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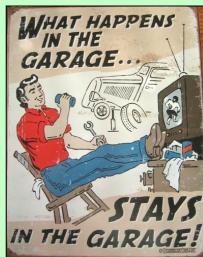
The Simpsons, the Bates' and the Harrisons visiting Santa (Dr Steve Thompson)
at the annual Christmas event at the Torrance Memorial Hospital

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 Meetings:

The January meeting will be the
annual banquet
January 27th
At the
BlueWater grill

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting
will be Saturday,
January 13th
At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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A Note from
2021 -23 Harbor President
Rob Hernandez



Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

My last article as the club President for this round at least. Looking back, it is really amazing the amount of activities and fun things we do. The Garage helps keep our wonderful Model As moving. I remember the starting party for Janet's truck, then Covid struck and the fuel had time to "mature" to a fine varnish clogging things up again. Now it is running great with a new steering box so she can drift with confidence.

The club has so many wonderful members who lend a hand and work to make things happen. This was especially important since I was pulled away for other responsibilities. Thanks to Dennis for picking up the gavel and taking care of business. Last year was my first time attending the CCRG and it was great fun with some good seminars. I look forward to driving out to Clovis for the 2024 version. I hope to see you there.

The holidays are a time for family, friends, reflection, and a time to recharge and maybe look for the next great drive or perhaps through a catalog for some new bits your Model A. So some love and don't forget to prepare your windshield for the rainy season.

See you at the next meeting or on the road.

Rob

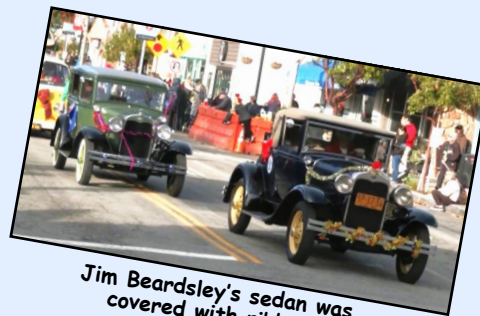


"Toady" graced the radiator of my Cabriolet

Editor's Corner
By Dick Wyckoff



Dick and Debbie in Xmas parade



Jim Beardsley's sedan was covered with ribbons

It's holiday time and our Model As are out in force. There were two parades the same day here in So Cal. The Harbor Club covered both of them. Most of the cars were in Wilmington and a couple were in my town of El Segundo. In both parades, the cars were well received. Folks love those Ahooga horns!

The Harbor Club has participated in the Holiday parades for many years. The crowd loves the old cars.

El Segundo had 71 entrants this year. Everything from the World Champion Little league team, local dignitaries, military reps, scouts, bands, vocal groups, car clubs.... You name it. FUN!

Monty and I enjoyed the El Segundo Old Town Movie Theater presentation of "34th Street". We had 21 members and family view the 1947 B&W classic.

Thanks Activity Committee!



HARBOR AREA MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: November 17th, 2023 LOCATION: Walteria Park Club House

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez --- Absent

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Lead by Jack Gordinier led the flag salute

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS ATTENDING: Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff, Tim Harrison and Monty Bates

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- Recently had his Model A at RUHS Car Show. A young man seemed interested in the older cars. Dennis said it is important as club members to attend car shows and function to display our cars. Dennis has sold enough medallions to pay for the initial cost. When the remaining are sold the money will be profit for the club.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported a bal: 5.98. Recently deposits have been made for the Banquet.

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

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- A nice outing to Mest Garage and the lunch at North Wood Inn, La Mirada. No problems with cars on recent tours.

TOURS: Open position --- Activities committee reported that Feed The Fireman was a huge success. We were lucky enough to take a ride on the fire boat.

Dec 9th --- Miracle on 34th St --- lunch before at Café Marmalade at 12:30PM

Dec 10th --- Christmas parades in El Segundo and Wilmington

Dec 15th --- Cookie exchange at Pisu's at 6:30PM. We will also have a gift exchange if you would like to participate. Bring a wrapped gift costing \$25.

Jan 27th --- Banquet \$73/per person

Feb 16th --- Business meeting. Ursi said her son, who works in the label at Chevron, will give a talk.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Several members are having health issues --- Noraleene Porper, Pat Tucker and Dot Knott. Bill Kealey and Therea LeFall are having procedures. Don Knott is having surgery. Well wishes to all.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- Local Club dues are \$40 for 2024. National dues are \$50 for MARC. Due by Dec 31st. Ursi said her grandson Adam will help at the banquet.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Absent.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- Updated the website.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- Absent.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights --- Absent.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Pisu's and Sherry's furnished the refreshments for tonight.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: Dennis Simpson opened officer nominations for the following officers:

Technical Director: Cliff LeFall

Tour Director: None

Secretary: Gloria Younkin.

