



HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB

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Torrance, California

JUNE 2025



Harbor members at Clear Lake

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 May meeting is at the
Walteria Clubhouse on
Friday, May 30th 7:30PM.
The June meeting is
June 27th

Next Board Meeting

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



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A Note from
Harbor President
Dennis Simpson



The Second Gear Grind

During the month of May, some members of the Harbor Area Model A Club made the trip North for the 2025 Spring Opener sponsored by the Lake County A's held once again at the beautiful Konocti Resort in Clear Lake (Kelseyville), California.

While attending last year, we accidentally "discovered" an event put on by Lake County Tribal Health to bring awareness to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People crisis. Since the Spring Opener and the Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous People events coincide, we were excited to attend again. The day began with a 20-minute opening ceremony from the Native Resistance Drum Group performing prayer songs and a woman's welcoming song. Shortly after the opening ceremony, the community welcomed the Pomo Nation Dance group. After a short break, there were four additional dance groups.

In Indigenous communities, dancers will dance to heal and the singers will provide the songs and pray through each song. Each song has a specific meaning and is a prayer. We learned so much information about Indigenous People. For me, personally, this was a truly enlightening event. Statistics show that American Indians are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual assault crimes compared to all other races. Missing and Murdered People (MMIP) is of epidemic proportions where Native Americans have suffered violent crimes, sexual exploitation, and death at disproportionately higher rates than all other races. California is listed as #5 in MMIP cases. MMIP has become a grassroots movement. For more information: The event put the focus on "Healing Together."

Till next time, Please remember, It is real simple, Just be kind to one another...

Dennis



Editor's Corner
By Dick Wyckoff















May 26th was Memorial Day this year. This is when Americans take a moment to remember the sacrifices made by our service members in uniform. We have a few members in our club who have served and our club thanks them for all they have done.

Our activity team is busy planning events for the rest of the year. They have been very creative and done an outstanding job. Thanks for all you do.

Dick

June 2025 Happenings

JUNE 2025						HARBOR A HAPPENINGS
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2  DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD	3	4	5	6	7 BOARD MTG—Al's Garage 9:30  HUMMINGBIRD FEEDER CRAFT— 1:00 See additional information below
8	9 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD 	10	11	12  ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING 1 pm	13	14 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT Al's Garage 9:30-12 
15 Happy Father's Day 	16  DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD	17	18	19 	20  First Day of Summer	21 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT Al's Garage 9:30-12
22	23 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD 	24	25	26	27 MODEL A CLUB MEETING—Walteria Club House 7:30 pm 	28 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT Al's Garage 9:30-12
29	30  DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD					*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location

JUNE EVENTS – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HUMMINGBIRD FEEDER CRAFT
 Date: Saturday, June 7th
 Location: Jack & Joan Gordinier's Home, 2017 238th Street
 Torrance, CA 90501
 Time: 1:00pm
 Cost: \$15.00 for each person who is making a Hummingbird Feeder (We have created kits with all the materials needed)
 Please eat lunch before you arrive. The Club will furnish dessert, coffee & water



Saturday, July 12th – Union Station Tour & Lunch
 Thursday, July 17th – Rock Around the Block
 Sunday, July 20th – Relay for Life



[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*.

Torrance Memorial Medical Center Centennial

Steve Thompson spent three days in April sharing the history of the Model A and the joys of ownership with members of the community who attended the *Torrance Memorial Medical Center Centennial Celebration: A Century of Care and Innovation*. His 1928 Tudor Sedan and 1931 Deluxe Phaeton were featured in a display of cars across the decades.

Dr. Steve has a lifetime of connection to TMMC. He is in his 48th year at the hospital and has been the Director of Pharmacy for nearly 30 years. He thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to share his love of the cars, his interest in preserving them, and information about our club with so many people.



HARBOR AREA MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: April 25th, 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, Jim Speights made the motion and Janet Winter second the motion. All approved.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Lead by Jack Gordinier

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS : Drain Marshall and Tim Harrison.

