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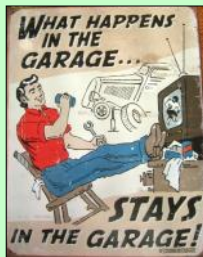


Harbor tour to Point Fermin lighthouse

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 November meeting is a
week earlier this month
at the
Walteria Clubhouse on
Friday, November 22, 7:30PM

Next Board Meeting

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



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A Note from
Harbor President
Dennis Simpson



The Second Gear Grind

Here we are at the end of October and we are not slowing down yet! The Activities Committee has more fun filled events planned for us in the coming months.

I realize I am beginning to "sound like a broken record" (can we still use that phrase?) but I really would like to see more members become active and join us in taking advantage of some of the benefits the club has to offer. After being in the club for ~10 years, there are still quite a few members I have yet to meet.

There are so many things that Linda and I would probably never have experienced if we had not joined the Harbor MARC and met so many wonderful people.

Sometimes while driving our cars we get pleasant surprises. Once while leaving a restaurant, Linda and I found a local artist in the car park doing a water color of our Town Sedan (See picture). I gave her my card and she sent me a copy of the finished painting. We were thrilled.



So you never know...

Till next time, remember to always be looking for something to be grateful for.

Dennis



HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: September 27, 2024 LOCATION: Walteria Park Club House

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:29 P.M.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Dennis Simpson 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. All were in favor.

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson recognized club members that have been long time members of M.A.R.C. He also recognized Birthdays and Anniversaries in October. The last two tours to Point Vicente and Point Fermin were really interesting. Dennis had Pat Harrison introduce our guest speaker. Pat introduced John Phelps who works at the Volunteer center South Bay/ Harbor/ Long Beach, it is located on Cravens in Torrance. John explained the program "Food For Kids" and how it helps families in need. Our club is participating in the "Food For Kids" program by filling bags with food items. Bags will be handed out tonight and returned at the October 18th Business meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison reported club signed agreement at Blue Water Grill to host our annual Installation Banquet on January 25, 2025.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner reported a balance of

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff asked to send articles and pictures.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff Le Fall reported Al's Garage will be open Saturday September 28th.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Open Position --- Donnis Bates for the Activities Committee reported on upcoming events.

Oct 18th --- Potluck at Business meeting at 6pm. A-L main dish, M-Z side or salad.

Oct. 20th --- Drive to Senior Center Long Beach. Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:45 AM and leave at 9 AM. Lunch after at Knolls Restaurant in Long Beach.

Nov. 17th --- San Antonia Winery meet at 9:45, leave at 10 AM.

Nov. 24th --- Movie at Old Town Music Hall 2:30 PM. Lunch before at Richmond's Bar and Grill.

HISTORIAN: Janet Winter reported she is doing an article on the clubs 50th Anniversary.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Absent

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt reported membership dues will remain at \$40/per year.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall reported that several members are having health issues. Diane Runyon, Don and Any Knott, Walt Hibbard and Jeannie Parrish. We wish them all well.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson—Absent.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos—No Report.

MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos—If you have any clothing that you want our club logo on, bring it to him.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- The LeFall's and The Ikeda's furnished the refreshments tonight.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Dick Wyckoff made a motion for members who receive the monthly newsletter by mail, be increased to \$20/ per year. Tim second the motion and all were in favor.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: October 18th, 2024 6 PM Potluck at Walteria Club House.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 12th, 2024 9:30 AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:38 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*.

FOR SALE 1930 Ford Model A Coupe.

Total rebuild took 3 years and was done by Joe Jankiewicz - former member of Harbor Area Model A Restorer's Club. Restoration began in Joe's home in Torrance, CA in January 2000 and the car was commissioned January 2003. Complete notes of rebuild, copies of parts receipts, service manuals, service bulletins, pictures, and VHS videos are included. Along with various replacement parts, such as head lamps, 2nd set of wheels, & some tools.

