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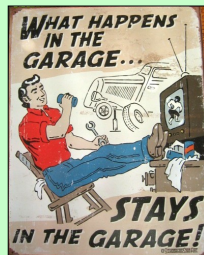
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Montelle Bates III
1948-2024

Technical Activities

Saturday mornings.
We meet from about
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Al's Garage,
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CA
(in the alley)



Next Club Meetings:

The May meeting will be
our regular date
Friday, May 31st @7:30 PM

The June meeting will be
Friday, June 28th

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting
will be Saturday,
June 8th at
Al's garage, 9:30AM



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Harbor President
Dennis Simpson



The Second Gear Grind

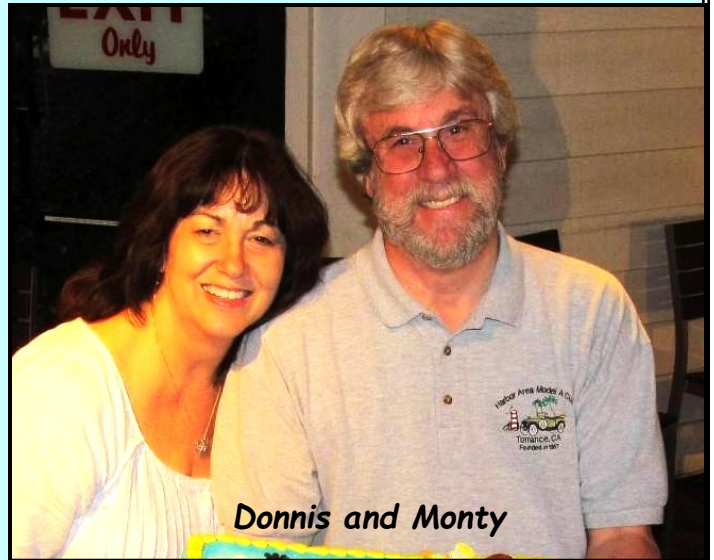
This Memorial Day let us remember all the heroes who have left us fighting for our country! I once read "Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." We must never forget our Veterans and all they have done to ensure our freedom.

I want to acknowledge the recent loss of our very own Veteran, 2 times Harbor Area MARC president, 2 times Harbor Area MARC vice president, dear friend and integral part of our club... Monty Bates. We are thankful for his friendship, sense of humor and immense amount of memories he gave to our club!

General George S. Patton said "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God such men lived."

Thank you to all our Veterans, past and present, who served for our freedoms.

Until next time, remember if you meet a current Serviceman or Veteran, thank them for their service.



Donnis and Monty

Dennis



Editor's Corner
By Dick Wyckoff

My heart goes out to the family of my dear friend Monty Bates.

Thinking back, Monty and I shared many similar events in our lives, kinda like brothers. His father was a Navy vet and so was my grandfather. We both served in the Navy in Vietnam. Monty was a corpsman assigned to the Marines and I was a security guard for a Navy base. We both had careers in the aerospace industry. We both were married over 40 years. We joined the Harbor Club at the same time. He served as President twice, I served once. Our wives were also active in the club.

Our love for Model As was the common glue that bonded our friendship. We were on committees together, our wives travelled to many events together. Monty's sense of humor was always present.

Donnis, we love you and share your sorrow. If you need anything, the Harbor folks are there for you.



HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: April 26, 2024 **LOCATION:** Walteria Park Club House

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30P.M.

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

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Dick Wyckoff and Tim Harrison.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved as emailed.

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson thanked Jim Huizdos for recommending the Train Museum. It was really interesting and enjoyed by all who attended. We then had a great lunch at Richmond Bar and Grill. Dennis reported Relay for Life coordinator Annette Porter's husband Pat Porter passed recently. Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison reported he and Dick Wyckoff went to the Military Exchange facility to purchase items for the monthly raffle.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner reported the current balance. We have outstanding bills to be paid. Received \$18.62 from Tim for recycling.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Send Dick Wyckoff articles and pictures. He really enjoyed the Mystery Tour.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff Le Fall reported shop will be closed on April 27.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Open Position-Pat Harrison reported for the Activities Committee.