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson received a letter from C.C.R.G., thanking our club for attending and the donations. Sandy Ragon also received a thank you letter. May anniversaries and birthday were recognized. Mirco really enjoyed our drive by on the way to lunch and the movie. Dennis and Janet did a great job of driving their Model A's. Relay for life sign-up sheets available and our usual spot is reserved.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison reported that the C.C.R.G was great. Events were all fun and interesting.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner reported current balance.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff -- Absent. Send articles and pictures from events for the Harbor Light. Sandy Ragon wrote an article about the C.C.R.G. tour for the newsletter.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall -- Reported Dennis has designed an extension for the starter in the Model A to help the ladies start their cars. Nathan showed a timing gear with a new adaptor.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Open Position

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: Dennis Bates reported on upcoming events. Sign-up sheets available at the meeting.

May 2-4th - Lake County Tour

May 18th - Racer Phil's Man Cave

May 23-25th - N.C.R.G in Sacramento

June 7th - Crafts at Gordinier's 1pm

July 12th - Union Station Tour

July 17th - Rock Around the Block in Old Town Torrance

July 20th - Relay for Life. Continental breakfast 7am at Simpsons.

HISTORIAN: Janet Winter - Working on an article about the clubs 50th Anniversary.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Reported club tools available.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt - Updated the roster.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Reported Mirco Pisu is out of the Hospital and improving. Don and Amy Knott are both feeling better.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson—Website is up to date.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos--- No Report.

MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos—Merchandise available.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Absent. Ursi Schmidt and Gary Guttormson provided the refreshments for tonight.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Sandy Ragon asked if the club could consider giving a donation to Scott Doridrich, member of the Santa Anita A's. He lost everything in the Altadena Fire. Tim made a motion to discuss at the next board meeting, Jim second the motion and all were in favor.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: May 30th 2025, 7:30 PM at WALTERIA CLUB HOUSE

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 10th 2025, 9:30 AM A1's Garage

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:21 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: *Gloria Yountkin*, Secretary



Lake County Spring Opener

A small but mighty band of Harbor A's members trekked north to Kelseyville, on Clear Lake, for the 28th Lake County Spring Opener. We had nine of us, four returners and five newbies. Donnis Bates, Pat and Tim Harrison, Linda and Dennis Simpson, and Weeg and Steve Thompson arrived a day early. This allowed us to create our own pre-Opener excursion to Lakeport for breakfast and a visit to Xabatin Community Park, right on the waterfront, for a community-wide event dedicated to raising awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP). Some of the information shared included that one in three Native women have been raped in their lifetime and American Indian men and women are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual assault crimes. There were numerous booths for local agencies and groups to share what they are doing to help address this problem, as well as music and dance provided by local indigenous tribes. Some of the groups and agencies we learned about provide support in the area to all, not just Native Americans. One that we found to be especially heartwarming was Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA). Very touching what they do to support children who have been abused. Ask us about it sometime.

The actual Spring Opener began with a social hour and pasta dinner on Friday night. Emma and Gary Gaffney arrived late that evening due to car-related delays, but were there in time for our Left-Center-Right game which Emma won!

The next day was lovely weather-wise (in contrast to last year's rain), and we had a grand drive around Clear Lake, the largest natural lake entirely inside California. We ended our drive at Riviera Hills Restaurant and Country Club, where we had a nice taco lunch and spectacular views of the lake. Some of the participants, including all the Harbor A's, made a side trip after lunch to visit the Lady Luck Garage which sells cars on consignment.

There were a number of fine cars on display, along with an original jukebox and pinball machine...old music and fun times...free to play. Following the garage, the Harbor A's took advantage of coupons we'd been given for a free wine and olive oil tasting nearby. The day ended with a social hour, dinner, opportunity drawing and auction. Steve provided his photo booth which was well-received. Harbor A's came through once again during the opportunity drawing with our members winning 10 prizes, including, once again, a few duplicates.

