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Super Bowl / birthday gathering at the Pisu's home

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 IN THE GARAGE

Annual Safety check at the home of Jack and Joan Gordinier 1 March 2025



Next Club Meetings:

The February meeting is at the Walteria Clubhouse on Friday, February 28th, 7:30PM. The March meeting is March 28th

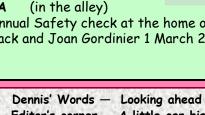
Next Board Meeting The next Board meeting will be Saturday, March 8th Al's garage, 9:30AM

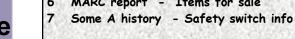




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A Note from
Harbor President
Dennis Simpson



The Second Gear Grind

Pretty quiet in February following the Fantastic 2025 Banquet. But this is just the beginning of the year.

We did have a Blast (and ate way too much) at the Super Bowl Party hosted by Pisus, as we always do. Thank you once again Mirco and Elaine. I think Linda even broke even on the money we spent on the pools. I, as usual, won nothing.

Then later in the month 8 Model A's and a modern or two went on the "Just 'A' Mystery Tour" tour which took us for a little cruise thru North Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo and Hermosa Beach, ending at the Hermosa Beach Historical Society Museum. Visiting the HB Museum brought back memories for me as I grew up in Hermosa Beach and my mother and I both attended Pier Avenue Junior High School (no. not at the same time!!) in the buildings where the museum is housed. The main part of the Museum is in the old wood shop just below the cafeteria/gymnasium.

Next up is our Annual **Safety Meeting** on March 1st at the home of Jack and Joan, 2017 W. 238th St. Torrance. It is a pot luck event. A-L Side dish/Salad, M-Z Main dish. I expect all of our members that have a Model A will be attending so Cliff and his "Safety Crew" can check your cars to ensure they are safe to drive on all the exciting tours and events the Activities Committee has planned for us in 2025. Bring your CASH. VP Tim is having a 50-50 drawing.

Soon after the Safety Check we will be trekking down to the City of Orange for the Annual OCMAFC Pancake Breakfast. This is one of my favorite events. It is ~70 miles round trip so make sure your car is safe and able.

Until next time, Remember, If you are only using your Model A to hold up a car cover, you are missing the best part of owning one.

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Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

The weather here in So Cal has been a little wet so I haven't driven the Cabbie lately. This will change shortly! I guess we are a bunch of wimps compared to the rest of the country! (Hope everyone is safe and warm.)



Looking forward to some fun activities. Our Harbor Activity Committee is doing a fabulous job with current and future events. You are the BEST!

I got to thinking about how long I have owned a Model A. When I was a senior in High School in 1960, Model As were only 30 years old. A couple of my friends owned one. So my first car was a '29 Roadster Pick-up. Bought it off of a farm for \$150 and drove it home. It was a daily driver for me to both high school and junior college. I went in the Navy in 1963 and basically forgot the car in my parent's garage. When I bought my own house in 1976, I moved the A to that house and forgot it until 1998. I re-discovered interest in As from car shows and restored the pickup. I still have it! 65 years....

You see, Model As have been part of my life for a long time. Thank you, Henry!

Dick

Super Bowl Gathering at the Pisu's

On Super Bowl Sunday, Elaine and Mirco Pisu invited the Harbor Club to their home to watch the Super Bowl Football game. Three large screen TVs were on so everyone had a good seat. The rule for attending was to bring something to eat and to share with others. It didn't take long before we had 20+ people show up with enough food to feed a football team! It happened to also be Harbor Secretary Gloria Younkin's birthday.

A couple football pools were passed around to add to the fun. Well.... The game turned out to be not that exciting. When the score was 20 to 0 early on, the focus was less football and more eating! We have some great cooks and there was a big variety of food. We did take time to take a few pictures.



Birthday girl Gloria and host Mirco





Prez Dennis relaxing





The ladies discussing the game. . . or something



Linda serving Gloria's birthday cake

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.



2025 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 2025 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.

Donnis learning about her Model A Tudor





New to driving a Model A, Activities chair, Donnis Bates, carefully drove her Sedan to the Saturday morning 'Al's Garage' maintenance gathering led by Cliff LeFall. The team did a safety check and checked and adjusted the brakes, steering, ignition, and lights. After, it was taken for a drive with Donnis. All is well!

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Essy-riding comfort is another feature of the Ford car. This is due to the four Houdaille double-acting hydrodic shock obsorbers, transverse springs, sheal spoke wheels, low unsprung weight, and the torque table drive.

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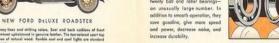


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From Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

embership—We currently have about 5,500 active members (fewer than the 6,000 we projected for 2024), and we have about 1,100 members who have missed their renewal date. Regions, please encourage your members to check their renewal dates as we're finding many have just forgotten and do eventually renew—every member is important.

nother judged class—Driver Class has been added to our judged classes and standards are being written and will be published as soon as possible. Cars eligible for this class must have the external appearance of a stock Model A, but certain drive line, safety and performance modifications will be allowed. Driver Class judging is scheduled to be in place at the Gettysburg National Meet next year. Watch for the Gettysburg meet registration form in the Model A News.

Regions—Please pay your 2025 Region renewal dues by December 31st. For your convenience, you may pay online by going to the MARC website: www.modelaford.org and selecting "Regions". Then click "register", fill out the required information and select payment type.

