senior members, was Tour Director.

C. **Dick Wyckoff**. The May 2008 newsletter was Dick's inaugural edition- and the rest is award-winning history!

D. **Both electronic and paper newsletters** were provided. At that time, a whopping 16 people had signed up to receive the newsletter electronically. The cost to the club for the paper edition was \$1.00, including postage, which at that time was 42¢, compared to 63¢ today.

E. **Steve Preston** was President. Steve's car was a Tudor which was waiting to have a manifold gasket installed at that time. Hope the car is still running!










Noteworthy: I am still new to the Club, so if there are any Club member(s) or any Club historical events that you want to see in the newsletter, just let me know! Thanks again for all of your support.... My '29 truck will be roadworthy soon.



Janet

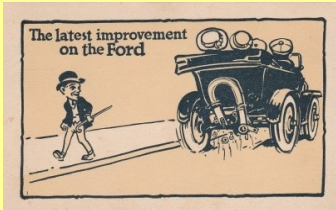
**The latest happenings from the
Activities Committee**

JUNE 2023
HARBOR A HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
4	5 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	6 	7 <u>ACTIVITY COMMITTEE</u> 10:30	8	9	10 <u>BOARD MEETING</u> Al's Garage 9:30 am  <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
11	12 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	13	14 	15	16	17 <u>LYON AIR MUSEUM</u> Tour and Lunch 
18 	19 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD 	20	21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 	22	23	24 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
25 <u>LONG BEACH THEATRE PRODUCTION</u> 'Into the Breeches' and Lunch 	26 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	27	28	29	30 <u>CLUB MEETING</u> Walteria Club House 7:30pm 	

*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

UPCOMING EVENTS



**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 – Plums Café, Costa Mesa

**Sunday, June 25th – International City Theatre,
Long Beach**
We are planning on lunch before the 2:00pm matinee. Location TBD
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! If you would like to join this group contact Weeg Thompson as soon as possible.

**Sunday, July 9th – Relay for Life Car Show
(American Cancer Society)**
Coordinator: Dennis Simpson
Location: Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, 1953 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Redondo Beach 90278
Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm
Registration Fee: \$40 – Car entry by June 10th
We will meet at the Simpson's at 7:00am for a continental breakfast and leave for the event at 7:45am.

**Thursday, July 20th – Rock Around The Block
A 1950's-style family event celebrating Torrance's All-America City Award**
Coordinator: Open (Please contact us if you would like to coordinate and lead this event)
Location: Torrance Historical Society & Museum, 1345 Post Avenue, Torrance 90501
Time: 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Cost: Free
We will meet at the corner of Post and Arlington around 1451 Post Avenue, Torrance 90501 (Jack & Joan's previous home) More information to follow.

**SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, August 27th - Harbor Area Model A's
Annual Picnic**

Santa Maria CCRG JAMBOREE '23

Spring brings lots of good things, including CCRG. This year, the Jamboree was hosted by the Santa Maria A's in, of all places, Santa Maria. Eighteen Harbor A's members joined the fun. A few folks drove up on Wednesday; the majority of people came up on Thursday. Rob Hernandez drove his Model A all the way, with Janet Winter riding shotgun, as did Mickey and Bea Fruchter. Several others trailered their Model A's and the rest drove their moderns. However they got there, everyone seemed to enjoy the three-day event. One highlight of the drive north was the beauty of the green hills with lots of wildflowers, thanks to the plentiful rain this winter.

On Thursday, before the formal CCRG activities began, 11 of our members participated in a craft lesson at Creation Station in Buellton. Miss Dawn, who had previously led us through how to make pinecone ornaments and photo ornaments, taught us how to make cockades (see photos) which we later learned are actually Model A era appropriate. Our highly successful session was followed by dinner at Chomp in Solvang, an old favorite from summer trips to Solvang. That evening, most of us and many attendees from other clubs visited Mendenhall's Museum of Gasoline Pumps and Petroliana in Buellton.