The next morning, we said our goodbyes to the new friends we had met at the Opener, as well as each other. The Gaffneys were staying another night in Kelseyville before making a trip down the coast, the Harrisons headed home to get Woodie, the Simpsons headed north to Oregon to visit family, and the Thompsons and the Bates went to Three Rivers for an extra day of mountain air.

A great time! We hope to see more of you there next year!



This was the United States just 14 years before the Model A was introduced!

THE YEAR IS 1914

This will boggle your mind, I know it did mine!

The year is 1914 --- One hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1914:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for the 1914 model T Ford car was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year ...

**A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year,
A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year
and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.**

More than 95 percent of all births took place at home ..

**Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!
Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which
were condemned in the press AND the government as "substandard."**

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Service Information

PLATE LEVER NOTCH IN DISTRIBUTOR BODY MUST NOT BE ALTERED

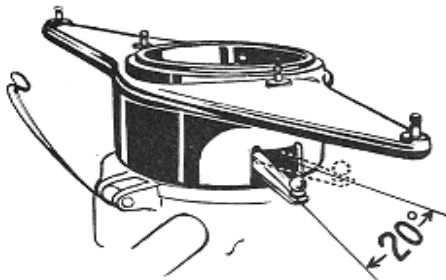


Fig. 950

Several instances have been reported of dealers increasing the width of the plate lever notch in the distributor body in endeavoring to increase the travel of the plate lever.

This is exceedingly poor practice and must be discontinued at once.

The plate lever notch in the distributor body is accurately machined to permit the lever to travel 20° from the fully retarded to the fully advanced spark lever position. See Fig. 950. When the width of the notch is increased it permits the lever to travel beyond the recommended 20° range and this of course affects the timing.

Before timing an engine always check the travel of the plate lever. This can be easily done by fully retarding the spark lever on the steering gear quadrant then noting whether the plate lever is touching against the side of the notch. Next pull the spark lever all the way down on the quadrant to the fully advanced position and see if the plate lever is touching the opposite side of the notch. If the plate lever does not make the full 20° travel disconnect the spark control rod (see Fig. 951) and slightly bend the control rod lever (see Fig. 952) until the plate lever

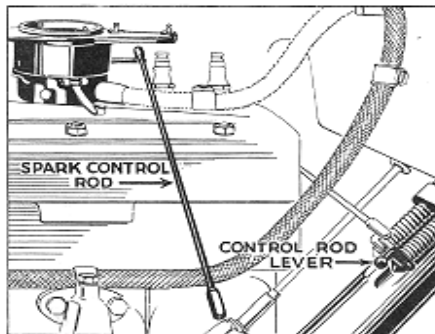


Fig. 951

touches one side of notch in distributor body when spark lever is fully advanced and touches opposite side when lever is fully retarded. Do not under any circumstances attempt to correct this condition by increasing the width of notch in distributor body.

After checking travel of plate lever proceed with timing operation in usual way. When the timing operation is completed the travel of the lever should again be checked. When timing ignition do not remove distributor body.

Inasmuch as there has been some misunderstanding on the part of mechanics please make correct travel of plate lever a part of your regular inspection.

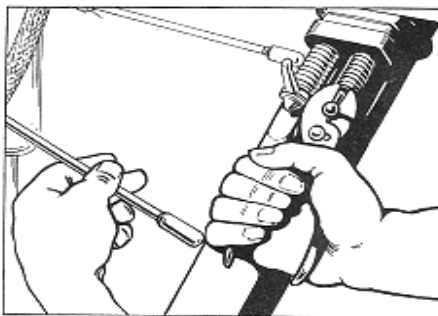


Fig. 952



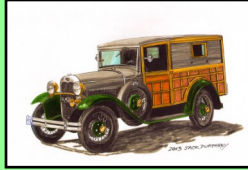
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June Birthdays

10 Weeg Thompson
12 Bea Fruchter
13 Joan Gordinier
14 Fran Earhart
21 Jim Huizdos
23 Andy Soto

June Anniversaries

4 Richard & Jeanne Parrish
14 Jim & Kathy Valot
26 Cliff & Theresa LeFall



1930 Era Fashions

LADIES' SUMMER DRESSES



No. L. 2043.
Price 12/-

Nice little frock with new style fancy collar, piped bands, Acorn shade buttons and trimmings. New waistcoat effect. Full flare skirt. In late colour. Plain Art. Silk.

