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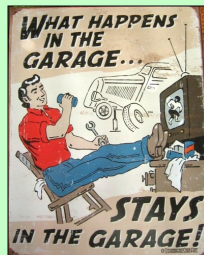
AUGUST 2025



Harbor Area Model A Club members
displaying their cars at the
4th Annual Relay for Life car show
in Redondo Beach, CA

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 July meeting is at the
Walteria Clubhouse on
Friday, July 25th 7:30 PM.
The August meeting is
August 29th

Next Board Meeting

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



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A Note from
Harbor President
Dennis Simpson



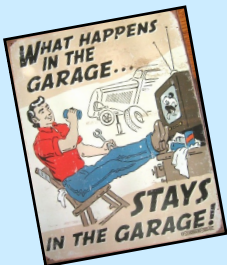
... The Second Gear Grind

As I write this, I am preparing for one of my favorite events, The Relay for Life Car Show which benefits the American Cancer Society. (It has already passed by the time you are reading this). We also attended the Rock Around the Block Car Show hosted by the Torrance Historical Society. In addition, some adventurous members took their moderns downtown Los Angeles for a tour of Union Station.

Some musings from June; A few of us went to Gary's house to replace his crankshaft pulley on the Coupe. At Al's Garage we helped member Neil Mylar wire up his turn signals and accessory brake/running light. Jack and I went to Tim's Garage to assist getting his Woody on the road again after a too long hibernation. She runs good but still needs some "persuasion" to get started. Last Sunday, I went over to Janet's house to see why "Sparky" was being cantankerous... again. Seems her starter Bendix jammed in the flywheel and froze up the engine. After some rocking back and forth in 3rd gear we heard a BAM!! when it broke free. "Sparky" started right up after that.

As y'all can see, I have not had time to do my Presidential Duties so I have little to report... Till next time, remember, "Stay away from negative people, they have a problem for every solution".

Dennis



Editor's Corner
By Dick Wyckoff



Summer is here and lots of events going on. Locally, every Friday afternoon folks bring their hobby cars to Redondo Beach near the pier.

Several hundred show up and swap car stories for 2 or 3 hours. I bring the Cabbie down and it gets a lot of interest. It is one of the oldest ones there (There is a 1917 Model T there also). It is amazing how many folks have never seen cars this old before. (Lots of pictures).

The Relay for Life show at the Redondo Beach Performing Art Center was a huge success. It raises money to help further the American Cancer Society's mission to "End Cancer as we know it, for Everyone." The Harbor Club had eight Model As there. Member Cliff LeFall won a trophy for his '30 Sedan. Go Cliff!

Keep driving those As! *Dick*

August 2025 Happenings

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 2025 HARBOR A HAPPENINGS					1  <u>BOARD MEETING</u> 7pm Location TBD	2 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
				7 <u>ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING</u> 1 pm 	8	9 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
3	4  <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD	5	6	14	15	16  <u>Cars, Bikes & Coffee @ The American Honda Collection Hall</u>
10 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	11	12	13	21	22 <u>MODEL A CLUB MEETING—Walteria Club House 7:30 pm</u> 	23 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
17 "The food might be simple, but the memories we make are priceless." <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD	18	19	20	28	29	30 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
24 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	25	26	27			
31						*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

TOURS & ACTIVITIES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Cars, Bikes & Coffee @ The American Honda Collection Hall
Theme: Heritage & Museums (A showcase of SoCal cars & bike museums and vintage models)
Date: Saturday, August 16th
Location: American Honda Motor Co., Collection Hall
 1919 Torrance Blvd, Torrance (We enter off Van Ness Ave onto Harbor Way)

Cars, Bikes & Coffee @ The American Honda Collection Hall (Continued)

Event Time: 9am -12pm
Cost: None
Meeting Time: 7:00 leave at 7:15 (Need to arrive by 7:30 am)
Meeting Location: Torrance Theater Parking Lot – 1316 Cabrillo, Torrance
Lunch: Bring your lunch or there will be food trucks on site
Dessert: After the event, we will visit a special destination to share dessert and beverage of your choice.



September 6th – Walteria Elementary School – Centennial Celebration
 September 14th – Harbor A's Annual Picnic
 October 11th – Redondo Beach High School Classic Car Show
 October – New kind of Progressive/Poker Run – Stay tuned for date and additional information!

Check back here next month for more fun times ahead! Driving our A's!

[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**.



HARBOR AREA MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: June 27th, 2025 LOCATION: Waleria Park Club House

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. Dennis asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as appeared in the Harbor Light; Linda made the motion and Nathan second the motion. All approved.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Lead by Jack Gordinier

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS : Dick Wyckoff and Tim Harrison.

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson reminded members the nomination of officers will be at the October meeting. Election of officers will be at the November meeting. Nathan will be receiving the “Thumb” because he broke down on a recent tour. Dennis forgot to bring the “Thumb”. July birthday and anniversaries were recognized. Liz Dye sent a message that the Elk’s in Redondo Beach will have a chili cook off on July 19th.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison – Nothing to report. Pat Harrison presented Weeg an apron, which Tim had purchased and had the club logo on it

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner reported a balance with some outstanding bills.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff -- Send articles and pictures from events for the Harbor Light.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall – Absent.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Open Position

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSON: Donniss Bates with the help of Weeg Thompson reported on upcoming events.