May 12—Play-Janet Klein and the Polar Boys.

May 31—White Elephant Sale at Business Meeting

June 1—Little Sisters of the Poor Tour

July 18—Rock Around the Block in Torrance

July 21—Relay for Life, Redondo Beach, register by June 16. Continental breakfast at Simpson's before event.

HISTORIAN: Janet Winter reported she collecting information on the old Wings and Wheels tours.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo reported he loaned a club tool out tonight to Nathan.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt reported she received club dues from Mariano Deogracias.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall reported Pisu's son is improving after his accident. Several members have been having health issues recently and Theresa has been sending cards.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson—Absent.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos—everything okay.

MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos—Club items for sale.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson—Absent. Ursi and Gary and the Soto's provided refreshments tonight.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: Women's drawing for \$10.00 won by Linda Simpson. Linda said for the club to keep the money. Men's drawing winner was Jack Gordinier, he also said for the club to keep the money.

NEW BUSINESS: Dennis has club emblems for sale for \$2.00. Items you bring to the White Elephant Sale, price them with a starting bid.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: May 31, 2024, Walteria Park Club House 7:30 P.M.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 11, 2024, Al's Garage 9:30 A.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:11 P.M.

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](#)

Jim Huizdos has 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*.



WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

CLUB MEETING

Friday, May 31, 2024 at 7:00pm

Don't miss your chance to find or liquidate that "unique, rare treasure".

Please include a minimum price on each of your items.

Short agenda meeting – no opportunity drawing.

And of course there will be refreshments at the end...

Mother's Day with Janet Klein and Her Parlor Boys

On Mother's Day afternoon, Tim and Pat Harrison and their friend David Shipley, Linda and Dennis Simpson, Steve and Weeg Thompson, and Dick Wyckoff and his friend Debbie Allen headed to the Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo. The show that day at the 100 year old theater featured early jazz, Tin Pan Alley and Vaudeville tunes of the 1910's, 20's and 30's provided by Janet Klein and Her Parlor Boys. Janet Klein's wonderful singing was accompanied by the amazingly talented musicians who make up Her Parlor Boys. Who knew there was so much love, sex, fun and wit in the music of this era? Janet Klein knew, and now we do, too. Ms. Klein was kind enough to join us after the show for a "photo shoot" with Dick's Cabriolet and Dennis's Town Sedan in her perfectly appropriate era fashion dress and coiffure.



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June's Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JUNE 2024 HARBOR A HAPPENINGS						1 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12 <u>TIN MAN MASTER CLASS WITH ART WAGNER</u> See below for info.
2	3 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	4 <u>Activity Committee Meeting</u> 11:00am 	5	6 	7	8 <u>BOARD MEETING</u> 9:30 Al's Garage  <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
9	10 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	11	12	13	14 	15 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
16 	17 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	18	19 	20  FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	21	22 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12 <u>MAFCA NAT'L CONVENTION</u> 6/22- 29 Ruidoso, NM
23	24 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	25	26	27	28 <u>MODEL A CLUB MEETING</u> Walteria Club House 7:30 PM 	29
30						*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

Saturday, June 1st, **TIN MAN MASTER CLASS WITH ART WAGNER**
Location: Elaine & Mirco Pisu's home, 5520 Carmelynn Street, Torrance 90503

Time: 10:30am – 2:30pm +/-

Cost: APPROXIMATELY \$10.00 +/-

Please see additional information in an email blast from Dennis Simpson. Signup sheet will be at the meeting Friday night. Or you can call or text Donnis Bates or Weeg Thompson if you plan to attend.

CHECK BACK HERE NEXT MONTH FOR MORE FUN
WE ARE OUT DRIVING OUR A'S!

