

# HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB

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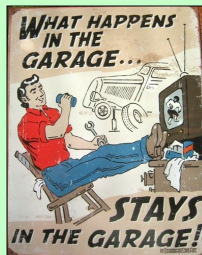
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2020, 2023 MAFCA  
Newsletter of Merit



Harbor members visiting the Long Beach Healthcare Center

### 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 at the  
Walteria Clubhouse on  
Friday, November 22, 7:30PM.  
The December meeting is at  
Janet Winter's home  
December 15th. 1 to 4 PM

### Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting  
will be Saturday,  
December 14th at  
Al's garage, 9:30AM



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A Note from  
Harbor President  
Dennis Simpson



***The Second Gear Grind***

Here we are, heading into the back stretch. November. There are numerous events and activities coming up. Thanksgiving, visit to a Winery, a Christmas Movie, Cookie Exchange, a Christmas Parade, Christmas, just to name a few. Before we know it, we will be having the Installation Banquet.

Speaking of activities, we are fortunate in the South Bay area where there are so many activities available to us outside the club also. One of which is the South Bay Community Concert Series held at the RUHS auditorium that Elyse Beardsley shared with us at our September Business meeting. Several Harbor Area members have attended two of the concerts so far out of the series of five. First a Jazz Band, then a Country Band. We all had a couple of pleasant nights out listening to live music. Next up, a Latin Jazz Band in January 2025. If interested in joining the fun, Contact Elyse for more info (she is a SBCCA Board Member).

Till next time, remember to try not to worry about something you have no control over.

***Dennis***



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



First of all, I want to thank all the veterans for their service. Veteran's Day was November 11th. We did our jobs and the world is better off because of it.

The Harbor Club is very fortunate to have a committee of ladies that have organized many activities that help make this hobby of ours so enjoyable. The time and effort to organize the events is much appreciated by all of the members. Thank you!

This holiday season is filled with lots of fun events. One event coming up is the holiday parade in my city of El Segundo. The Harbor Club has had our cars in it for years. This year I have 10 Model As signed up so far for the fun event. More details as to times and positions will be out soon. I'll keep you posted. Also, our December 15th club meeting is a cookie exchange at Janet Winter's home. More to come on this fun event.

Wishing all of you a wonderful holiday season.

***Dick***

## **HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING**

**DATE:** October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 **LOCATION:** Walteria Park Club House

**PRESIDENT:** Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M.

**RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS :** Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff and Tim Harrison.

**PRESIDENT:** Dennis Simpsons welcomed everyone and thanked them for the making the potluck a success. Dennis asked for a motion to accept the minutes as appeared in the Harbor Light. All were in favor.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Tim Harrison thanked member for bringing food for the kids bags and donations that were made to the Volunteer Center South Bay / Harbor / Long Beach (located in Torrance)

**TREASURER:** Daffy Wagner reported the current balance

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

**TECHNICAL DIRECTOR:** Cliff Le Fall - No reported

**TOUR DIRECTOR:** Open Position --- Pat Harrison reported that 50 bags of food were brought tonight. Donniss Bates for the Activities Committee reported on upcoming events.

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> --- 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. 17<sup>th</sup> --- San Antonio Winery meet at Harbor Freight at 9:45, leave at 10 AM. Lunch available at the winery.

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> --- Movie at Old Town Music Hall El Segundo at 2:30 PM. Lunch before at Richmond's Bar and Grill.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> --- Tour to the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum in Wilmington. Meet at Spires at 9:15 and leave at 9:30AM. Lunch after at Green Onion.

**HISTORIAN:** Janet Winter - No Report.

**TOOLS:** Bob DeCrescenzo --- No Report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Ursi Schmidt reported membership dues for local are \$40 and National dues \$50. Additional \$20 if you want the Harbor Light mailed.

**SUNSHINE:** Theresa LeFall --- No Report.

**WEBMASTER:** Steve Thompson—No Report.

**ADVERTISING:** Jim Huizdos—No Report.

**MERCHANDISE:** Jim Huizdos—No Report.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Weeg Thompson reported club provided dessert tonight.

**OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS:** Tim reported that the Banquet at Bluewater Grill is Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Price is \$73/per person, pay Daffy Wagner and give her your food choice from flyer.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Drawing for 1/3 - 1/3 - 1/3 winners were Gloria Younkin, Janet Sherry and the Club.

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:** November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Walteria Club House at 7:30PM

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 9:30 AM at Al's Garage.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:45 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*.