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.

Aug 16th – Honda Tour / El Segundo Car Show

Sept 6th – Waleria Elementary 100th Anniversary. 11-4PM.

Sept 14th – Club Picnic at Lomita Park. 10-3PM

HISTORIAN: Janet Winter – No Report.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Tools available.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt – Has Gillingham’s address in Indiana.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Absent.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson—Nothing new.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos--- Absent.

MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos—Absent.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Strawberry shortcake provided by the Harrisons and Simpsons.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: The board decided donating to the fire victim is something that the club will not do. Any member can donate personally. The board feels it would make more of an impact if we make donation through a nonprofit that is helping all victims of the fires; such as the Red Cross, California Fire Foundation Wild Fire and Relief Fund, or World Central Kitchen.

NEW BUSINESS: Donniss reported that on July 19th, Nita Stonehocker is having an open house to honor her husband Toad Stonehocker who passed recently. At the July meeting Donniss said we will have a speaker from AARP. Mike Wright reported that Veterans Stadium in Long Beach is being torn down.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: July 25th 2025, 7:30 PM at Waleria Club House

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 20th · 2025, 7:00 AM at the Simpson’s

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:15 P.M. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Gloria Younkin, Secretary



Recent car events



Redondo Beach Relay for Life

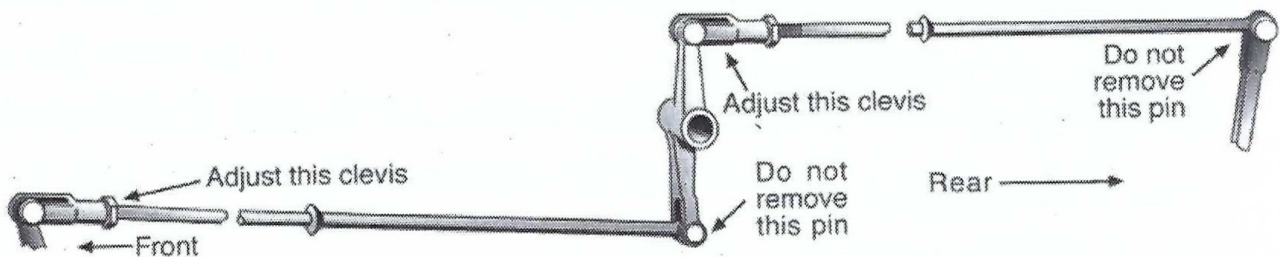


Torrance 100th anniversary

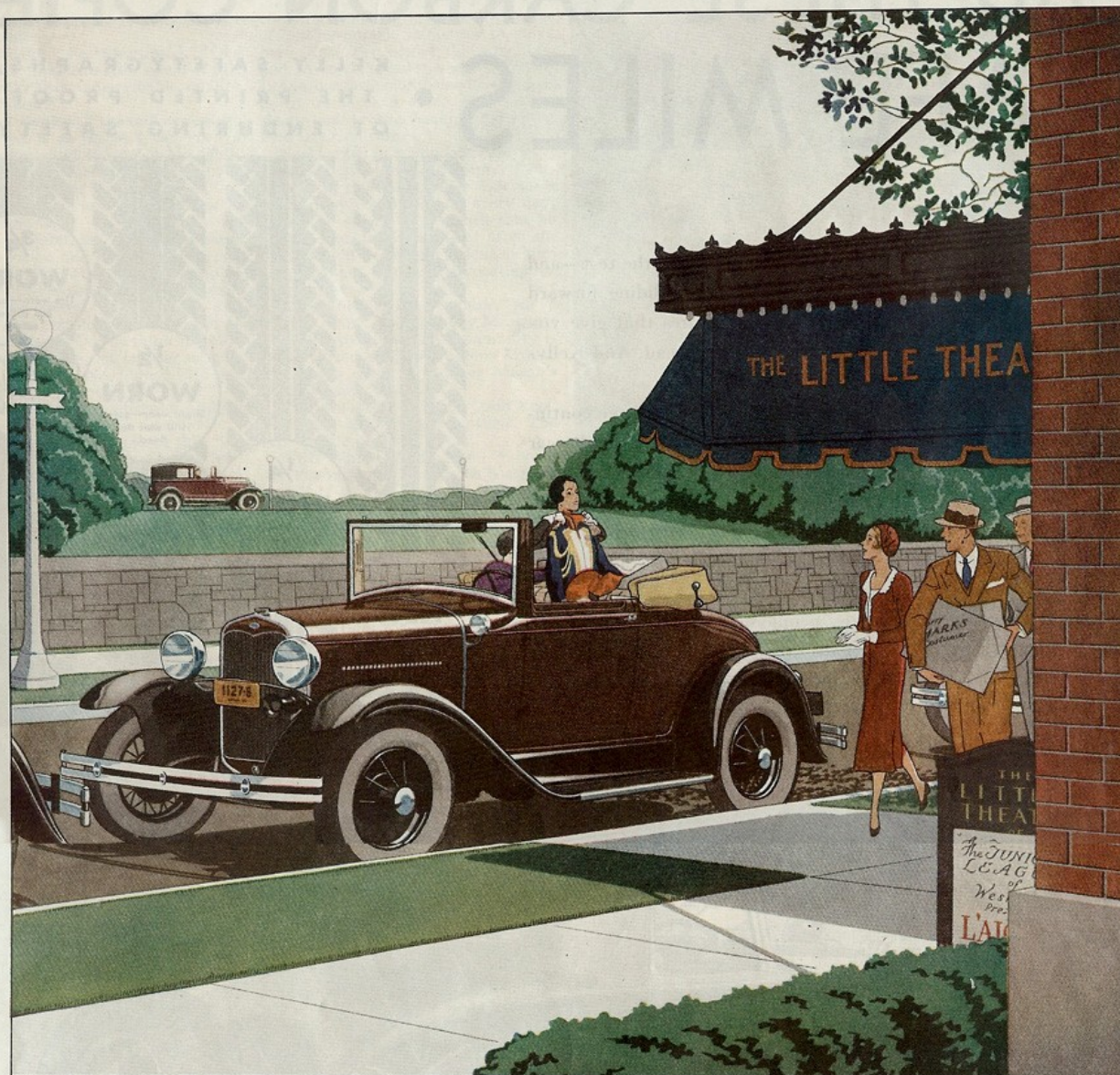
Technical Info

ADJUSTING BRAKE RODS

- Check all brake parts to be sure they work properly before adjusting rods.
- Disconnect all brake rods at the threaded clevises.
- Check to be sure that the brake pedal is all the way to the rear.
- With the rods disconnected adjust brake wedges until wheel locks up. Back brake wedges off 3 to 4 clicks or until wheel has just a slight drag.
- Pull the rear brake rod up to the cross shaft adjustable clevis so pin easily slips into clevis and arm. Remove pin and lengthen clevis two full turns. Replace clevis pins and cotter pin.
