



# HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB

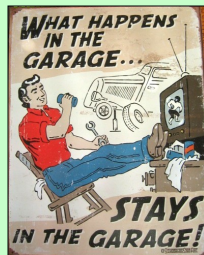
Dedicated to preserving and driving the 1928-1931 Model 'A' Ford since 1957  
Torrance, California

## SEPTEMBER 2025



### 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 August meeting is at the  
Walteria Clubhouse on  
Friday, August 22nd 7:30 PM.  
The September meeting is  
At the annual picnic

### Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting  
will be Saturday,  
September 13th  
Al's garage, 9:30 AM



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## A Note from



### *The Second Gear Grind*

A couple of weeks ago a small group of Harbor Area Model A members took a pleasant Sunday morning drive to Pasadena at the invitation of Mickey and Bea Fruchter to join the Santa Anita A's (they are members of both clubs) to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Numerous other Model A clubs from around Southern California were also invited. Their goal was to reach 50 Ford Model A's together in one place. They got 75! It was fun seeing old friends and making some new ones. I bring this up because I feel it is important for us to interact with other clubs if we are going to continue to grow in numbers and increase our activities.

This is a reminder that our own 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming up in September, which is also my Birthday Month. The Activities Committee and other volunteers are busy planning and arranging for the event. We will be celebrating at our Annual Picnic scheduled for Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 in conjunction with International Model A Ford Day, so bring your Model A for the Photo Shoot. The photo will be sent in to the National Clubs (Both MARC & MAFCA) to be included the articles on the IMAFD in their magazines, the Model "A" News and The Restorer.

Till next time, remember, "Rainbows come after rain".

*Dennis*



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



A busy weekend for the club. The Santa Ana club celebrated it's 50 year anniversary and 72 Cars showed up! Fun time. Harbor had eight cars there.

At the same time, El Segundo hosted a giant car show on Main St. I participate in that (my home town). There were 370 cars of all types on display. My '30 Cabriolet was the only stock Model A there and drew a lot of attention. Many people remember early cars in their youth.

Getting ready to fire up my '29 Roadster pickup. I run a thermostat in it and it stuck closed creating overheating problems. I'll fix that this next week and then both As will be operational again. Yeh!

Keep driving those As. They are almost 100 years old!

*Dick*

## September 2025 Happenings

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>SEPTEMBER 2025</p> <p>HARBOR A HAPPENINGS</p>	<p>1</p> <p><i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>  <p><b>WALTERIA ELEMENTARY</b>— Centennial Celebration 11-2</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>  <p><i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p><u>ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING</u> 1 pm</p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY</b></p>  <p>1929 Ford Model A</p> <p><u>BOARD MEETING</u>—Al's Garage 9:30</p> <p><u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12</p>
<p>14</p>  <p><b>Picnic Park at the Harbor A's ANNUAL PICNIC</b> 10-3</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p><u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u></p> <p>Al's Garage 9:30-12</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD</p>  <p><b>ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS</b></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>  <p><b>ROSH HASHANAH ENDS</b></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p><u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u></p> <p>Al's Garage 9:30-12</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>  <p><i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD</p>	<p>30</p>				<p>*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.</p>

### TOURS & ACTIVITIES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### Walteria Elementary School – Centennial Celebration, Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> **MODEL A'S NEEDED!**

Location: 24456 Madison Street, Torrance, CA 90505

Time of Event: 11am – 2pm

Cost: None

Meeting Time: 10:15 leave at 10:30

Meeting Location: Shakey's Pizza, 3615 Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), Torrance

Lunch: Lunch will be provided along with snacks and water.

Misc. Information: There will be Food Trucks, a DJ with music through the years, live music, and a garden unveiling along with exhibits of Walteria History. There will be a swing dance performance ending with teaching the kids swing dance moves and other activities for the kids. It should be a fun day!

#### Harbor Area Model A's Annual Picnic, Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

We will have a short Business Meeting at the picnic.

Time: 10am – 3pm

Location: Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Avenue, Lomita, CA 90717

Price of Boxed Lunch: \$20

Box lunch will include: Sandwich, wrap or salad; chips, and a cookie.

Menu will be circulated with a sign-up sheet where you will indicate your selection.

Club will supply: Coffee, sodas, water and watermelon

We will be having our Hubley races, Bingo and Left: Center: Right.