Friday found the bulk of our group up very early to visit Vandenberg Space Force Base. Participants were divided into two groups for purposes of the tour to keep the size of the groups more manageable. One group drove to the museum on the base, while the other group waited on the parade grounds, and then the groups switched places. The director of the museum was incredibly knowledgeable about the history of the missile programs that have had connections to Vandenberg. When the groups reconvened all together on the parade grounds, there was an opportunity for a great picture of all the Model A's that had made the trip. This group had a nice taco lunch at a local park after the tour. The alternate tour on Friday was a visit to the two missions in the area, Mission La Purisima in Lompoc and Mission Santa Inez in Solvang. This tour ended with lunch on their own in Solvang. Friday night, we were treated to a Santa Maria BBQ dinner provided by the CCRG Board. The meal was delicious, with the strawberry shortcake dessert being a special treat for many of us. You may want to ask to see the video of Jack cutting a rug at the dinner! The Harbor A's ended the night with a rousing game of Left-Center-Right won by Bea Fruchter who walked away with \$48!

Saturday all participants got to sleep in just a little before they went on their tours. One group went to see how strawberries (and some vegetables) are processed at Main Street Cooling to prepare them for their journey on trucks headed for points east, from the Midwest to New York. The tour of the cooling plant taught us a lot about how the fruits and vegetables are cooled as quickly as possible after they leave the field to enable the products to be as fresh as possible after the long journey. The folks on this tour also got to visit a strawberry field and tried their hands at picking berries. Some concluded that, no matter what strawberries cost, it's worth it because it is no easy job to pick them. The other group went on a tour that was billed as the "Music Box Tour," but turned out to be so much more. In addition to music boxes, there were juke boxes, vintage pinball machines, early computer games (think PacMan), and much more. Visitors even got cups of quarters to play the various machines. Both groups met back up at the fabulous home of one of the Santa Maria A's club members for box lunches. The setting was amazing, including a large lawn area to park the Model A's, multiple garages with gas pumps and other automobilia (similar to Mendenhall's), and a car collection including not only Model As but also several Shelys. Following this full day, the evening brought all together for the closing banquet. A few of our Harbor A's members won prizes in the opportunity drawing, though many of us had to accept that our tickets reflected our donations to the Santa Maria A's.

Everyone enjoyed this weekend and got home safely with no breakdowns!!! Sorry, Fruchters, the thumb is still yours.



MODEL A YOUTH program

Southern California Regional Occupational Center

May 4, 2023

About a year ago, Weeg Thompson suggested we reach out to the Southern California Regional Occupational Center (SCROC) to see if we could bring our cars and do a presentation for Model A Youth month (a first for our club). Here is what developed as a result of her wonderful suggestion and the efforts of Pat Harrison who was able to make a connection through two of their Board Members.

Several of our club members hopped in their cars on May 4 for the short trip to the SCROC in Torrance in recognition of Model A Youth month where we were greeted by 24 students, the automotive class instructor Alan Lee, and the superintendent of SoCal ROC, Dr. Atlas Helaire.

Our program started with an introduction of who we are; why we were there; information about the Model A Youth Restoration Award and our club, Harbor Area Model A Club with an invitation to come to our meetings

President Rob Hernandez shared a brief history about the Model A. Tool Coordinator Bobby DeCrescenzo talked about Henry Ford, how he got started and some of his inventions. He brought several Model A tools, asked students if they knew their purpose, and then explained how they were used.

We had ten Model As, from the working man's models to the luxury models. Students moved from car to car with our members sharing information about their cars: type and year, when and how they were acquired, what they had done mechanically and cosmetically, an interesting story, etc.

We then reconvened for questions and to raffle off three of our club hats. Each student received a laser engraved wooden business card with the club logo, website address, and QR code that would take students directly to our website designed and created by Steve Thompson (they were a huge hit—everyone wanted one!). Torrance CitiCable was there to film the event. All members should be able to view it on YouTube. <https://youtu.be/RLh9WPX1kqg>

What a wonderful experience for both the students and members. The students were very attentive and interested, and we were even invited to stay and address the evening class. Hopefully, we created an interest in the Model A and will be seeing some of the students at an upcoming meeting.

