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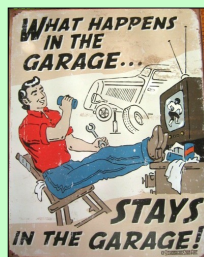
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15 Harbor Club Model A's  
lined-up at the annual  
Harbor Area picnic  
in Lomita, CA.

### 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 August meeting was  
at the annual picnic.  
The September meeting is at the  
Walteria Clubhouse on  
Friday, September 27th, 7:30PM

### Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting  
will be Saturday,  
September 7th at  
Al's garage, 9:30AM



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A Note from  
Harbor President  
Dennis Simpson



### The Second Gear Grind

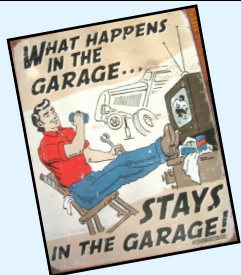
OK, I have been called a lot of things in my life but I guarantee one of them is not "Artist". But this last month I had the opportunity to join other HAMARC members at a Water Color Seminar hosted by Fran Earhart at the Gordinier's home. There were lots of laughs and socializing besides Fran's instructions and the painting. If you were not there, I think you really missed a good one. Thank you again, Fran! We really appreciated your shared knowledge of the Art and stories of your heritage and meeting of Greg.

Members that don't take advantage of these seminars, arranged by our Activities Committee, are missing out on some of the benefits membership in the Harbor Area Model A Club has to offer.

If you are looking for something different to do on a Saturday afternoon, come and join us for one of these "Special Events".

Till next time, remember, your only failures come when you never try.

**Dennis**



**Editor's Corner**  
**By Dick Wyckoff**

Our activity committee has outdone itself again this last month. Lots of fun events involving family, friends and (of course) Model A's. Museums, tours, (food), meetings, art projects, car shows, an anniversary picnic (more food) . . WOW!

The best thing is being with our friends and sharing stories.

Dennis, Dr. Steve and I participated in the El Segundo car show last weekend along with 300+ other fine cars. It is amazing how many people enjoyed our cars and took lots of pictures. I think there was an estimated 10,000 people that attended.



Several of us attend the weekly Friday afternoon car show at the old Ruby's parking lot in Redondo Beach. Again, lots of interesting cars show up. The fun thing is that each car has it's own unique story.

See you at the next event!

**Dick**



### HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: July 26, 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: Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff and Tim Harrison.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Dennis asked for a motion to accept the minutes as appeared in the Harbor Light. Tim made the motion to approve the minutes. Dick W. second the motion. All were in favor.

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson Thanked Linda Simpson for hosting the continental breakfast for club members, before going to the Relay for Life car show. Dennis recognized the August birthdays and anniversaries.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison reported had Andy Soto introduce his friend attending the meeting tonight. Andy introduced Jerry Wright.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner reported a balance of \$8904.02. We have outstanding bills to be paid. Tim is recycling bottles and cans.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff reported the El Segundo car show is August 17. Let Dick know of upcoming events and items for sale.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff Le Fall - Absent. Dennis reported Al's Garage will be closed for the next two Saturday's due to repair on the door.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Open Position-Donnis Bates chairman for the Activities Committee reported.

July 27—Lions Automobilia Museum tour. Meet at Harbor Freight at 9:15AM, leave at 9:30AM.

August 10—Water Colors by Fran Earhart at the Gordinier's at 1:00PM, \$10.00 per person.

August 17—El Segundo Car Show, contact Dick Wyckoff.

August 18—Club Picnic at Lomita Park at 10AM.

Sept. 14—International Model A Ford Day tour to Pointe Vicente. Meet at the Simpson's at 10AM. Bring your picnic lunch

Sept. 22 - Point Fermin Tour

Oct. 19 - Honda Museum Tour

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> - Redondo Union High School Car Show, Trunk or Treat \$20 entry fee

HISTORIAN: Janet Winter hoped everyone enjoyed her article in the Harbor Light

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo was absent

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt thanked Andy for bringing a visitor.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall was absent. Dennis reported that Rob Hernandez's mother passed away.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson—Absent.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos—everything okay.

MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos— New shirts and hats available.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson—Absent. Simpson's & Harrison's provided the refreshments tonight.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: August 18th, 2024, At the picnic.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 10th, 2024, Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:05 P.M., Raffle followed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Gloria Younkin, Secretary

### *August meeting was held at the Club's picnic*

Good morning Harbor Area Model A Club and guests,  
Welcome to our 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic. We have all kinds of activities and fun planned for you. Thank you to those that brought out your Model As today. And thank you once again to Donnis and the Activities Committee for all you do for the Club. I'm not going to bore you with all the Club Business stuff, I am going to reserve that for your Vice President, Tim. . . .

Dennis Simpson, president





### [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*.



The local Manhattan Beach pier (circa 1940?)



## Club's tour to the Lion's Car Museum







On July 27, Club members met to take our Club's private tour of Lion's Automotive Museum. We had 10 Model A's which all putted right along and 3 moderns with a total of 32 members joining in the excursion. Club members attending were divided into two groups each led by a docent. What an amazing collection of vintage/collectible automobiles. One of the best collections of Willys around and, of course, several racers. The murals were beautiful and made you feel as if you were in the location appropriate to each car. As an added bonus (only available to our group), we got to see the behind the scene restoration areas and the vehicles waiting for the restorers' magic touch.

No Harbor Area Model A tour would be without food. As promised, we had a yummy box lunch in the Lion's 50's diner. The perfect ending to a perfect day.

Pat Harrison



## September 2024 Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2024			HARBOR A HAPPENINGS			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <b>LABOR DAY</b>  <b>DINNER 4:30</b> *Location TBD	3	4  <b>ACTIVITY COMM. MTG. 11 am</b>	5	6	7 <b>BOARD MEETING 9:30</b> Al's Garage  <b>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</b> Al's Garage 9:30-12
8	9 <b>DINNER 4:30</b> *Location TBD	10	11	12	13	14  <b>INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY</b> Meet at Simpson's @10
15	16 <b>DINNER 4:30</b> *Location TBD	17	18	19	20	21 <b>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</b> Al's Garage 9:30-12
22  <b>POINT FERMIN LIGHTHOUSE</b> See info below	23 <b>DINNER 4:30</b> *Location TBD	24	25	26	27  <b>MODEL A CLUB MEETING</b> Walteria Club House 7:30 PM Food for Kids bags distributed	28 <b>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</b> Al's Garage 9:30-12
29	30 <b>DINNER 4:30</b> *Location TBD					*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY**  
**Location:** Drive along waterfront in our Model A's  
**Meeting Location:** The Simpson's, 2402 Burritt Ave., Redondo Beach, 90278  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Cost:** None  
**Lunch:** We will be eating picnic style at our destination.  
**Bring:** Your lunch, chairs and/or a blanket (in case you want to nap on the grass).  
**Note:** We will be having a photo opportunity for the International Model A Ford Day newspaper article in the Model A News. Drive your Model A. (Moderns are welcome too)

**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, POINT FERMIN LIGHTHOUSE**  
**Location:** 807 W. Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro, 90731  
**Time:** 12:00 Noon  
**Cost:** None  
**Meeting Time:** 10:45am leave at 11:00am  
**Meeting Location:** Walteria Club House, 3855 W. 242<sup>nd</sup> street, Torrance, 90505  
 This event will include a private tour before the Lighthouse opens to the general public at 1:00pm. Parking will be inside the white picket fence for up to 10 cars. If we have more than 10 A's, they will be parking on the grass outside the white picket fence.  
**Lunch:** TBD – We will be enjoying lunch together at a yet to be determined destination. Lunch, of course, is optional but . . . as we always say 'you gotta eat'



**Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**, Club meeting, Potluck, and Food for Kids donation bags collected!  
**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**, Redondo Beach Union High School Classic Car Show

- Show our cars!
- Trunk or Treat too!

