



# HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB

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Torrance, California

## MAY 2025



Tour to El Segundo's Old Town Music Hall

### Technical Activities

Saturday mornings.  
We meet from about  
9:30AM to noon to work  
on Model A projects.  
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we'll work on it.

Al's Garage,  
907 Van Ness, Torrance  
CA (in the alley)



### Next Club Meetings:

The April meeting is at the  
Walteria Clubhouse on  
Friday, April 25th, 7:30PM.  
The May meeting is  
May 30th

### Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting  
will be Saturday,  
May 10th  
Al's garage, 9:30AM



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A Note from  
Harbor President  
Dennis Simpson



## The Second Gear Grind

Linda and I just returned from a great weekend. First we went on a fantastic tour of Three Rivers arranged by Steve and Weeg Thompson. Then we went to the CCRG Jamboree in Visalia, CA hosted by the Charter Oak Model A Club. We had a great and informative time on a tour of The Rosa Brothers Dairy on Friday where we learned all about Milk production and the care for dairy cows. Interesting fact, 70% of their production is sent to Land O'Lakes, the other 30% goes to their own creamery for Rosa Bros. milk and tasty ice cream. They even gave us samples. The lactose free whole milk was delicious.

On Saturday we took a tour to Blair Air & Ground where we learned about crop dusting and seeding. More info on the CCRG Jamboree in this issue of the Harbor Light. Overall, it was a fun weekend spent with other Harbor Area family.

Then in a little over a week, we are off again for the Spring Opener in Kelsyville, CA (by Clear Lake) hosted by the Lake County A's. A group of us attended the Spring Opener last year and it was a lot of fun.

The Harbor Area Model A Club is fortunate to have two more warm bodies join our club. This month let's give a warm welcome to Tek Wojtek and Karla Tolentino. In the last couple of months we also had Eugene & Billie Gillingham and Andy Spilsbury & Jonna Jerome join our ranks. Welcome everyone!

Till next time, remember when you finish a day be done with it, because too much yesterday will surely ruin tomorrow.

*Dennis*



*Editor's Corner*  
*By Dick Wyckoff*



Sorry I couldn't make the Visalia trip. From the pictures, it looked like a great time. Thanks to the Thompsons and the Ragons, there are some great pictures and a write-up of the event.











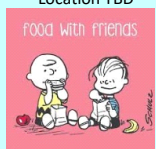
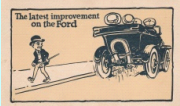

Looking forward to the events in the near future. We had a good showing at the Orange County Club's Pancake picnic. I think the crowd was the largest I have seen. Lots of cars and friends.

I have been limiting my driving due to a cataract but that will be corrected shortly. (Don't get old!). 'Till next time. . . .

*Dick*



## May 2025 Harbor Happenings

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 2025  HARBOR A HAPPENINGS	*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.			1	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> – May 4 <sup>th</sup>  LAKE COUNTY SPRING OPENER	2 3 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12  L.C. Spring Opener
4  On the Road Again	5 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	6	7	8	9	10 <u>BOARD MEETING</u>  <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
11 <u>MOTHER'S DAY</u> 	12 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	13	14	15  <u>ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING</u> 1 pm?	16	17 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12  Armed Forces Day
18 May Tour  Racer Phil's Man Cave See additional Information Below	19 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	20	21	22	23 NCRG May 23 <sup>rd</sup> – May 25 <sup>th</sup>	24 NCRG <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12 
25 NCRG	26 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	27	28	29	30  <u>MODEL A CLUB MEETING—Walteria Club House 7:30 pm</u>	31 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12

### MAY EVENTS - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**LAKE COUNTY SPRING OPENER**  
Date: Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Location: Kelseyville (Clear Lake), CA  
Hotel: Konocti Harbor Resort, 8727 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville

**MAY TOUR - Racer Phil's Man Cave**  
Date: Sunday, May 18  
Location: 1829 Border Avenue, Torrance 90501  
Time: 10:00am  
Meeting Location: Torrance Theater Parking Lot (Old Torrance)  
1316 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance (Corner of Cabrillo & Border)  
Meeting Time: 9:30 leave at 9:45  
Lunch: Stand By - TBD! Driving tour included!



Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> – Hummingbird Feeder – Craft

*Fun times ahead!!!! Keep checking each month to see what's happening!*

### **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*.

### **April 2025 MAFFI Minute**

The Ford Model A Museum at The Gilmore, Hickory Corners, Michigan is the world's largest museum dedicated to the Ford Model A thanks to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Inside you will find the very first Model A ever produced, which was a gift to Thomas Edison. The Museum is filled with every "body style" Model A you can imagine, a Model AA school bus, and a plane!!!

The museum expansion is well underway (see attached photo of progress), but we still need to outfit the interior of the addition. You can be a part of preserving history and supporting the museum by

Buying a plaque: 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. For more information on the "My A Program", please contact:

Val Maron at 847-951-5858 or [TheMyAProgram@gmail.com](mailto:TheMyAProgram@gmail.com) (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Expansion, then Donation, then My "A".)

Entering the Sweepstakes to win a 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton. For more information on the Sweepstakes, please contact Jarrod Williams at [jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com](mailto:jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com) or copy and paste this address : <https://www.tapkat.org/model-a-ford-foundation-inc/eE6e352promo=MAFFIWS20> (Entries start at \$25.00)

Buying an engraved brick paver for the museum canopy (\$150). Your 4" X 8" brick will have the message you write in the blocks below laser engraved into the brick, making a message that will last for a lifetime. (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Store)

Buying a T-shirt, hat, mug and more depicting our museum at ModelATShirts.com,

and with each purchase that you make, 10% is donated to the museum. (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Store.)

Becoming a MAFFI member—only \$35.00 annually (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Membership)

Thank you for helping to keep Model A history alive and for driving those Model A's!

Cindy Ellenbecker

MAFFI Secretary



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

DATE: March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 LOCATION: WALTERIA PARK CLUB HOUSE

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Dennis asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, Weeg Thompson made the motion and Drain Marshall second the motion. All approved.

SAULUTE TO THE FLAG: Lead by Jack Gordinier

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

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson introduced a guest speaker Bruno Schmidt, Ursi's son. Bruno has worked at Chevron for 35 years and gave a very interesting talk on types of gasoline. Members had a lot of questions. Dennis reported that everyone had a good time at the Orange County Pancake breakfast. Dennis received a letter from the Lone Star Model A club, they are selling raffle tickets \$20 each for a rebuilt motor. Dennis recognized April birthdays,

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison thanked members for attending the pancake breakfast. At the breakfast Pat Harrison was the winner of several bags of fertilizer, which she gave to Bob DeCrescenzo. C.C.R.G is next week in Visalia and a several members are going.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner reported the bank balance. There are still some outstanding checks.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff said to send articles and pictures from events for the Harbor Light.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall - Absent. Jack Gordinier reported that the shop will be open tomorrow but next Saturday it will be closed.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Open Position --- Donnis Bates, Pat Harrison and Weeg Thompson reported for the Activities Committee on upcoming events. Donnis said that Dennis Simpson did a great job at leading the tour to the Orange County Pancake breakfast. Weeg reported members going on the Three Rivers trip on Thursday will meet on Wednesday evening in Visalia for more information.

April 3-5<sup>th</sup> --- C.C.R.G Visalia and trip to Three Rivers

April 19<sup>th</sup> - Movie at Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo. Lunch before at Richmond Bar and Grill.

May 2-4<sup>th</sup> - Lake County Tour

May 23-25<sup>th</sup> - N.C.R.G in Sacramento

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Crafts at Gordinier's

July 17<sup>th</sup> - 'Rock Around the Block' in Old Town Torrance

July 20<sup>th</sup> - Relay for Life

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HISTORIAN: Janet Winter - Doing research on the clubs 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- All club tools available for club members to use. .

