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Donnis Bates and Steve Thompson



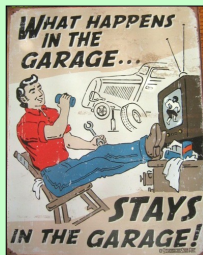
Incoming Club President
Dennis Simpson
And his wife Linda



Incoming Board of Directors

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 February meeting is
A week earlier this month
Friday, February 16th.
The March meeting will be a week earlier
also due to Easter.
It will be Friday, March 22nd

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting
will be Saturday,
February 10th



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A Note from
Harbor President
Dennis Simpson



The Second Gear Grind

With our Annual Banquet behind us, I would like to thank all who helped make it a huge success. I would also like to thank Rob Hernandez for his service as our President the last two years, and the rest of the Board of Directors and Appointed officers for their hard work and dedication. After 6 years being your Vice President, you would think you would be tired of me by now. But No... y'all go and elect me President. Hence, The Second Gear Grind...

Looking forward toward 2024, I am sure we will have lots of new adventures together. Our Activities Committee has many new and exciting plans for us. Any members that have suggestions for events, let us hear them. I will continue to keep members informed with BLAST E-mails for announcements and warnings (SCAMS), so watch your In-box.

Along with my Vice President, Tim Harrison, and our great support group, I see our club continue to grow, participating in local and National Events and attracting new members.

When my son Joseph and I were younger, we use to watch "Rolie Polie Olie, the Defender of Fun" and I will try to follow his motto as your President... "I will do my best... because it is the best I can do".

Dennis



Editor's Corner
By Dick Wyckoff



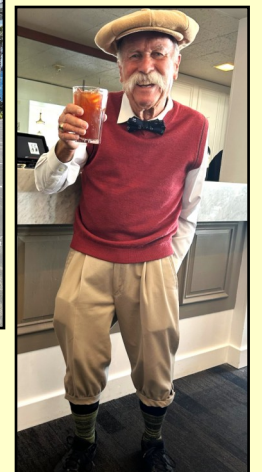
Wow! Did we have a fun time at the annual banquet. We had 63 people there enjoying the company and the great food. Lots of raffle prizes of all kinds

were on display. No one came away empty handed. There were 13 Model As driven to the event and the Blue Water Grill parking staff lined them all up for display and lots of pictures. How fun!

Looks like 2024 is going to be a fun year. We have some very creative and talented members contributing to the programs. Let's drive those A's. Ahooga.



Some 2024 Annual Banquet pictures



Pictures by Steve Thompson

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 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*.

OCMAFC - 61st Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 14, 2024
Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St, Orange, California
7:30am-11am

Large Raffle Selection



Adults \$10 / Children \$5 (Ages 2-10)
Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs,
Juice, Hot Cocoa & Hot Coffee

For more info contact:
Aaron Magdaleno
714-862-5773

Sad News from Minnesota

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 75.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin.

Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with many flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Born and bread in Minnesota, Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes.

Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

If you smiled while reading this, please rise to the occasion and pass it on to someone having a crummy day and kneading a lift.

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



A Little Ford History

Automotive pioneer Henry Ford struck gold with the Ford Model T in 1908, but the road to success wasn't smooth. Ford built his first one-cylinder gas engine in 1893 and created his first car -- which was more or less just a frame mounted on borrowed bicycle wheels -- in June 1896. Inspired by his creation, Ford resigned from his chief engineering position at the Edison Illuminating Company and established the Detroit Automobile Company in August 1899.

The company went bankrupt in 18 months, but Ford tried again in 1901 and launched the Henry Ford Company. However, he soon left the company and instead invested \$28,000 to start the Ford Motor Company on June 16, 1903. Ford proceeded to create vehicle prototypes from 1903 and 1907 before officially launching the Model T in 1908.










The rest, as they say, is history. The automaker sold 15 million Model Ts from 1908 to 1927 before introducing the company's second car, the Model A, in November 1927. The Model T is the genesis of modern auto building, but how did Henry Ford develop the Model T name?

Before the Model T became a production reality, Ford and his engineering team built around 20 prototypes before debuting the car in 1908, naming each design after a letter of the alphabet. By the time the team had reached what would become the Model T, the revolutionary features they had designed worked together to make it durable, reliable, and easy to operate. The Ford Motor Company's internal naming scheme stuck, and Henry Ford agreed to the Model T production name -- naming the car after the 20th letter in the alphabet.