And, of course, fresh air and plenty of folks you may not see too often. Lots of time to visit. See you there!



October 11<sup>th</sup> – Redondo Union High School Classic Car Show

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Progressive & Poker Run

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Pumpkin Carving

*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!

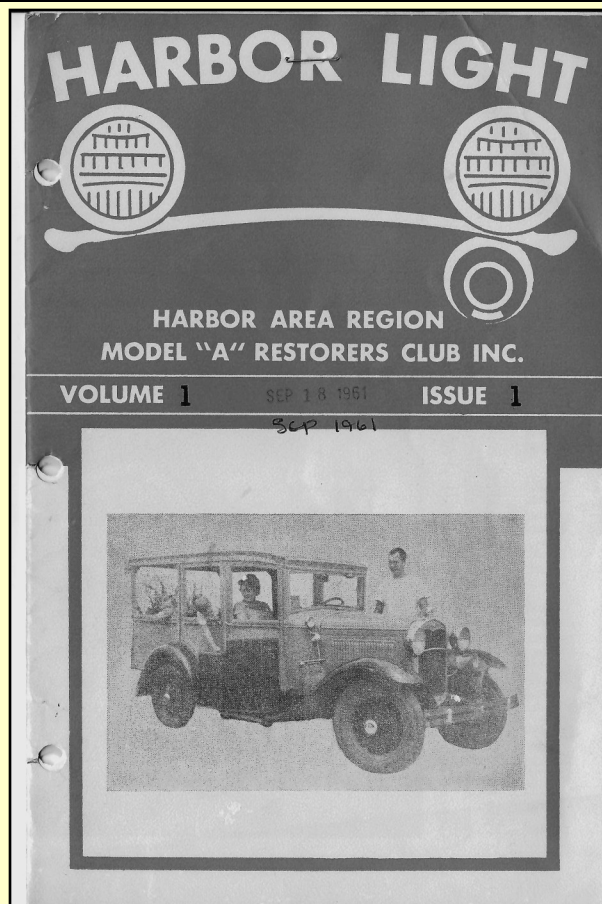
The address is 17400 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance CA. (at Artesia Blvd.)

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**.



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Bob Moser, editor

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

DATE: July 25th, 2025 LOCATION: Walteria Park Club House

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M. Dennis asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as appeared in the Harbor Light; Daffy made the motion and Dick Wyckoff 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 --- Weeg read an interesting article from an old AARP magazine. Donnis introduced the AARP representative and he gave an informative slide show on fraud. He answered questions from club members. Nathan Sherry was presented the "Thumb" because he broke down on a recent tour. Club member Mickey Fruchter also a member of Santa Anita A's invited our club to participate in their 50<sup>th</sup> year club anniversary on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-11AM. It will be held at Elks lodge in Pasadena and breakfast available for \$17.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison - Reported his car has been in hibernation but he is working on it. Nominations of officer's will be at the October meeting. One of the raffle prizes tonight is a car armrest, Dennis explained how it works.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner reported the current balance.

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

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall - Shop open tomorrow.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Open Position

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSON: Donnis Bates reported that Cliff won a trophy at the Rely For Life event. upcoming events.

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> - Santa Anita A's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> - Honda Tour meet at 7:15 and leave at 7:30AM

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> -- El Segundo Car Show, contact Dick Wyckoff

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> - Walteria Elementary 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 11-4PM.

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - Club Picnic at Lomita Park. 10-3PM

HISTORIAN: Janet Winter - Working on an article about the Tri-Meet that our club participated in a few years ago.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Tools available.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt - Reported that Gary Guttormson is doing better after his fall.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Reported she hasn't been able to contact Bill Kealey. Glad Gary is here after the fall. Theresa reported that she is feeling better after her health problems of the last couple months.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson—Website up to date.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos--- No Report.

MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos—Merchandise available.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Jack and Joan Gordinier and Donnis Bates provided the refreshments tonight. It was Steve's sister recipe.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025, 7:30 PM at Walteria Club House

NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, 7:00 PM at Dennis' home.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:07 P.M. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Gloria Younkin, Secretary

## **AN UNEXPECTED DELIGHT**

**Union Station - Saturday, July 12, 2025.**

I always enjoy our tours and getting together with such a great group of people. But this one turned out to be a bit of a surprise. We met at the agreed upon time, not too early. Caravanning, staying together on the freeway as best we could, we met up with the Docent for our tour of Union Stations Art and Architecture.