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt reported new members have joined, Andy Spilsbury and Joanna Jerome.

Visitors: Tek and Carla.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Absent. It was reported that Mirco Pisu is slowly improving. Several members saw Walt Hibbard at the pancake breakfast and he was glad to visit with everyone.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson—Website is up to date.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos— Advertisers in the Harbor Light will be updated.

MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos—Merchandise available.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Drain Marshall, Nathan and Janet Sherry, Tek and Carl and Robert Lillian Ikeda provided the refreshments for tonight.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: None NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: April 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 , 7:30 PM at WALTERIA CLUB HOUSE

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 , 9:30 AM Al's Garage

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:51 P.M. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: *Gloria Younkin*, Secretary

## SEEING OLD FRIENDS & MAKING NEW ONES CCRG 2025 VISALIA, CA

Once you have been to a Central California Regional Group (CCRG) "Jamboree", you won't want to miss the next one. Special times, special events and, this time, the Harbor Area Model A Club held an extra special event for our members. This special tour was organized by Steve and Weeg Thompson, and took us from Visalia to Three Rivers. The drive up was simply beautiful with orchards, vineyards, green hills with blooming poppies, rocky streams, and in the distance, snow-capped mountains. It was breathtaking. There was one brave Model A: a 1931 Deluxe Phaeton, driven by Steve with three ladies chattering all the way. The rest of the caravan was all moderns; they missed the lovely smells along the way and the not so lovely smells too. We had a delicious lunch at Sierra Subs and Salads, which was voted "#1 Hole in the Wall in California" (Love Food) and their **Manwich** was voted "#1 sandwich in the U. S." (MSN). It did not fail to delight.

The actual CCRG event was filled with tours, good food, great people and, of course, those beautiful Model A's. It was so exciting to see 150 cars lined up for a tour. Model A's are simply beautiful with all their shiny chrome, many different colors, including 'Black,' of course, and all the models that were available in 1928 - 1931!

The tours included many options: Rosa Brothers Dairy/Creamery, Whited/Foster Collections, VF Warehouse, the Blain Collection and Blair Air Service (crop duster). The favorites this year seemed to be the Rosa Brothers Dairy/Creamery, where we had samples of flavored milk and ice creams. Be sure to ask Jim Huizdos about his experience with the little calf. The Blair Air Service (crop duster) tour was the other favorite. We learned how crop dusting works with satellites to make their job so precise and how they continue to develop techniques that improve their work every day. We also found out how dangerous it can be. They are only 10 feet off the ground some of the time when they are spraying the crops, and that they do a lot of their work at night. Who knew?

We can't have an event without plenty to eat! The Charter Oak Model A Club, who hosted the event. They did an amazing job of feeding all 336 of us, as well as the entire CCRG 2025 Jamboree! There was a BBQ, taco lunches, and, of course, the banquet. Delicious! If you were hungry between these feasts you could hang out in the hospitality room and enjoy the free snacks they supplied as well as an opportunity to sit and visit with the other Model A enthusiast.

The hotel was nice and accommodating, even allowing the Harbor A's to have game night (every night) in one of the private meeting rooms, all windows, of course, so everyone who walked by could see all the fun we were having but were not disturbed by our laughing and carrying on. Left-Center-Right was the game we played with 4 big winners. Amy Knot, Weeg Thompson, Gloria Younkin (won twice) and Janet Winter (also won twice)

So join us next year! Save the date, May 1-3, 2026 - Bakersfield - it will be tons of fun!





*Some Visalia tour pictures*

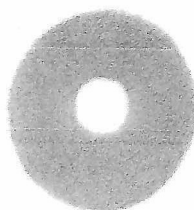
By Steve Thompson





## Jim's Tech Tip

Ford originally used a fine mesh brass screen at the top of the glass fuel strainer bowl that's mounted to the Model A firewall. The bowl gives a place for water to settle into (water is heavier than gasoline) and a place for dirt and rust particles to collect.