The Model T earned a collection of nicknames since its debut -- from Tin Lizzie to T Model -- but what about its successor, the Model A? If the Model T was supposedly the 20th prototype, why didn't Henry Ford call his second production car the Model U instead?

As it turns out, the Model T's successor was a clean-sheet design, and Ford wanted a fresh start with the Model A. Ford sold three million Model A units by 1930, three years after its debut, and introduced the Model B in 1927 before abandoning the alphabet-based nomenclatures and debuting the Ford Model 18 and Model 40 by 1932. This, of course, would only be the beginning of the many historic and iconic Ford models produced over the following century.

February Happenings from the Activities Committee

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 2024 HARBOR A HAPPENINGS!				1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> 	3 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT Al's Garage 9:30-12
3	5 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD	6	7 ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MTG— 10 A.M. 	8	9	10 BOARD MEETING Al's Garage 9:30 am  MODEL A TECH. SUPPORT Al's Garage 9:30-12
11	12 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD	13 	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>  AND 	15	16 MODEL A CLUB MEETING—Walteria Club House 7:30 pm  Guest Speaker <i>Everything you ever wanted to know about Gasoline</i>	17 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT Al's Garage 9:30-12
18 SOFI STADIUM TOUR 	19 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD 	20	21	22	23	24 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT Al's Garage 9:30-12
25	26 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD	27	28	29		*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 16th, BUSINESS MEETING
Location: Walteria Club House, 3855 W. 242nd Street, Torrance, 90505
Time: 7:30PM

We will be having a guest speaker!

Topic: Everything you ever wanted to know about Gasoline, but were afraid to ask!!!!

There will be an opportunity drawing and a delicious treat to enjoy while you visit

Sunday, February 18th, SOFI STADIUM TOUR
Location: Sofi Stadium, 1000 S. Prairie Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301
Time: 11:00AM

Cost: \$48 per person (includes lunch)

Meeting Time & Location: TBD – more information to follow
See article in Harbor Light for additional information on the

SAVE THE DATES

MARCH

Saturday, March 2nd, SAFETY CHECK
Location: Jack & Joan Gordiniers home, 2017 West 238th Street, Torrance, 90501
Time: 10:00AM
Potluck: A-L Side or Salad, M-Z Main Dish

Friday, March 8th & Saturday March 9th, CCRG
Hosted by: the Fresno/Clovis Sierra A's
Location: Clovis California
More Info contact Tom Dodd tom@ccrg.org

APRIL

- Sunday, April 14th, ORANGE COUNTY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- Wednesday, April 24th, ADAMSON HOUSE & LUNCH

CHECK NEXT MONTH FOR MORE FUN TIMES ON THE ROAD AHEAD!

Technical Tips

Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Check Your Oil Filler Pipe and Cap

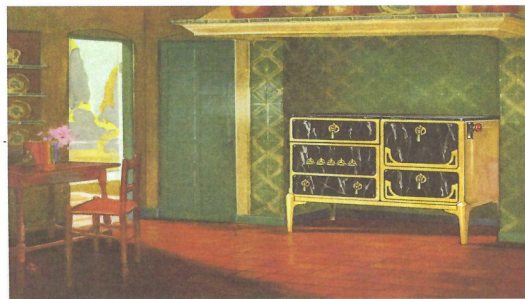


Many Model A owners experience excessive oil leaks when driving their car, often out the rear main seal. One simple thing that can cause this is a restriction in the oil filler pipe. Take the cap off and look down the pipe with a good light. You should only see a series of little metal baffles, half-moon in shape, inside the filler pipe. If you find where someone has covered the pipe with a sock, or stuffed a piece of cloth down in the filler pipe to stop oil from coming out the filler when driving, this will put pressure inside the crankcase and force oil out the rear main seal while you drive. Easy to fix: get that stuff out of there!



While you have it off, also inspect the inside of the oil filler cap. It, too, needs to be clear inside. No pieces of steel wool, pot scrubber, or old sock in the cap! Look for evidence of someone accidentally pushing the oil filler cap on too far. When you do, you bend the little tabs inside the cap and mash it all the way down on the pipe. This blocks the engine's ability to vent the crankcase, builds up pressure, and causes a bad leak out the rear main seal.