Even though I have been there many, many times through the years I was seeing it through different eyes. We started at the fish tank in the Metro area near the back of the building. They gave us these amazing sound amplifiers to wear, and the docent had a microphone, so that, when she spoke, it was as if she was speaking right into our ears. I always expected to turn and see her beside me and she was not. When you walk by the fish tank it is just a regular tank with some amazing fish, but then she pointed out the etching in the glass and told us the different stories represented. We heard about the history of the location and what was found there when they began to clear the land for the building. There is a setting across from the fish tank that represents much of the history and includes some of the items that had been found. The setting looks like a small stream with mounds that represent the mountains and contain many of the artifacts and items from the initial dig.

I will only mention some of the highlights of our tour, but know there was much more. We learned about the patterns that were used and what they represented, a mural that had some of the architect's family members, and the meaning behind the ones chosen. Be sure to ask us about the Bill Bell interactive exhibit titled "A Train" you start the interaction by saying 'Hey Bill, old buddy . . . ."

Next we entered the waiting area, where you experienced the absence of loud noise and she pointed out the acoustics that were part of the original design and environment in that area. As I said, there is much more, but I will only tell you about one more thing: an area that is generally closed to the public, but we had a private viewing. It was the Fred Harvey restaurant and The Streamliner sidebar that resembled an elegant speakeasy of the time. They were setting up for a private wedding but allowed us the opportunity to view the interior spaces. There were stories about the Harvey Girls and their role in train travel during WWII. The tour was full of information and was enjoyed by our group!

And, finally, as per our usual, we ended our trip eating together at Phillipe the Original. We had delicious French dip sandwiches (Which they are famous for) with all of the traditional sides you could think of, including pickled eggs and pickled pigs feet. It was a fun day, and I enjoyed getting acquainted with some of our newer members. Hope you can join us next time on some of our upcoming adventures.

*Donn's Bates*





## Jim's Tech Tips

### Headlamp Plugs and Terminals

As documented in the Ford Service Bulletins, below, a change was made to the headlamp plugs and terminals around May 1930. It is a small change in the wire connector ends and the "plug" lengths used with them. If your wiring harness ends and headlamp plugs are from different times, the connection at the base of your headlights may be too tight to connect (frustrating) or too loose to make a good connection (frustrating, as well). See discussion below and adjust the plug dimension as required.

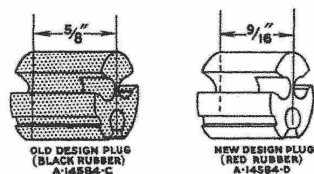


Fig. 908

### CHANGE IN HEADLAMP PLUGS AND TERMINALS

A change has been made in the headlamp plugs and the headlamp wire terminals.

The new plug A-14584-D is approximately 9/16" long and is made from *red* rubber. The old plug, which has been obsoleted, was 5/8" long and was made from *black* rubber.

The new headlamp wire terminals are of the clinch-on type. They are approximately 1/16" longer than the old design which has been obsoleted (see Fig. 908).

As special equipment is required to assemble the new design terminals to the headlamp wires, the terminals will not be sold through service. If an occasion should arise where it was necessary to replace one of the new terminals, use terminal A-14461-C for making the replacement; this terminal can be installed by hand. Also after present stocks of the old design A-14459 terminals are exhausted, supply terminal A-14461-C for replacements. Fig. 909 shows these terminals.



Fig. 909

Due to the difference in the length of the old and new style terminals and headlamp plugs, the old style plugs cannot be used with the new design terminals, or the old terminals with the new plug.

After present stocks are exhausted, when calls are received for an old style plug, supply the new design plug, together with spacer washer A-14601-R. This spacer washer is

approximately 1/16" thick and compensates for the difference in length between the old and new style plugs. Fig. 910 shows how the washer is installed.

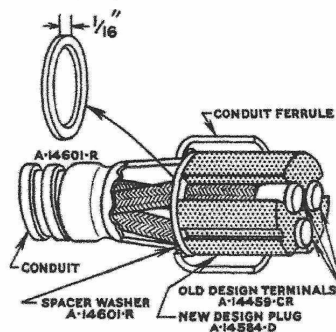


Fig. 910

So, when you are assembling your headlights and the conduits do not want to make a good connection at the base, check the dimensions above and get plugs to match.