No. L. 2050.
Price 6/11

Fashionable Summer Ride in plain Cotton Poplin. (Bright shade). Collar trimmed. Gown. Overlapped front. Decorated buttons. Narrow waist belt with colored fancy buckle. Deep flounce with Green piping. Only done in colored illustrations.

Only done in lengths 42, 44 and 46 in.

No. L. 2051.
Price 9/3

This particular model is made up in printed Art. Vals. Complete with long sleeves. Round neck. New style tail down front. Belows effect. High waist belt. Deep flounce. Full on plumes.

As the Season advances we cannot always guarantee the printed pattern will be identical to our illustrations. However, the material is, in every instance, up to our usual standard of hand-making texture.

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LADIES' FANCY DRESSES



No. L. 2052.
Price 13/6

Produced in printed Art. Silk of latest sport effect and shiny check ground. Smart modern style. Deep pointed collar, trimmed pointed buttons. Full cut circular skirt.

No. L. 2053.
Dress 13/11 Coat 11/9

Here is a chic shoulderless Tulle Frock in 100 per cent. Art. Spun Silk. Green shade, pale color. Coloured metalton trim. All round circular belt. Pleated skirt. We also illustrate an All-Wool Green Crepe Coat to go with Tulle Frock, with circular Black belt of matching leather. Only done in the shade as shown. When ordering Coat please ask for pattern 2053A.

Only done in lengths 42, 44 and 46 in.