### ***A thank you note to the family of Joe Jankiewicz***

Long-time Harbor Area MARC member Joe Jankiewicz passed away in June. The club was contacted by his niece to let us know that Joe had included a very generous gift to our club in his will.

Dear Ellen Snyder,

We would like to thank you for your and Joe's generous donation to the Harbor Area Model A Restorers Club.

It sure was a nice surprise and very, very much appreciated!

We will use it wisely over the next coming years.

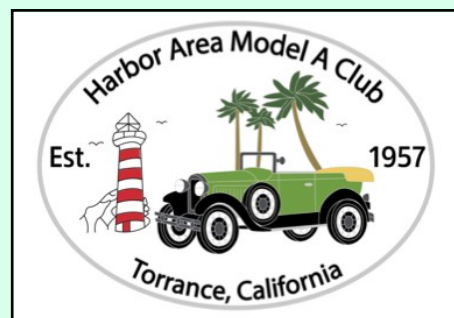
We fondly remember "Polka Joe" and his house full of antique car parts! Not just the garage, but car parts in the living room; imagine a motor sitting on the couch and fenders in the bedroom, etc.! He sure was into remodeling his car!

When there was a garage sale at the house, his Coupe was displayed for sale. A couple had stopped by and immediately fell in love with the car and bought it on the spot. Then they found out about our car club and joined right away.

Again, we thank you very much.

With best wishes

The Members of the Harbor Area MARC



## Thanks Weeg!

Thanks to donations of persimmons from Ursi Schmidt and Mirco and Elaine Pisu and a kabocha (Japanese pumpkin) from Jim Huizdos, Weeg Thompson baked persimmon bread and muffins one week and pumpkin bread and muffins two weeks later. She had so many baked goods she held pop-up bake sales at our Monday night dinners. Weeg donated the \$138 she raised from the two sales to the club. Thanks to the baker and all the buyers!



## FOOD FOR KIDS

Kudos to the Harbor Area Model A Club! We exceeded last year's total number of bags for "Food for Kids." We donated 54 bags (each bag containing four meals) and \$85 in cash. Can't wait to see what we can do next year.

## The Turkey Shot Out of the Oven

- Jack Prelutsky

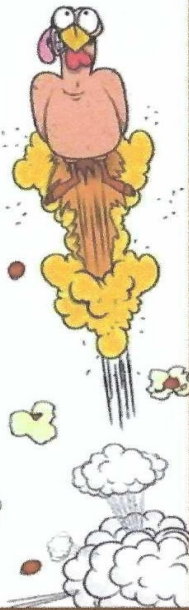
The turkey shot out of the oven and rocketed into the air, it knocked every plate off the table and partly demolished a chair.

It ricocheted into a corner and burst with deafening boom, then splattered all over the kitchen, completely obscuring the room.

It stuck to the walls and the windows, it totally coated the floor, there was turkey attached to the ceiling, where there'd never been turkey before.

It blanketed every appliance, it smeared every saucer and bowl, there wasn't a way I could stop it, that turkey was out of control.

I scraped and I scrubbed with displeasure, and thought with chagrin as I mopped, that I'd never again stuff a turkey with popcorn that hadn't been popped.



Old Fort A's

Oct. 2024  
Jan's Lemon Bars, Recipe

1 cup butter (2 cubes)

1/2 cup powdered sugar

2 cups flour  
pinch of salt.

Press in pan 9x13. Bake 350° for 15-20 min.

Toppings

4 eggs - beaten

2 cups sugar

4 Tsp. flour

1 Tsp. baking powder

1c T. lemon juice

1 whole lemon rind (grated)

Spread on crust. Bake 20-25 min.  
at 325°-350° - Cool & cut.

\* powder sugar top.

## SHOP RATE:

\$45 per hour

\$55 if you *looked* at it.

\$65 if you *touched* it.

\$75 if you *watch!*

\$100 per hour if you  
*offer advice*  
on how to fix it.

## A DAY TO REMEMBER

Long Beach Healthcare Center

It was a beautiful day! Great for driving our Model A's. There were 7 Model A's. We met at Harbor Freight and away we went. We arrived right on time and were quickly greeted by the staff and residents. They were all so excited. The Center supplied donuts, coffee and juice. If you ever want to have a day that makes you feel good then this is the tour for you. The visit was followed by lunch at Knolls Restaurant and we finished off with most everyone's favorite ----- Ice Cream!