*Have a Model A Day!*

Jim Cannon

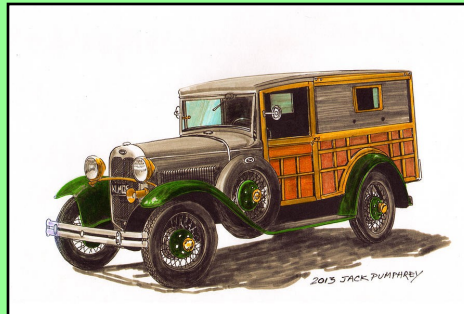


## September Birthdays

5 Dennis Simpson  
6 Darlene Funk  
6 Jim Beardsley  
8 Rob Hernandez  
11 Ursula Schmidt  
14 Cliff LeFall

## September Anniversaries

17 Dick & Gwen Valot



### The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

#### THE running BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

August 2025

**M**aybe you haven't visited the MARC website recently, but if you have, you are aware that our website is rather outdated and while our Facebook page has thousands of members, very few take the next step to join MARC. Your Board of Directors has just approved a preliminary budget and formed a committee, led by Chris DuVall, to review and make changes to our complete social media strategy and website. The committee will begin meeting on a frequent basis and we will keep you updated on our progress.

**A**lso, speaking of Chris, he recently posted a brief video on our Facebook page on the basics of starting a Model A. We need more videos like this to teach new Model A owners the basics of diagnosing and fixing mechanical issues. If you are interested in producing a video, please contact Joe Fox or any other Board member.

**R**egions, we still need volunteers to step up to host future MARC meets; a National Meet, Tour, or Membership Meet. As you know, we will be combining our 2026 Membership Meet with our Finger Lakes Tour in May. All of your Board members have experienced hosting a Meet and we will help any Region interested in hosting a future event. Contact Jim Zimmer or Joe Valentine for any information.

**C**ontinuing our focus on Region recognition, the Board recently approved a motion to recognize Regions who have achieved 50+ years MARC membership. A brick will be donated in your Regions name to be placed at the Gilmore Museum! As we donate annually to MAFFI, they provide us bricks that we will use for this purpose. We currently have 40 bricks available and will begin recognizing the 40 longest member Regions first. Twenty more will be recognized in 2026 and the remainder in 2027. We will notify you as your bricks are placed.





## YOU MUST HAVE A PAIR OF SPORTS TROUSERS



### Right Up to Date!

You need white twill trousers for tennis, the beach, and all sorts of summer occasions. The slant pockets, wide waist band, set-down belt loops, and 22-inch cuff bottoms are right up to the minute, as are the flaps on the two back pockets. The cotton twill is heavy 8-ounce and PRE-SHRUNK! SIZES—28 to 36 inches waist and 28 to 34 inches inseam. State measurements.

**45E7673—High Quality White Twill Trousers.**  
Postpaid.....**\$1.75**

### Flannels Are Style

Style critics agree that plain tan and gray flannel trousers are fast replacing knickers for sport wear. These are of high quality all wool flannel and are cut with the up to date slant pockets and twenty-inch bottoms. Others will ask \$6 or \$7 a pair for this quality! SIZES—28 to 36 inches waist and 28 to 34 inches inseam. State measurements.

**45E7641—Plain Light Tan All Wool Flannel.**

Postpaid.....**\$3.98**

**45E7642—Plain Light Gray All Wool Flannel.**

Postpaid.....**\$3.98**



### Genuine Palm Beach

In case of heat—keep cool! You know—Genuine Palm Beach—cool, crisp, comfortable, and washable. The tropical worsteds are over one-third wool, and very light and cool—A hard finished cloth that keeps a crease well. SIZES—30 to 42 inches waist and 28 to 34 inches inseam. State measurements.

**45E7563—Medium Dark Gray Striped Genuine Palm Beach.** Postpaid.....**\$3.75**

**45E7566—Light Gray, Striped Tropical Worsteds.**

Postpaid.....**\$2.85**

**45E7567—Medium Tan Striped Tropical Worsteds.**

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### Pre-Shrunk White Duck or Linen

No wonder we lead the field! And now—PRE-SHRUNK! Order the size you need, and it will stay that size no matter how often you wash it! Flaps on two hip pockets. Made just like our regular dress trousers. SIZES—28 to 42 inches waist and 28 to 36 inches inseam. State measurements.