We purchased Penelope at an estate sale at Joe's home in October 2022. Although we did not have the opportunity to meet Joe, we understand from some of the club members that the mileage on the car was less than 1000 miles when we purchased. We have since added approximately 200 additional miles. We paid \$20,000 for her and would like to recoup our cost, but will entertain other offers. Please have any potential buyers contact me direct at 562-704-8960. Joanne



POINT FERMIN LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

On Sunday, September 22, a beautiful day, over 20 Club members headed to San Pedro for breakfast at the Pacific Diner and a tour of the Point Fermin Lighthouse. After some struggles with finding parking, everyone enjoyed a tasty breakfast. Jim and Elyse Beardsley met us at the diner to join us in the tour. After our meal, we made our way to the nearby Point Fermin Lighthouse where we had special parking inside the white picket fence, right next to the lighthouse.

The Beardsleys made what was supposed to be a brief stop at 7-11 on the way, but their Model A refused to start up again for the rest of the tour. As a consequence, they took their car home on a flatbed tow truck and will soon be receiving the highly coveted Hard Luck Award (AKA 'The Thumb').













When we arrived at the lighthouse, we were divided into two groups for the tour of the interior. Our docents both did a GREAT job of explaining the history, including stories of the many colorful people who served as keepers over the years. Surprisingly, the first lighthouse keepers were a pair of sisters, who served from 1874 to 1882, and the final keepers were also a pair of sisters who had grown up at the lighthouse and served from 1925 to 1927 after their parents' deaths. The lighthouse was federally operated until 1927 when the City of Los Angeles took over the management. Point Fermin (and all other lighthouses along the Pacific coast) "went dark" on December 7, 1941 as a precaution after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Sadly, the Point Fermin light was never lit again.

Our tour included a trip all the way to the top, where we had great views along the coastline. After we made our way down and out, we spent time visiting with each other and enjoyed the lovely gardens that surround the historic 150 year old lighthouse.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL DAY!



November's Calendar

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
NOVEMBER 2024	HARBOR A HAPPENINGS				1	2 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
3 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS 	4 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	5 ELECTION DAY 	6	7	8	9 <u>BOARD MEETING 9:30</u> Al's Garage  <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
10	11 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	12	13 <u>Activities Committee Meeting</u> <u>11:00AM</u> 	14	15	16 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
17 <u>SAN ANTONIO WINERY</u> Drive your Model A 	18 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	19	20	21	22 <u>MODEL A CLUB MEETING</u> <i>Walteria Club House</i> 7:30 	23 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
24 <u>CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTICUT</u> 	25 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING DAY 	29	30 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12

*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

NOVEMBER EVENTS – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Date: Sunday, November 17th, SAN ANTONIO WINERY
Location: 737 Lamar Street, Los Angeles 90031
Time: 11:00am
Cost: None
Meeting Location: Harbor Freight, 4310 Artesia Blvd, Torrance
Meeting Time: 9:45, leave at 10:00
Lunch: Optional, of course.
 We will have a tour of the winery at 11:00am, and lunch will be at 11:30. It is cafeteria style, and they bring the food to your table.
Note: Model A's are optional. We would love it if you could drive you're A, but Moderns are welcome too!

Date: Sunday, November 24th, OLD TOWN MUSIC HALL
Movie: Christmas in Connecticut
Location: 140 Richmond Street, El Segundo 90245
Time: 2:30pm
Cost: \$10.00 per person (If you did not get your money to Pat, you can still purchase either online or at the box office.)
Lunch: Optional – Richmond Bar and Grill, 145 Richmond Street, El Segundo 90245
Meet for Lunch: 12:30pm (at the restaurant, park at the theater)

Saturday, December 7th, Drum Barracks Civil War Museum
Sunday, December 8th, 60th Annual El Segundo Christmas Parade – Candy Cane Lane on Main
Sunday, December 15th, Cookie Exchange with Optional Gift Exchange

CHECK BACK HERE NEXT MONTH FOR GREAT EVENTS THAT ARE IN THE WORKS FOR NEXT YEAR

2025
Saturday January 25th, Installation Banquet for 2025

Editors Corner By Dick Wyckoff



Crazy weather here in So Cal. Hot, cold, windy, foggy. . . Thinking of the folks in the Midwest and what they are going through.