JULY

Thursday, July 18th, **ROCK AROUND THE BLOCK**

Location: 1345 Post Avenue, Torrance 90501

Event Time: 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Cost: Free (Food available for purchase)

Meeting Location: Post and Arlington

Meeting Time: 3:15 leave at 3:45pm for the event

Sunday, July 21st, **RELAY FOR LIFE**

Location: Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center , 1953 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Redondo Beach 90278

Event Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Registration Fee: \$45 by June 16th, \$50 thereafter

Meeting Location: The Simpson's home, 2402 Burritt Avenue, Redondo Beach

7:00 for a continental breakfast and leave for the event at 7:45.

Model A Maintenance Quiz

Since we are coming into the touring season, many of us will be taking our Model A's out of the garage, here is a little maintenance quiz for you to review.

- How many grease fittings are on a Model A?
 - 10-12
 - 28-31
 - 40-50
 - Exactly 42
 - This was before grease fittings were invented
- What happens when the front wheel bearings run dry?
 - The front wheel falls off
 - Grease squirts out from behind the hubcap
 - They seize up and weld to the spindle
- How should the distributor cam be lubricated?
 - With a light coating of Vaseline
 - Through a normal grease fitting
 - Oil can
- What type of lubricant goes into the steering column grease fitting?
 - 600W, just like the rear differential
 - The same grease as all the other fittings
 - 10W-30 non-detergent motor oil
 - Any of the above
- How often should you change your oil?
 - Every 200 miles
 - Every 500 miles
 - Every 1000 miles
 - Just keep adding
- How soon should you check your breaker points gap after installing new ones?
 - 10 miles
 - 15 miles
 - 100 miles
 - Never
- What is the perfect color of spark plug electrodes after extended use?
 - Pitch black and dry
 - Pitch black with a little oil for lubrication
 - Pitch black with a little gas smell
 - Bright white
 - None of the above
- How do you know when the u-joint has enough grease?
 - Remove the speedometer cap and look for new grease
 - The grease gun will be hard to pump
 - Grease will squirt out around the grease fitting
- Which generator charging amperage range is considered best?
 - 1-2 amps
 - 3-5 amps
 - 6-9 amps
 - 15-20 amps
- What is good front tire toe-in amount?
 - 1/32 inches
 - 1/16 inches
 - 1/8 inches
 - Model A's use toe-out instead
- How many miles between tie-rod greasings?
 - 500 miles
 - 1000 miles
 - 2000 miles
 - 5000 miles
- How much play should the clutch pedal have?
 - None, any play is bad
 - 1 inch
 - 2 inches
 - 4 inches
- What is the best way of preventing grinding gears when shifting?
 - Double-clutching
 - A low idle RPM
 - Pure STP in the transmission
 - All of the above
- How much pressure is recommended for Model A tires with tubes?
 - 50 lbs
 - 75 lbs
 - 35 lbs
 - None of the above
- How do you access the clutch thrust bearing grease fitting?
 - There is no such bearing on the Model A
 - Not accessible on the Model A
 - From under the car, behind the transmission
 - Under the floorboard, through the transmission cover



- ANSWERS:
1. b. 28-31
 2. c. They seize up and weld to the spindle
 3. a. With a light coating of Vaseline
 4. b. 1/16 inches
 5. c. 100 miles
 6. c. 100 miles
 7. c. 100 miles
 8. a. Remove the speedometer cap and look for new grease
 9. c. 6-9 amps
 10. b. 1/16 inches
 11. a. 500 miles
 12. b. 1 inch
 13. b. A low idle RPM
 14. c. 35 lbs
 15. d. Under the floorboard, through the transmission cover

The NCRG That Wasn't by Weeg Thompson

At the beginning of May, eight Harbor Area members made their way north to Clear Lake for what they thought was NCRG (like CCRG but for Northern California). Turns out we were all wrong, but had a fabulous time at the Lake County A's 27th Annual Spring Opener. Jack and Joan Gordinier, Dennis and Linda Simpson, and Steve and Weeg Thompson drove up on Thursday May 2, and Mirco and Elaine Pisu arrived on Friday, May 3. No one drove or trailered a Model A because rain was predicted for most of the day Saturday. Gordiniers and Simpsons had dinner on Thursday at the Saw Shop Public House in Kelseyville where the food was quite good. They discovered that Kelseyville is a quaint "little" town," but everyone closes up shop early with the exception of Kelseyville Pizza, Saw Shop Public House, and the Scoop (where they enjoyed delicious ice cream after dinner, of course!).