No. L. 2054.
Price 14/6

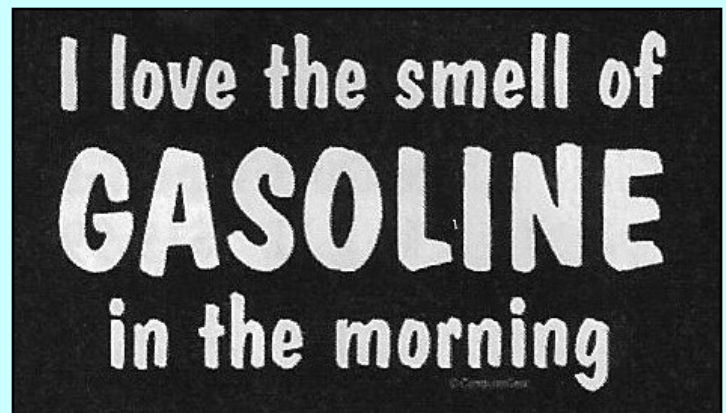
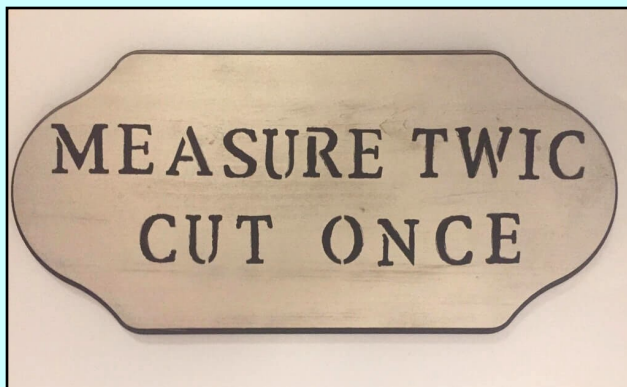
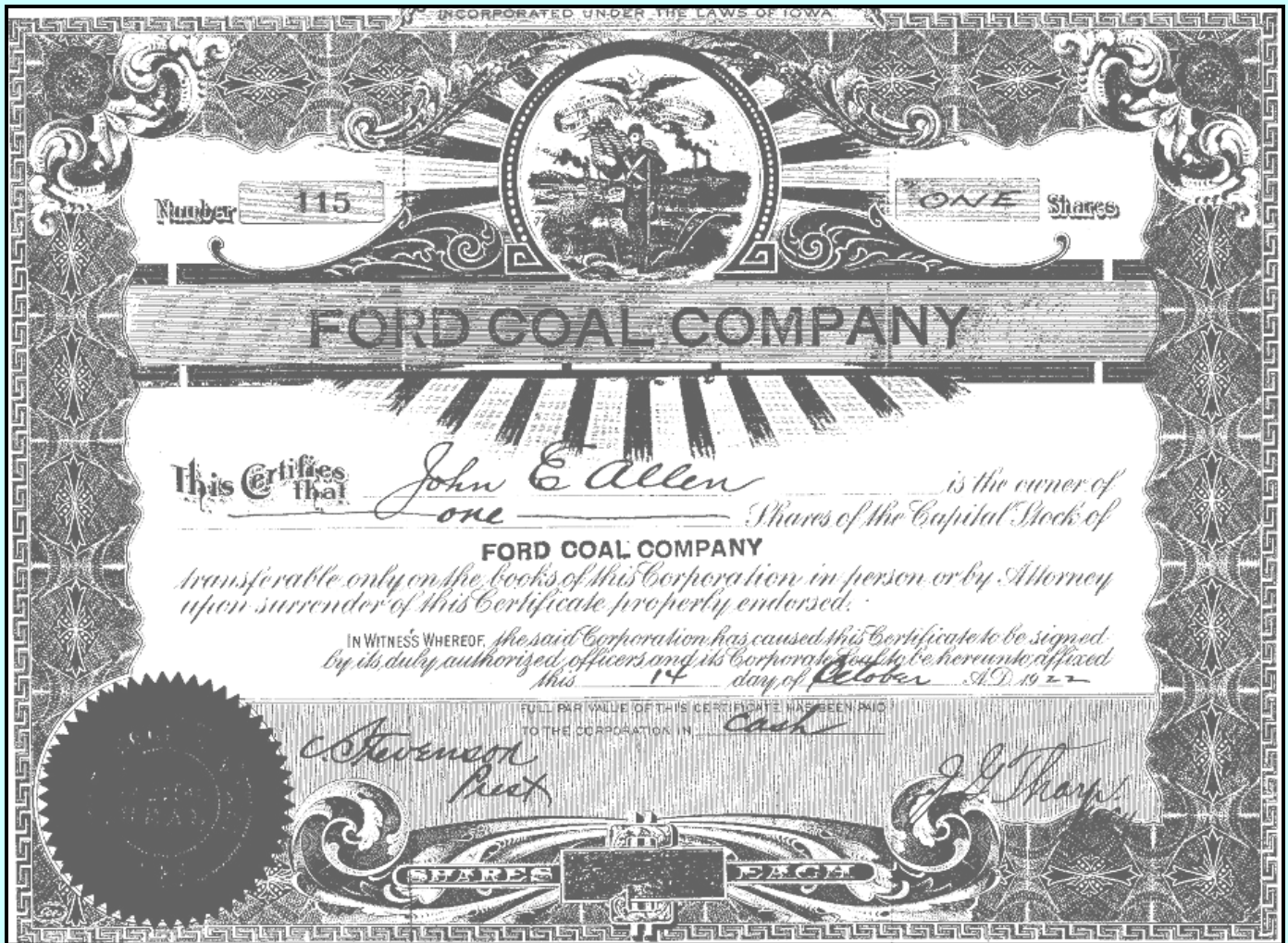
Modish shoulderless model with flare skirt and long sleeve capes. Very attractive. Beautifully finished shoulders of printed Vals. Please note that the dress is shoulderless. Two garments at the price of one. Very attractive looking set at a cheap price.

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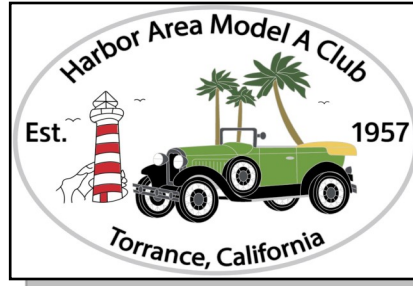
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