We had our annual pot-luck food fest at the last club meeting. So much food—so little time! Lots of great items to choose from including desserts. Fun time. Nice crowd there too

Also at the meeting we collected shopping bags of groceries for the homeless and needy. Pat Harrison is a volunteer with support group and led the collection. We collected over 35 grocery bags full of food and other items . Thanks Pat for what you do.

Looking forward to the holidays. My small town of El Segundo is having it's annual Holiday parade with about 75 entries on Sunday, December 8th from 1pm to 3pm. I always drive my Model A in the parade and represent the club. Always a fun time. (Folks like the Ahooga horns!) At the last meeting we had a sign up sheet and had several folks going to join me this year. Super. . .

October Potluck supper meeting



Food packages for poor families locally



Pot luck food ready to eat



Harbor club enjoying the food
Before the meeting

November MAFFI Minute

Model A Friends,

Those of us in the snow belt are squeezing in all the driving time we can get before the "white stuff" shows up and those of you in the southern states are gliding into some cooler driving weather about now.

The commercial bus made its debut at Model A Days; the bus is a work of art and a historically correct piece of Model A history ---thanks to many Model A'ers, especially Ron and Ken Ehrenhofer. From Model A Days in Gilmore, MI in September, the bus made its way to Hershey, PA in October where the headlines now read, "The Bus wins First Place Junior at Hershey Fall Car Show!"

Back at the Model A Museum grounds in Michigan, Red Grow's Model A, Betsy, which was 2024 Sweepstakes car to help raise money for the museum expansion, was won by Neil Wingate of Lowell, Indiana. Thanks to all who participated in the sweepstakes and congratulations Neil!

Lastly, the expansion is moving along with the foundation in place. (see photo below). So much happening in the Model A world! Don't you just love it!!

Happy Motoring!

Cindy Ellenbecker

MAFFI Trustee, Secretary

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

From Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

October 2024

Merchandise in our inventory is being reviewed. We're planning to add several new items to our list of MARC goodies and will be reducing prices on certain items to make room. Keep checking the latest issue of the *Model A News* for future merchandise clearance announcements.

A Region or Regions are needed to host future National Tours! The National Tours are popular and we know that members enjoy driving their cars. There surely are interesting things to see and enjoy around your area of our great country; why not share in your good fortune? Help is available to assist your Region in hosting these events. Contact Paul Ganninger at 314-852-5591 for more information and details.

Rumors are still circulating about the Garden City office. It has NOT been sold. Any decisions about the status of the office have been tabled until your Board has time to develop a plan that makes sense to all our members. Serving our membership is always our highest priority. We will not relocate the office without a thorough investigation of a new site and will consider all aspects of such an impactful move.

Changes are afoot! Michael Wilcher from the Ohio Valley Region has agreed to assume Betty Fisher's role as MARC Mileage Program Chair at the end of 2024. We thank Michael for stepping up and we extend a very big thanks to Betty for all the hard work she and Dick dedicated to this program!



November Birthdays

8 Linda Simpson
14 Jim Runyon
26 Pat Yacklon

November Anniversaries

6 Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo
12 Dennis & Linda Simpson



1930 Era Fashions

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

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2025 INSTALLATION BANQUET



DENNIS SIMPSON'S MODEL A
IMAGE BY WATERCOLOR ARTIST CLAUDIA E. KAZACHENSKY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 FROM 11:00AM-4:00PM

Bluewater Grill – 665 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

This year we will be enjoying the following entrée choices with a garden salad served with Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side

- Chicken Breast with Orange Thyme Beurre Blanc
- Norwegian Salmon with Dill Crème Fraiche
- Gemelli Pasta with Shrimp in Pesto Crème
- Vegetarian Entrée: Pasta with Marinara Sauce & Vegetables