On Friday morning, the early arrivers had a delightful breakfast at Renee's Cafe in Lakeport. Jack and Steve finished off breakfast with milkshakes selected from Renee's list of 15 flavors (one peanut butter and one peach). Both got two thumbs up. After a little shopping and driving around Lakeport during which we came across a number of beautiful murals on various buildings (like we've seen before in Lompoc), we stopped at Lakeport's waterfront Xabatin Community Park which was hosting a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People event. The event was held to raise awareness of this problem and of community resources to address this issue and others. A staggering statistic we learned is that over 80% of American Indian and Alaska Native men (81.6%) and women (84.3%) have experienced violence in their lifetime.

The Spring Opener was held at Konocti Harbor Resort and Spa which recently reopened after being closed for about a decade. This was the first event held at the "new" resort. The Opener included a pasta buffet on Friday night, a tour on Saturday with lunch at a local golf course and a drive in the mountains around Clear Lake that provided magnificent views of the lake which is the largest natural lake entirely in California. The Lake County A's adjusted the schedule for the tour so we avoided most of the rain. The Opener was capped off with a banquet on Saturday night with an opportunity drawing that saw six wins at the Harbor Area table. Among the prizes were four bumper seats, two wooden and two upholstered. Steve won three and Elaine won the last one! Elaine also won a waterproof speaker and Joan won a Breakfast Basket. Although the Simpsons were shut out in the opportunity drawing, they "won" the auction that featured a darling Model A pedal car.

It may not have been the NCRG, but we all had a great time, and we hope more members will join us again next year for the Lake County A's Spring Opener!



June Birthdays

June Anniversaries

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

4 Richard & Jeanne Parrish
14 Jim & Kathy Valot
26 Cliff & Theresa LeFall

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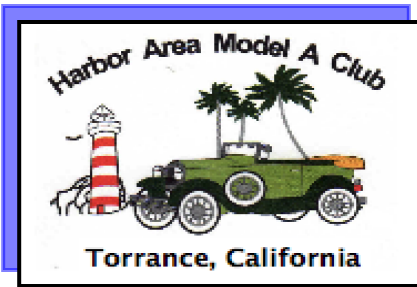
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Subject: Fwd: I was home schooled

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION.
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My father taught me LOGIC.
"Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My father taught me IRONY.
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.
"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.
"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.
"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"
13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.
"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."
14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.
"Stop acting like your father!"
15. My mother taught me about ENVY.
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.
"Just wait until we get home."
17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING.
"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"
18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
19. My mother taught me ESP.
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
20. My father taught me HUMOR.
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
22. My mother taught me GENETICS.
"You're just like your father."
23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS.
"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
24. My mother taught me WISDOM.
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."



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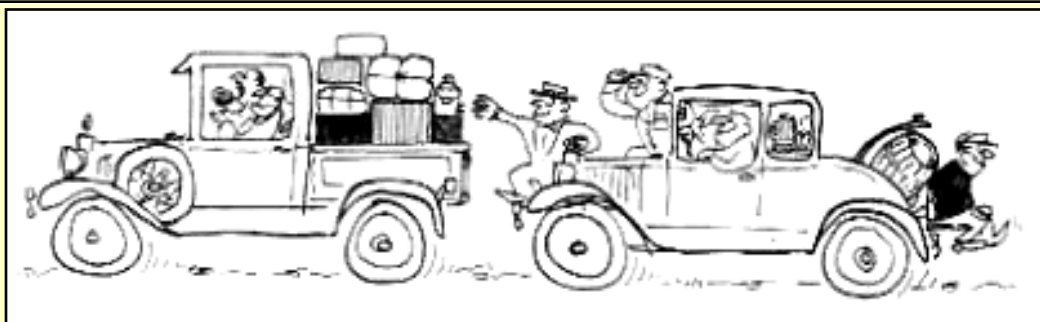
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Waleria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 1242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one 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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