I decided to create this article as a roving reporter might. I asked everyone to name one thing they remember the most, that made them feel good about our day - What was your favorite part? These are the answers I received. There were duplicates so I only included it once. • Looking through the window and seeing the great big smile on Angelina's face! (Elaine's cousin was bed bound, but it didn't stop her from enjoying the day. After all, she helped plan it!) Sure filled me with warm fuzzies knowing we brought joy to her day and the others at the facility. • Watching all the people having fun taking pictures by the Model A's - they really got a kick out of the cars: Toys that grew to life size!

Staff & residents both loved having their picture taken with the cars! • I had a goooood time there and I think they did also. The question is, would I go again. My answer. Yes. Yes. Yes. It was a good day. • Metro - it was a fun reminder to try it out someday! • Long Beach Creamery Ice Cream Parlor and trying almost ever flavor they offered! All in all it was a Day to remember



**DECEMBER 2024**

**HARBOR A HAPPENINGS**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD 	3	4 <i>ACTIVITY MTG.</i> 10:30 	5	6	7  <i>DRUM BARRACKS CIVIL WAR MUSEUM</i> Meet at Spires on Sepulveda/Western 9:15 Leave 9:30
8  <i>EL SEGUNDO PARADE</i> Coordinator— Dick Wyckoff 1:00-3:00PM Main Street El Segundo	9 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD 	10	11	12	13	14 <i>BOARD MEETING 9:30</i> Al's Garage <i>PARRISH CHRISTMAS GATHERING</i> Flyer to be emailed  <i>AL'S GARAGE CLOSED</i>
15  <i>COOKIE EXCHANGE/ CLUB MEETING@</i> Janet Winter's 1:00 Gift Exchange \$30 & unwrapped toy (both Optional)	16 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD 	17	18	19	20	21 <i>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</i> Al's Garage 9:30-12 <i>FIRST DAY OF WINTER</i> 
22	23 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD 	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 	26 KWANZAA BEGINS 	27	28 <i>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT Al's Garage</i> 9:30-12 
29	30 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD 	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 				*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

**DECEMBER EVENTS – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Date: Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, DRUM BARRACKS CIVIL WAR MUSEUM  
 Location: 1052 N. Banning Boulevard, Wilmington, CA 90744  
 Time: 11:00am – 4:00pm  
 Cost: Free admission  
 Meeting Location: Spires, 1750 Sepulveda Blvd, Torrance, Ca 90501  
 Meet time: 9:15am leave at 9:30am  
 Linner: 2:00 - The Green Onion, 145 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

Date: Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, COOKIE EXCHANGE & MEETING  
 Location: Janet Winter's home, 1636 Nelson Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
 Time: 1:00 – 4:00  
 Please bring cookies to share
 

- A plate of cookies for the table
- Bagged cookies for the exchange (We suggest 2 cookies per bag)

 Gift Exchange: Optional
 

- Wrapped gift (value of approximately \$30.00)

 32<sup>ND</sup> Annual Fire Department's Spark of Love Toy Drive: Optional
 

- Unwrapped toy (Contact the Simpson's for age appropriate suggestions)



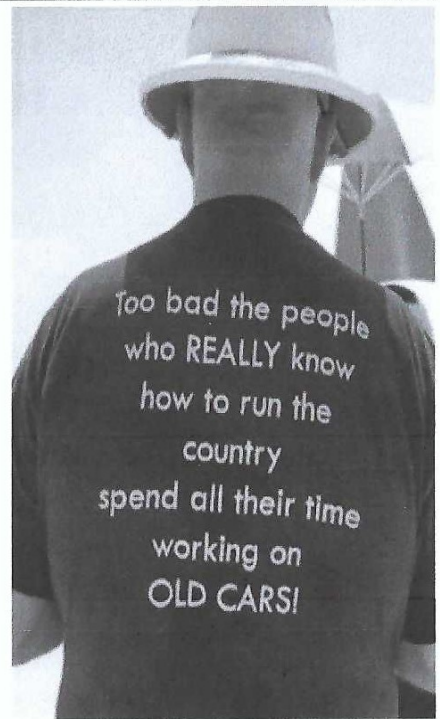
**Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Installation Banquet for 2025**

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

### AUTO TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Was Model A serial #1 a Tudor or a Phaeton?
2. Was the Model A the first American car with hydraulic brakes?
3. Did Cadillac pass up being the first car with a fully automatic transmission?
4. Were Model T's only offered in the color black?
5. Did the Chinese invent the differential?
6. Did Rolls-Royce polish the Hydramatic transmission into sluggishness?
7. Was one of the greatest automobile innovations caused by a good Samaritan?
8. Was the competition between Cadillac and Lincoln sibling rivalry?
9. Is it possible to have power mechanical brakes?
10. Was there a Model A Ford body designed around its doors?