Dessert: Oreo Cheese Cake & Coffee

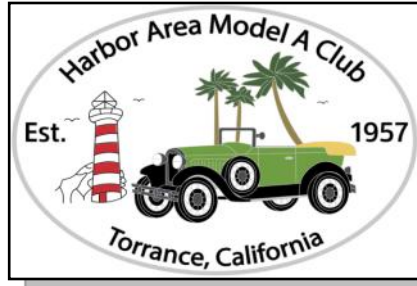
Non-alcoholic drinks (soft drinks, iced tea, lemonade and coffee) are included in the cost of your meal and are available during social hour as well as with your meal

----- Order Form - Cut Here -----

Name: _____ Entrée Selection _____ Price \$73.00
 Name: _____ Entrée Selection _____ Price \$73.00
TOTAL: \$ _____

Parking is included in the price of your meal. Be sure to get a ticket from the parking attendant, we will process and return to you. For additional orders, please use the back of this form. Make checks payable to: HARBOR MARC & indicate your entrée selection on your check – THANK YOU Send checks to Daffy Wagner (by January 11), 2705 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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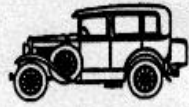
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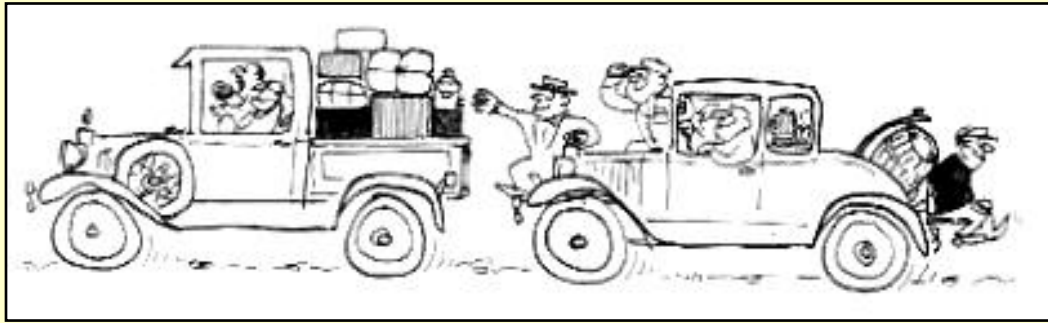
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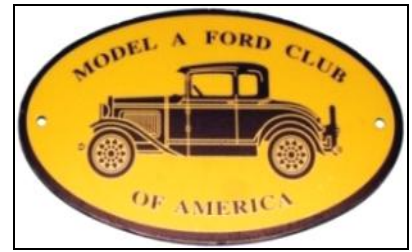
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Waleria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 1242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one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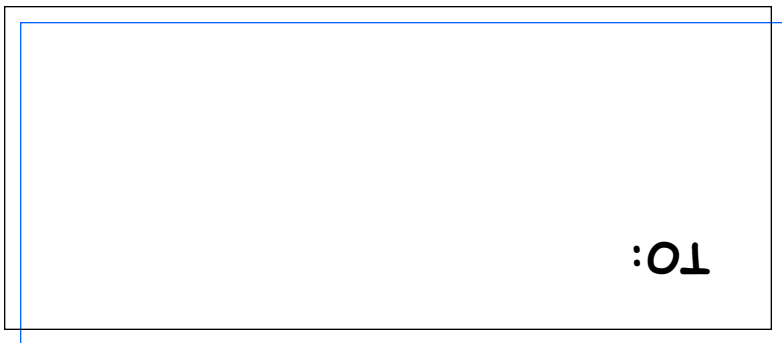
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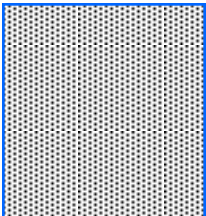


Saw this recently at a car event



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