I hope this little tip helps you stop that oil leak while driving. Have a Model A Day!
Jim



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LIVING

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Average Income	\$1,973.00 per year
New Car	\$610.00
Average Rent	\$15.00 per month
Tuition to Harvard University	\$400.00 per year
Movie Ticket	25¢ each
Gasoline	10¢ per gallon
United States Postage Stamp	2¢ each

FOOD

Granulated Sugar	65¢ for 10 pounds
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IF IT SAYS:

IT REALLY MEANS:

Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more



February Birthdays

3	Don Knott
5	Ron Ragon
5	Laura Pahls
6	Sheree Wright
9	Gloria Younkin
15	Elaine Pisu
18	Liz Dye
24	Dick Wyckoff
25	Daffy Wagner

February Anniversaries

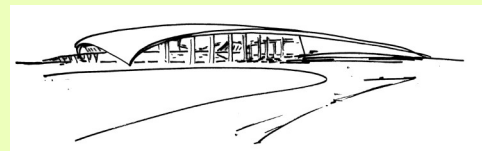
14	Jim & Anita Perreten
20	Mike & Sheree Wright



SOFI STADIUM TOUR

We have an exciting event coming up! This should be a fun experience for us to start our year of 'Out and About In Our Model A's'. What will be included in our trip to Sofi Stadium?

- 60 minute privately guided tour with your own dedicated tour guide that will assist with any folks who may need some additional care with mobility needs.
 - History of Hollywood Park and why SoFi Stadium decided to be established here
 - Engineering and Architecture of the stadium
 - Plant life, water conservation and earthquake safety within the stadium
 - State of the art technology & Samsung Infinity Screen
 - Walk-through of Kinsey Collection & Museum
- Behind-the-scenes VIP access:
 - Walk through of Rams or Chargers Locker Room
 - Access into the Owners Suite
 - Artist Green Rooms
 - Construction preview as we prepare for the FIFA 2026 World Cup
- Lunch
 - Hot dog, bag of chips and drink of choice
 - Vegetarian meals can be provided upon request
 - We get to eat in the Stadium




Date: **Sunday, February 18th** - Tentative (waiting for confirmation)
Location: SoFi Stadium, 1000 S. Prairie Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301
Time: 11:00 Tour (Tentative (waiting for confirmation))
Cost: \$48 per person
Meeting time and location: TBD

What an ideal opportunity and location to drive our Model A's! These 93 - 96 year old cars will be proudly driving down the road once again!

Let us know if you are interested in attending
Donnis Bates
(310) 713-5830 (Text or call)
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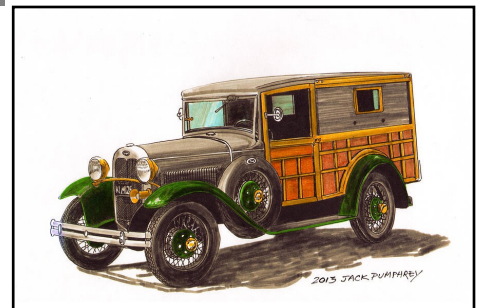
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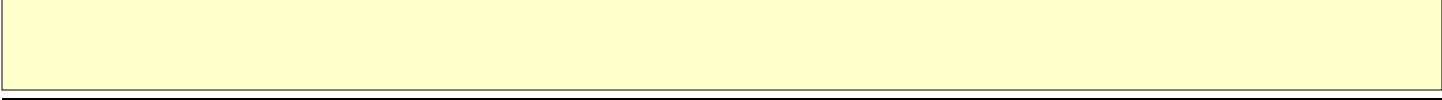

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For MAFA info and membership, see www.MAFCA.com

The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Waleria 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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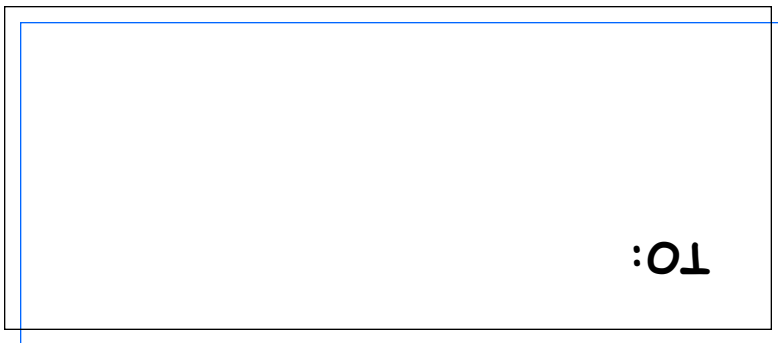
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Model A parking at the installation



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