- The Forty-Horse Gazette  
Ventura County A's



### Trivia Quiz Answers

1. Yes—The car came off the line as a Tudor and was than presented to Thomas Edison who told Henry that we would prefer a Phaeton. So the car was converted to a Phaeton.
2. Yes—The Model A was the first American car that came equipped with four-wheel hydraulic brakes. That car was a 1921 Duesenberg Model A. Edsel Ford presented a prototype Ford Model A to his pop to try out that was so equipped but as luck would have it the system leaked and as a consequence Ford didn't use hydraulic brakes until 1939.
3. Yes—Although Cadillac engineers did the design work on the Hydramatic transmission they passed it off to Oldsmobile to release first because GM bigwigs feared that if there was a glitch it would reflect badly on their flagship brand. There were no glitches and Cadillac released their Hydramatic one year later (1940).
4. Yes—But only between the years of 1924 and 1926. During the other seven years of production the cars were available in colors.
5. Yes—About 1500 years ago there was a Chinese invention called the "south pointing chariot" that appears to have all the features of a differential although used for a different purpose. Check Mr. Google.
6. Yes -When Rolls-Royce acquired the rights from GM to build Hydramatic transmissions they made a closer fit on some components and increased the polish on others that resulted in a definite decrease in performance and they had to revert back to the original drawings.
7. Yes—When a good friend of GM's Charles Kettering played the good Samaritan while hand cranking a lady's Cadillac, he received a broken jaw that resulted in fatal gangrene. Kettering was so moved by this that he invented the electric starter for his 1912 Cadillac.
8. Yes—Both cars were created by Henry Leland. Cadillac was sold to GM in 1902 and Lincoln was sold to Ford in 1922.
9. Yes—Some early designs had a vacuum-actuated power assist module that was levered directly to the mechanical brake cross shafts.
10. Yes—The 1928/29 Model A closed cab pickup was designed to use up 1927 Model T Coupe doors.



## *December Birthdays*

1 Gary Guttormson  
10 Anita Perreten  
11 Sue Hankins  
11 Dr. Joan Wright  
13 Elyse Beardsley  
17 Bob DeCrescenzo  
20 Ruxella Speights  
21 Greg Clayton  
23 Jeanne Parrish  
25 Jim Valot  
29 Gary Gaffney

## *December Anniversaries*

1 Jack & Julie Goldberg



### **MAFFI Minute**

#### Model A Ford Enthusiasts:

First, the Model A Ford Foundations Trustees and Advisors wish everyone a wonderful holiday season! It's always a magical time of year, but especially this year with the museum expansion in progress! Executive Director of MAFFI, John Marshall and his team of elves have just finished decorating the museum for the holidays. The Parts Department in the museum is looking pretty festive. Meanwhile outdoors the trusses are up on the expansion. The walls for the expansion are expected to up the week of November 18<sup>th</sup> --- so long as the weather cooperates. You can actually watch the construction if you go to [maffi.org](http://maffi.org) and click on the Camera icon, and then click on Expansion.

And right around December 23, the back wall of the museum will need to be opened up to connect the existing building and the expansion. This means moving all the displays at the back of the museum and covering all the museum artifacts with plastic. During this phase of the construction, the museum will be closed for safety reasons. (The closure is just temporary, so call ahead if you plan to visit in December or January to be certain the museum is back open).

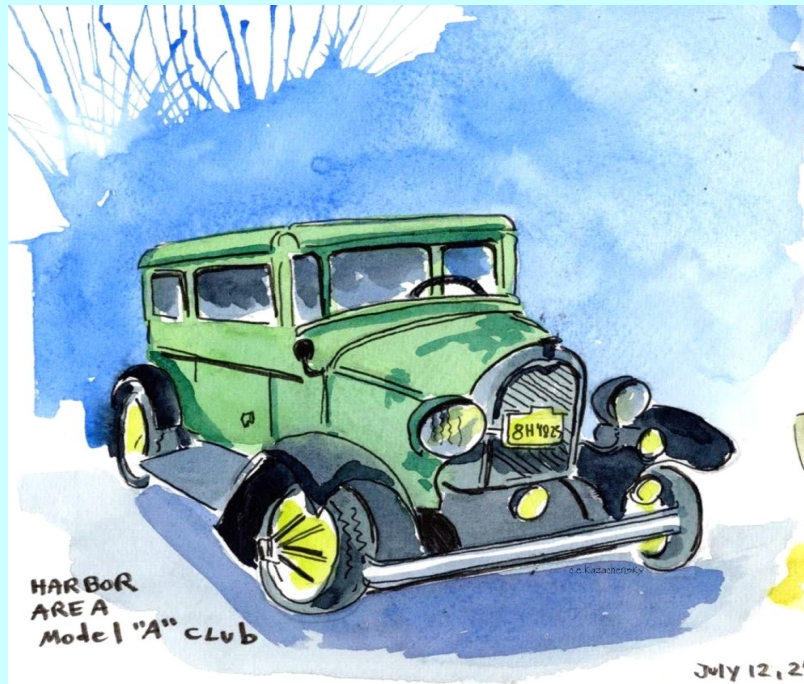
Give yourself and your car a gift this holiday season: Have your car's picture and your name engraved on a plaque that will be the archway from the existing museum to the expansion. Be a part of the history of the museum! Just contact Val Maron at 847-951-5858 or [TheMyAProgram@gmail.com](mailto:TheMyAProgram@gmail.com) For \$200, a donor will receive a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing their vehicle, name, home area and vehicle body style.