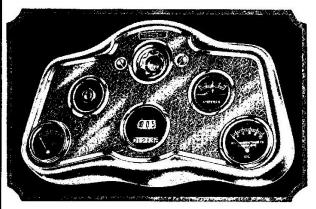
oordination between the clubs—MARC and MAFCA are currently discussing hosting a joint meet in 2028 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Model A. This meet would not conflict with the MARC normal schedule of events, but would be an additional meet similar to a homecoming with no judging but lots of fun, food, and camaraderie. More details will be published as details become available.

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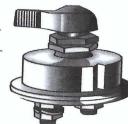


WARNING ABOUT USING DISCONNECT SWITCHES

A battery disconnect switch (as shown) will not allow the starter or other electrical components to operate when in the "off' position. Serious damage can occur to your generator or alternator, as well as the other electrical components if the switch is turned off with the engine running at a fast idle.

The battery acts as a kind of regulator for the output voltage of the generator. A generator's output can be as high as 38 volts without a battery in the circuit. The disconnect switch basically disconnects the battery from the electrical system. If the battery is disconnected while the engine is running and you turn on any lights. they will pop like flash bulbs and the coil, contact points and generator brushes are subjected to high voltage and will soon overheat and

fail. In addition, if you are prematurely burning out bulbs, check electrical connection at the starter switch, terminal box, minieter, cut-out, generator mounting bult, battery cables and frame ground conme tion. A loose connection can, in effect, the onnect the battery from the circuit. There are 12 to 15 of these "connection" meets!



Manuar I by Dan Ritt, Mt Orab, Ohio Paramed by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Jim's Tech Tip Clutch Pedal Free Play

It is easy to forget to check the Clutch Pedal Clearance (or Free Play) now and then, but you really do need to check it. I press down gently on the pedal with just a couple of fingers, to judge how far down the pedal goes before you are pressing the throwout bearing against the clutch "fingers". If you do not have an inch of movement, follow the instructions below. A little extra free play will not hurt anything.

Clutch Pedal Clearance

The correct clearance or play for the clutch pedal is approximately 1". That is when the clutch pedal is depressed there should

be about 1" movement in the pedal before it starts to disengage the clutch.

As the clutch facings wear this clearance or movement gradually grows less. Consequently it should occasionally be checked. Under no circumstances should the car be driven without clearance or play in the clutch pedal.

Adjusting Clutch Pedal Clearance

The adjustment is easily made by removing the clevis pin (see Fig. 4) and turning the release arm rod. Screwing the rod in decreases the clutch pedal play. Screwing

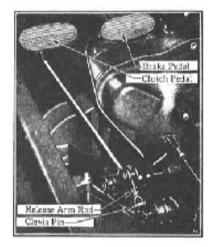


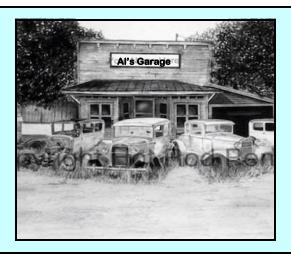
Figure 4 Clutch Pedal Adjustment

the rod out increases the play. After making adjustment, be sure to replace clevis pin and cotter key.

Forgetting to keep an inch or so of clutch pedal free play can lead to premature throwout bearing failure, because the bearing is spinning all the time where the pedal is pressing it into the clutch. We don't want that. So maybe check it every time you change the oil and adjust as required.

Have a Model A Day! Jim





March Birthdays

- 8 Richard Parrish
- 9 Steve Adams
- 12 Margaret Gott
- 25 Jack Goldberg
- 28 Jim Perreten

March Anniversaries

7 Tim & Pat Harrison



1930 Era Fashions



Welcome our New Members #1094 Eugene and Billie Gillingham 629 W. Oak Ave, El Segundo, Ca 90254 They drive a 1931 Tudor Sedan.

Welcome!

A little recent history

Price changes in just 24 years!

THE PRICE OF GAS

Thanks to Ursi for providing a cost comparison for different liquids in contrast to the cost of gasoline back in 2007! Here is an update for 2025

Year	Gasoline- Cost per gallon (per Dept. of Energy)
2001	\$ 1.64
2005	\$ 2.01
2010	\$ 3.06
2015	\$ 2.60
2020	\$ 3.49
2024	\$ 4.30

In comparison to other liquids, the price of gasoline doesn't seem so bad.

	2025 price	Price per
	·	gallon
Gasoline	\$4.31 (per Dept. of	\$ 4.31*
	Energy)	
Evian Water	\$ 3.29/liter	\$ 12.45
Snapple	\$ 1.25/16 oz.	\$ 10.00
Lipton Ice tea	\$ 1.12/16 oz.	\$ 8.96
Gatorade	\$ 2.69/20 oz.	\$ 28.58
Vicks Nyquil	\$ 14.49/12 oz.	\$ 154.56
Pepto Bismol	\$ 7.49/8 oz.	\$ 119.84
Scope Mouthwash	\$ 5.99/33.8 fl oz.	\$ 22.68
STP Brake Fluid	\$ 12.00/12 oz.	\$ 128.00

So I suppose that the lesson here is to take good care of your brakes (\$128/gallon) and stay healthy (NyQuil \$154.56, Pepto Bismol \$119.84)!

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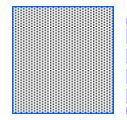
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