Vice President: Tim Harrison

President: Dennis Simpson

After hearing no new nomination Elaine Pisu made a motion to close the nominations, Steve Thompson second the motion and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING/POTLUCK: December 15th 2023 --- 6:30 PM at Pisu's. Cookie and gift exchange.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 2nd 2023 --- 9:30AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM all in favor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Gloria Younkin, Secretary.



[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.



[2024 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 **2024 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available soon 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**.

SANTA COMES TO WALTERIA

A Special Thank You from the Activities Committee

Our Club enjoys the friendship and generosity of many wonderful people.

Recently, Mirco & Elaine Pisu were kind enough to donate a refrigerator to the Walteria clubhouse where we meet. We are grateful for this addition to the clubhouse and send the Pisus a very special

"THANK YOU"!!!



2024 Harbor and National Dues Info

Please send in your dues for 2024. The annual dues for the Torrance Harbor MARC are \$40. The National MARC dues for 2024 are \$50 annually.

Make the check out to "Harbor M.A.R.C." and send it to me:

Ursula Schmidt

26419 Pineknoll Ave.

Harbor City, CA 90710.

If you would like to pay for the Ntl. MARC dues and the Torrance Harbor MARC dues at the same time, make the check out for \$90. I will then forward your \$50 to MARC.

Postage stayed the same; \$10 additional if you are still getting the Harborlight by regular mail.

Thank you for supporting your Torrance Harbor Area MARC . . .

Ursula Schmidt

Membership






Wilmington Holiday Parade

December 10 was a glorious day and our Harbor Area Model A Club had nine cars in the Wilmington Holiday Parade, plus Margarita (Rob's car) was part of the VFW entry. In the staging area, club members decorated their cars with garlands and ornaments, and other seasonal items. The parade route took us along Avalon Blvd for about a mile. There were 75 widely varied entries in the parade, consisting of city officials; Banning High School marching band, drill team and flags; equestrian units, including a stage coach; cultural groups, such as Azteca and Folklorico; vehicles from several different car clubs; and much more.

Following the parade, we stopped briefly to remove some of our decorations before driving a short distance to the Chowder Barge for a tasty lunch because no Harbor event is complete without eating!



January Happenings from the Activities Committee

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY 2024	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY  <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	2	3	4	5	6 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
7	8 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	9	10 <u>ACTIVITY COM MTG</u> 10:30 	11	12	13 <u>BOARD MEETING</u> Al's Garage 9:30 am  <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
14	15 <u>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</u>  <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	16	17	18	19	20 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
21	22 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	23	24	25	26	27 <u>Annual Banquet</u> 11:00 – 4:00 Bluewater Grill 
28	29 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	30	31			

*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

**"MANY YEARS AGO, I MADE A NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTION TO NEVER MAKE NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTIONS. HELL, IT'S BEEN THE ONLY
RESOLUTION I'VE EVER KEPT!"**

—D.S. MIXELL

Technical Tips

Jim's Tech Tips

"Ignition Misfires"

We've all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburetor problem, but don't overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor.

Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So check it and increase the gap back to 0.020" if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak condenser.

Look at the rotor. Make sure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap, and is not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor.

Look at the underside of the distributor cap. Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.

Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for "carbon tracks" on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing. (See photo.) Replace if needed.



Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*
Jim

MODEL "A" RESTORER'S CLUB- HARBOR AREA

LIABILITY RELEASE

User assumes all risk of personal injury and damage to property in use of tools. All tools to remain the property of HARBOR M.A.R.C., and will be returned in 5 (five) consecutive days from the time of check out and in good condition as user (member) will be responsible for damage to tools. A \$20.00 dollar per tool deposit is required and refunded when tools are returned in good condition.

MEMBER _____ DATE _____

AMOUNT RECEIVED, CHECK OR CASH _____

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> RATCHET NUT WRENCH | 17. <input type="checkbox"/> VALVE GUIDE REMOVAL TOOL |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> FRAME SPREADER | 18. <input type="checkbox"/> GAS GAUGE REMOVAL TOOL |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> FRONT SPRING SPREADER | 19. <input type="checkbox"/> CLUTCH DISC ALIGN TOOL |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> REAR SPRING SPREADER | 20. <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRIBUTOR PULLER TOOL |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> SPREADER WRENCH | 21. <input type="checkbox"/> JUDGING STANDARDS BOOK |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINE LIFTING TOOL | 22. <input type="checkbox"/> STATIC WHEEL BALANCER |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> REAR AXLE HOUSING SEAL DRIVER | 23. <input type="checkbox"/> CHAIN FALL HOIST |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> PINION PULLER | 24. <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINE HOIST |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> (2) PINION NUT WRENCHES | 25. <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRIBUTOR BUSHING REAMER |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> SHIFT LEVER SPRING COMPRESSOR | 26. <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHT SWITCH SPIDER INSTALL TOOL |
| 11. <input type="checkbox"/> STEERING WHEEL PULLER | 27. <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINE STUD REMOVAL KIT |
| 12. <input type="checkbox"/> CAM NUT WRENCH | 28. <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRIBUTOR TIMING "Z" WRENCH |
| 13. <input type="checkbox"/> REAR HUB PULLER | 29. <input type="checkbox"/> VOLTAGE TESTER |
| 14. <input type="checkbox"/> KINGPIN REAMER | 30. <input type="checkbox"/> IGNITION SPARK TESTER |
| 15. <input type="checkbox"/> BRAKE SHOE RIVETING TOOL | 31. <input type="checkbox"/> PILOT BEARING PULLER (2 PIECES) |
| 16. <input type="checkbox"/> BRAKE PEDAL ADJ. TOOL | 32. <input type="checkbox"/> DOOR HINGE PULLER |