Happy Holidays,  
Cindy Ellenbecker  
MAFFI Trustee, Secretary



# Harbor Area Model A Restorers Club

## 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

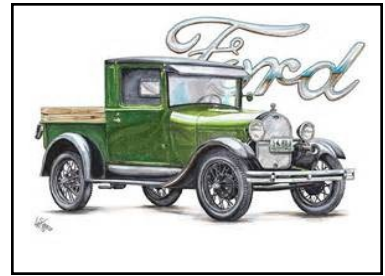
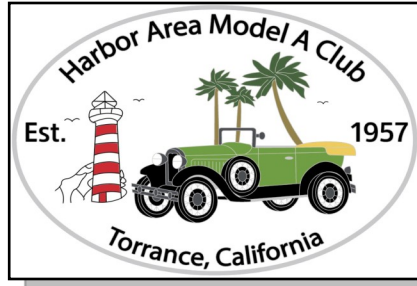
Non-alcoholic drinks (soft drinks, iced tea, lemonade and coffee) are included in the cost of your meal and are available during social hour as well as with your meal

----- 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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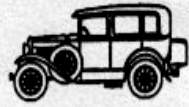
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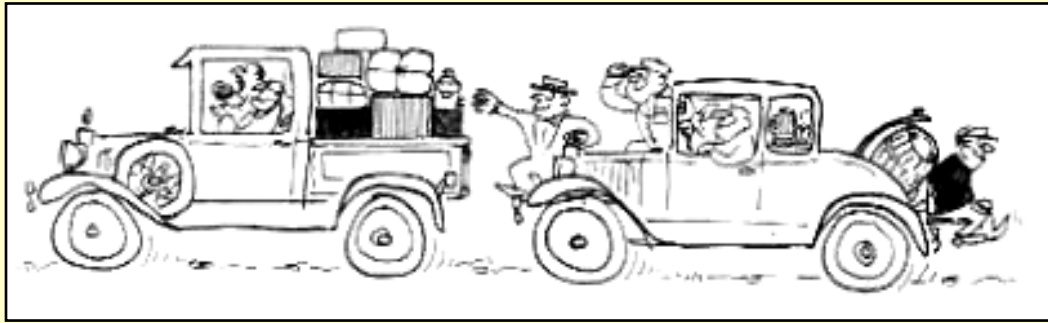
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For MAFA info and membership, see [www.MAFA.com](http://www.MAFA.com)

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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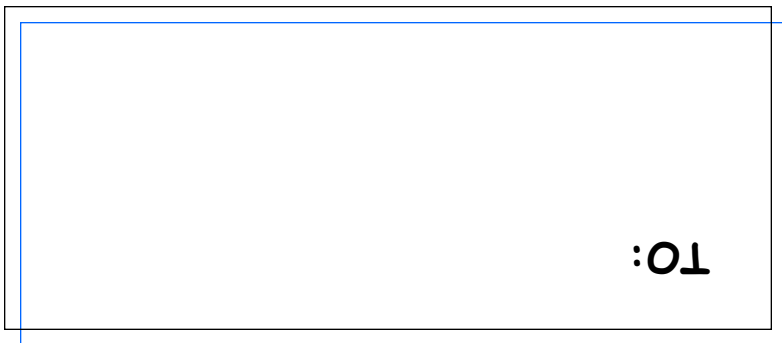
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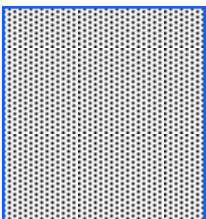
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