**45E7562—Standard Quality White Duck.**

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**45E7565—Higher Quality Heavyweight White Duck.** Postpaid.....**\$1.49**

**45E7523—Genuine White Linen.**

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*For the Good Old Summertime*  
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### Stylish Summer Combination

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Here is the combination you can't beat for sports wear or for the most dressed up summer occasion! The handsome, well tailored, tan or blue sport jacket is made of fine quality all wool flannel, 1/4 lined for coolness. The three patch pockets and the four pinch pleats in back give it just the swagger that summer style demands. The trousers are carefully tailored of fine quality all wool white serge with fancy neat black stripes. The stripes are beautiful, and pure worsted means long wear and shape keeping qualities. You can order either of the coats or the trousers separately. SIZES—Coat, 34 to 42 inches chest; Trousers, 28 to 42 inches waist and 28 to 34 inches inseam. State measurements.

**45E7320—Medium Light Brown All Wool Flannel Coat.**

Postpaid.....**\$9.95**

**45E7321—Blue All Wool Flannel Coat.** Postpaid.....**9.95**

**45E7596—White All Wool Worsteds Serge Trousers with Fancy Black Stripes.**

Postpaid.....**\$4.95**

### Sport Outfit De Luxe!

(Sold Separately)

Here's a stylish combination of double breasted blue serge coat and plain white flannel trousers. Every man should have at least one such outfit. Now you can save a lot of money. The coat is of excellent quality fine twill blue serge, one-fourth lined, and beautifully tailored—the kind usually sold at \$15.00. The trousers are of a standard, nationally known, all wool white flannel, beautifully tailored and really worth \$7.50. You can buy either the coat or trousers separately.

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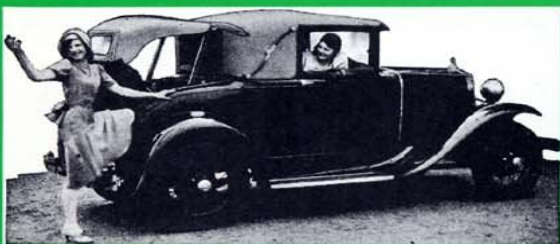
**45E7313—All Wool Navy Blue Serge Coat.**

Postpaid.....**\$9.45**

**45E7595—All Wool White Flannel Trousers.** Postpaid.....**5.50**



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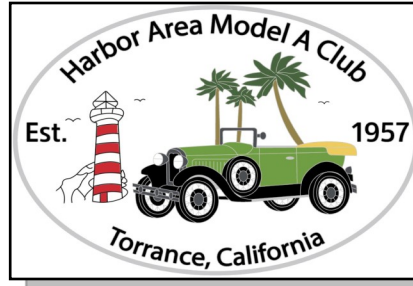
*Up or Down in Half a Minute  
Without Leaving the Seat . . .*



*Easy Entrance or Exit*

Here is the first built-in top for the rumble seat designed by factory top engineers. Tuxaway adequately protects the passenger without giving the makeshift tent or awning effect.

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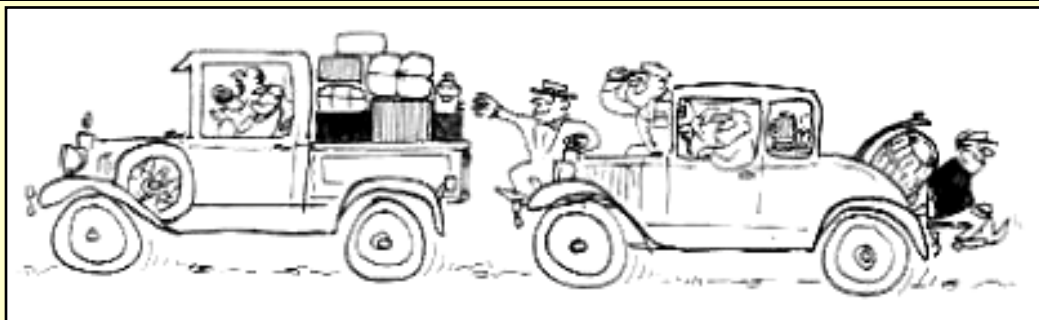
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For MAFA info and membership, see  
[www.MAFCA.com](http://www.MAFCA.com)

The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Waleria 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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 Email: [OldFordor@gmail.com](mailto:OldFordor@gmail.com)

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