- Push the front wheel brake activating lever to the rear with the pin in the clevis. Adjust so the clevis slips over the activating arm. Remove pin and hook back up to arm. Replace cotter pin and tighten lock nut.



Era ad for Cabriolet



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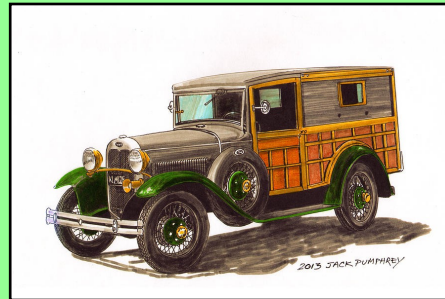


August Birthdays

- 1 Sandy Ragon
- 13 Phyllis DeCrescenzo
- 18 Julie Hernandez
- 20 Dorothy Knott
- 23 Jack Gordinier
- 24 Gwen Valot
- 25 Dick Valot
- 31 Theresa LeFall

August Anniversaries

- 4 Dr. Steven & Weeg Thompson
- 6 Mickey & Bea Fruchter



1930s FASHION

Accessories

A woman wore gloves for both day and evening. Day gloves gathered loosely at the cuff. Evening gloves were long opera length. A simple handbag, small angular hat and shoes always matched.



Jewelry

Simple art deco designs or small plain pearls were all the jewelry a woman needed. Earrings and a bracelets were preferred over flashy necklaces and pins.



Evening Gowns

Elegant bias cut floor length gowns with sweeping flared hems was the style of the decade. Modest necklines on the front opened up to bare backs. Black, pastels and jewel tones in silk, satin or lace.



Day Dresses

Floral prints, polka dots and muted colors filled a daytime wardrobe. Dresses had modest tops, wide sleeves or cape effect and a slender bias cut body with flair at the hem. Length ranged from floor to slightly below the knee. Matching thin belt at the high waist.



Shoes

Shoes had thick heels and full coverage but with ample straps, cutouts and perforations. Two tone heels were very common as well as mixing textures. Oxfords were a daytime comfort shoe



Formal shoes were tall pumps and strappy sandals in jewel tones.

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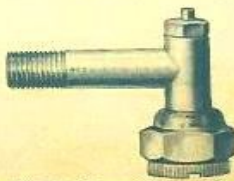
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1 No. 5186 Tire Gauge (for Truck Tires)		1.25	1.75
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5 No. 3751 Dust Caps only		.13	.25
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1 No. 4790 Star Wrench		.14	.25
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* Subject to 2% Cash Discount.

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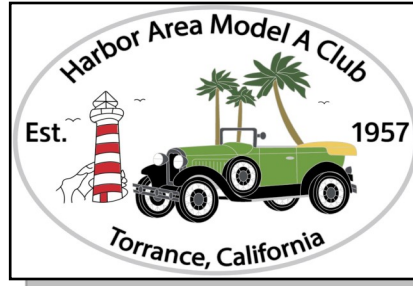


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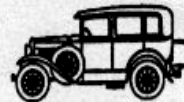
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