We concluded our Model A Youth event by attending the May 8 SoCal Roc Board meeting sharing with the Board Members what an enthusiastic response we received from the school and students to our Model As and all we shared about them.



More SCROC visit pictures



Technical Article

ASSIGNMENT OF MODEL A PART NUMBERS BY FORD

By Charlie Stephens

Assignment of part numbers at Ford was not random but instead was approached in a logical manner. Groups of numbers were assigned according to the parts function. An example of this is that the engine components were assigned numbers from 6000 through 6999 (a complete list of these groups of numbers is contained in the table). Continuing the example within the block of numbers, "6050" was assigned to the cylinder head. This number would continue to define the cylinder head as future parts were identified by new prefixes and suffixes. When later V8's required a different cylinder head for each side of the engine the left head continued to be numbered "6050" while the right head was designated "6049".

The prefix to the number represented the application for which the part was first used. All Model A (1928-1931) part numbers began with "A" for passenger vehicles and "AA" for heavy trucks. When the 1932 vehicles were introduced the part numbers began with "B" for the 4 cylinder and parts common with the V8, with "18" for the parts unique to the V8 and with "BB" for the large trucks. Any Model A parts that were used in the 1932 vehicles were renumbered. An example of this is the valve spring retainer. Part number A-6514 was renumbered to B-6514 and shown in the later Ford part books as being used 1928 through 1934. This part (as well as other renumbered parts) was a functional replacement that may or may not be identical to the original part used in the Model A.

Ford was interested in building "drivers" not "show cars". Current catalogs from Model A parts suppliers may show either part number (or their own number). Any part that was unique to the Model A retained the "A" prefix. This concept is important to the Model A owner because it explains why some Model A parts in the suppliers catalogs carry a "B" prefix while others have an "A" prefix.

The model year 1932 was the last time that Ford would completely renumber all of the parts. In 1933 the prefix was "40" for the passenger car, "46" for the commercial and "BB" for the large trucks. Parts that remained the same from 1932 were not renumbered.

If after the original release of the part a change was made such that the part was not functionally interchangeable, a suffix was added to the part number beginning with "A" and extending through the alphabet. If more than one configuration was required within a given prefix and basic part number it would also receive a different suffix.

Ford Groups of Numbers

The following information is from an illustration contained in the Ford Service Bulletin issued for July-August 1931.

A-1000 TO A-1999 Wheel Group
A-2000 TO A-2999 Brake Group
A-3000 TO A-3999 Front Axle and Steering Gear Group
A-4000 TO A-4999 Rear Axle Group
A-5000 TO A-5999 Frame Group
A-6000 TO A-6999 Engine Group
A-7000 TO A-7999 Transmission and Clutch Group
A-8000 TO A-8999 Cooling System Group
A-9000 TO A-9999 Fuel System Group
A-10000 TO A-15999 Electrical Equipment Group
A-16000 TO A-16999 Fender Group
A-17000 TO A-19999 Special Equipment Group (Tools, Speedometer, Windshield Wiper, Mirror, Bumpers, Shock Absorbers)

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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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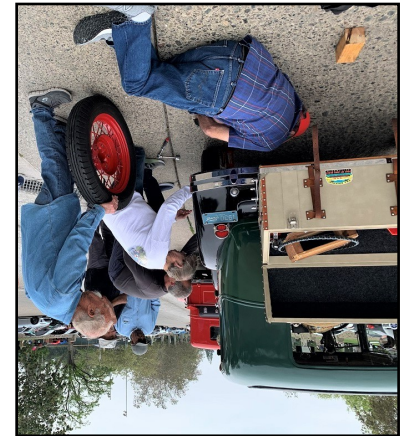
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