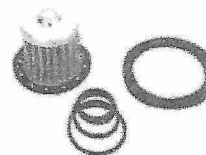
The screen also keeps these particles from traveling down to the carburetor (where you have another screen). With all these screens, I think Ford knew that gasoline supplies at the time were prone to contamination (more than today)

Many people have started to install a small pleated paper filter element in the glass bowl instead of the brass screen.



I'm not so sure it's needed; I think the brass screen is enough. The Model A has no fuel pump, it relies only on gravity feed, and I'm concerned about adding another restriction to the fuel flow.

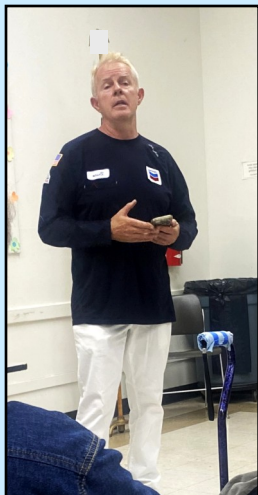
But IF you use one of these paper filters, you need to know that the rust, dirt, etc. is trapped **INSIDE** the paper element, not on the outside of it like you'd think. Therefore, you can be collecting a lot of junk inside the filter, plugging up the filter element on the inside, and not even know it. One day, you lose all your power and the engine really acts like it is starving for fuel. You thought you would see the rust and dirt collect on the outside of the filter... but you don't. Surprise! (I hate surprises!)



So, if you are going to use these pleated paper filters, get into the habit of replacing them regularly, maybe once a year, since you can't see how dirty they are inside. And carry a spare filter and gasket with you in the car. It's a pretty easy thing to swap out in a parking lot. Kind of messy, but it can be done without tools. Use some disposable gloves and you won't smell like gas for the rest of the day.

That's all for now. Keep driving, help each other out, and Have a Model A Day!

- Jim Cannon



### Guest speaker—Bruno Schmidt

At our March meeting, Ursi Schmidt's son, Bruno, gave a presentation on the operation of the Chevron oil refinery in nearby El Segundo. Bruno has worked there for 35 years and part of the management team.

The topics included the refinery's 118 year history and the evolution of new environment friendly products. He explained how Chevron works very hard to follow the ever increasing California air quality rules.

Several members asked questions after the presentation and Bruno answered them (so we could understand the technical meaning).

Thanks, Bruno (and Ursi)

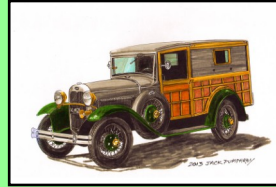


## May Birthdays

- 4 Leonard Funk
- 10 Jim Speights
- 15 Peggy Wishon
- 17 Eugene Gillingham
- 19 Steve Friedrich

## May Anniversaries

- 4 Wayne & Tomo Sterling
- 20 Leonard & Darlene Funk
- 28 Dr. Stan Klein & Joan Wright MD



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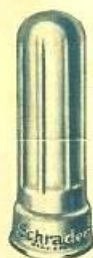
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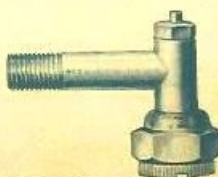
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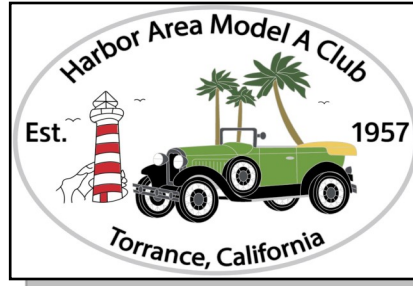
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[www.MAFCA.com](http://www.MAFCA.com)

The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria 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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