*CHECK BACK HERE NEXT MONTH FOR GREAT EVENTS  
THAT ARE IN THE WORKS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.*



Picnic celebrating club's 67 years August 18, 2024



The Winners

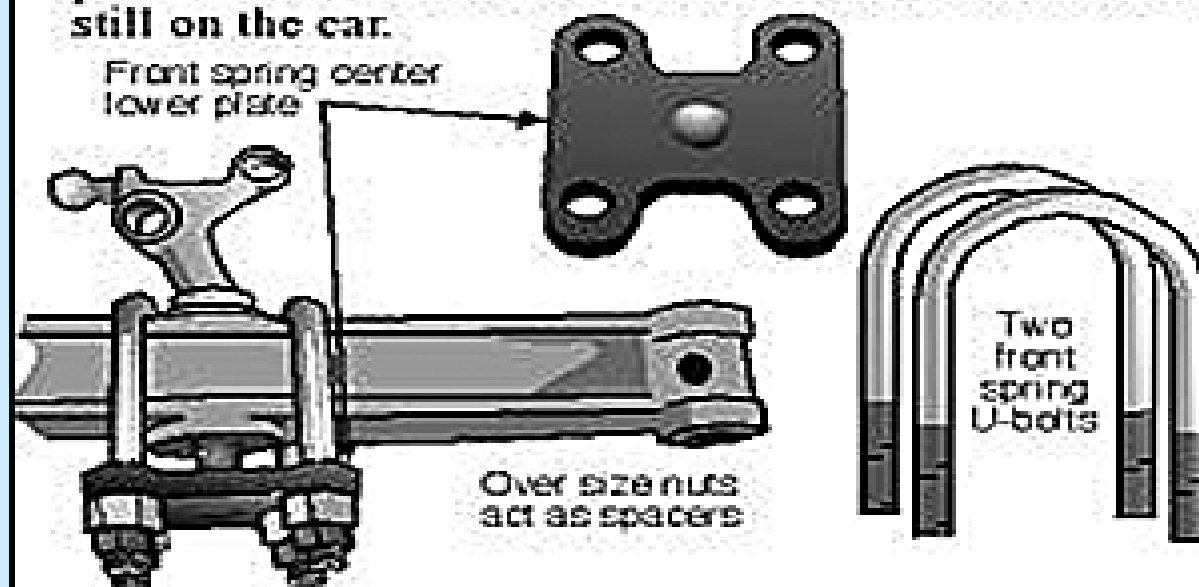


## Tech Tip

*Submitted by Ted Kuchta*

### Removal of front spring perches

The front spring perches mounted in the front axle can be a very stubborn part to remove and a method that works very well is to make a press using some Model A parts. It involves using the two front spring U bolts (part # A5455B) and the front spring center lower plate (part # A5458). Remove the nut that fastens the perch in place. Place a U bolt on the axle on each side of the front wishbone and position the dimple in the spring plate over the threaded part of the spring perch. The U bolt must have good threads because this will require a lot of force and rusted or pitted threads will strip easily before the perch budes from its resting place. Non castle type nuts are recommended because they provide more thread coverage and load bearing ability. Tighten the four nuts on the U bolts uniformly. This applies pressure to push the perch out of the axle. If this does not move the perch, heat may be needed to help loosen the bond of rust. This procedure works well even when the front axle is still on the car.





## September Birthdays

- 5 Dennis Simpson
- 6 Darlene Funk
- 6 Jim Beardsley
- 8 Bob Olsen
- 8 Rob Hernandez
- 11 Ursula Schmidt
- 14 Cliff LeFall
- 17 Art Wagner

## September Anniversaries

- 6 Danny & Nicole Schmitz
- 17 Dick & Gwen Valot



### 1930 Era Fashions

#### MARC OF FASHION

#### MEN'S HATS

*By Esther Meyer*

Men's hat styles remained the same through the four years of the Model "A" era. There were hats for every occasion, from the most casual golf style hat to go with knickers, to the top hat with formal evening tails. Straw hats for summer were worn with Palm Beach suits. Derbys or fedoras were worn with business suits. For every job there was a work hat. Following are descriptions and examples of men's hats which were used during the Model "A" era.