Note: Two new tools have been added to the club's inventory:

1. Engine block flushing block-off plates (Thanks to Rob Hernandez)
2. Cylinder head removal tool (Thanks to Jim Runyon)

____ TOTAL NUMBER OF TOOLS CHECKED OUT

TOOLS RETURNED DATE: _____ CONDITION: _____

DEPOSIT RETURNED DATE: _____

Harbor's annual 'Cookie Exchange' meeting



Our December meeting location 'The Pisu's Home'



Our hosts Mirco and Elaine Pisu with the cookie exchange gifts



Meeting and greeting



Activity Chair Donnis conducting some business



HARBOR AREA MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: December 15th , 2023 LOCATION: Pisu's Home

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez --- Opened the meeting at 7:41PM.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS ATTENDING: Dick Wyckoff, Tim Harrison and Monty Bates

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- Absent.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported a balance :

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

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- No Report

TOURS: Open position --- Donnis Bates reported that several members participated in the El Segundo and Wilmington parades.

Dec 16th --- Parrish's Christmas Brunch.

Jan 27th --- Banquet \$73/per person

Feb 16th --- Business meeting. Ursi said her son, who works in the lab at Chevron, will give a talk.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Reported former member Charlotte McLay passed recently. Phil Bonneau and Sheila were married December 5th 2023.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- Club Dues are due.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- No Report.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- No Report.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- No Report.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights --- Absent.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Thanked the Pisu's for opening up their home for the cookie and gift exchange.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

January 27th - Banquet, \$73 per person. Give donations for the raffle to Dennis Simpson.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING/POTLUCK: January 27th , 2024 at the banquet

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 13th ,2024 - 9:30AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:55 PM all in favor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Gloria Younkin, Secretary.

Subject: Charlotte McLay

Hi Dr. Steve

Thank you for your help.

My mother, Charlotte McLay, passed away Sunday 11/26/23. She was an early member of the Harbor club and a long time friend of Margaret Gott, one of the club's founders.

There will be a service at.

First Lutheran Church

2900 West Carson Street

Torrance, Ca 90503

Service Date 01/06/24 Saturday

At 11:30 AM

Service and lunch to follow.

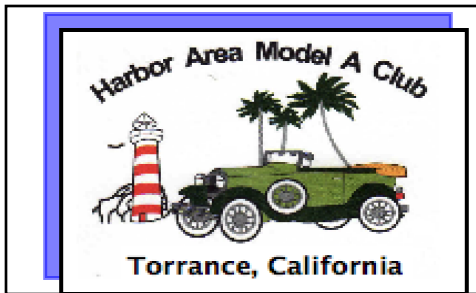
Thank You,

Mike McLay

January Birthdays

- | | |
|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Janet Winter |
| 3 | Darlene Duncan |
| 11 | Jerry Reine |
| 18 | Dr. Stanley Klein |

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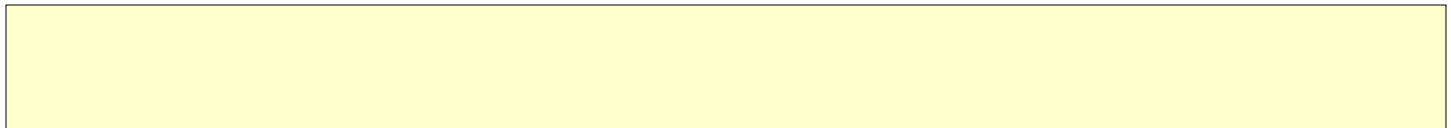
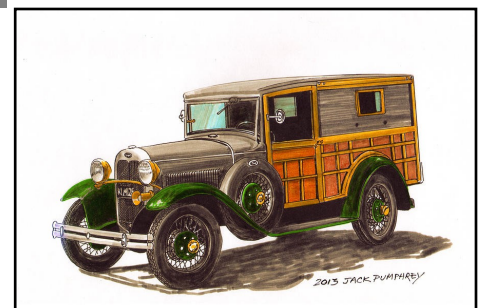
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Waleria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one 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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