**All Wool:**  
Hand shaped and hand blocked of fine all wool top coating material. One piece top with warm inband for cold weather. Fancy medium brown plaid and fancy medium gray plaid.

**All Wool One-Piece Kersey**

**One Piece Kersey:**  
Solid one piece style all wool kersey cloth, satin lined with warm inband and unbreakable visor. Colors: bluish gray and tan.

**All Wool:**  
All wool with a soft nap closely resembles camels hair. Patterns are dressy and refined. Satin lined. Colors: medium gray and medium tan.

**Wool and Silk:**  
About 2/3 wool, balance silk. Full cotton twill lined. Colors: gray and brown.

**New Snappy Collegiate Cap**

**Collegiate Cap:**  
Smaller shape 3/4 wool, balance rayon. All around leather sweatband. No inband. Colors: fancy grey and tan.

**Adjustable:**  
Adjust the buckle in front to fit head. Tailored of a swaggar plaid material 2/3 wool. Genuine leather sweatband in front, satin lined. Colors: fancy bluish gray plaid, fancy tan plaid.

## MAFFI Minute

### Model A Enthusiasts:

Today, August 19, 2024, the site at the Model A Museum was prepared for the expansion construction to begin! How exciting!! The expansion will allow for more cars to be displayed and stored, more vignettes to be displayed showing era scenes, a garage where cars can be worked on AND where education can take place for maintenance/overhauls of the Model A. There will be a restroom in the building with the expansion as well, which may not be as exciting, but certainly will be appreciated!

Many Model A enthusiasts have contributed to this expansion. We have cash donors, donors who have given Model A cars to be sold, Model A enthusiasts who have purchased Sweepstakes tickets to help out, others have purchased a plaque with their car and name on it to go on the wall as a way of helping. There's also many people to thank behind the scenes too; those gave hours of time getting the donated Model A's for sale running well is just one example. It takes a whole lot of Model A'ers to make a museum this great, and we thank you and love you for it.

Although the expansion is officially underway, we can't stop now! There is a whole new piece of real estate to outfit to tell the story of the Model A and its place in history, so we will continue to fundraise until all the pieces are in place. Thank you for whatever you have done and can do to help the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Museum be the best.

Cindy Ellenbecker

MAFFI Trustee, Secretary



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ORANGE BLOSSOM A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB

ON ITS FUNDRAISING, 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL VINTAGE CAR SHOW

Saturday, Oct 26, 2024 at Elks Lodge, 6166 Brockton Ave. Riverside, CA.

To encourage you to drive and enter your cars, the SCRG will hold an opportunity drawing for FIVE \$50 GAS CARDS. ONLY MODEL A'S THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE CAR SHOW WILL BE ELIGIBLE. The number of tickets you receive depends on how far you live from the Elks Lodge in Riverside.

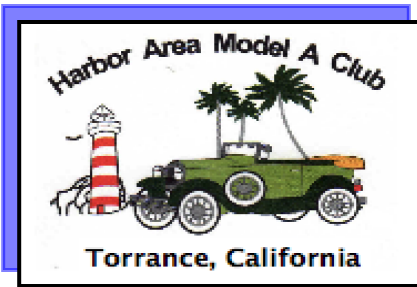
- 1 ticket for 1 to 15 miles distance
- 2 tickets for 16 to 30 miles
- 3 tickets for 31 to 45 miles
- 4 tickets for 46 to 60 miles
- 5 tickets for 61 or more miles.

(You can only win once, and must be in attendance to win.)

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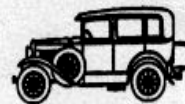
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Waleria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one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