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Harbor Area 2026 Board members and Appointed officers

HARBOR LIGHT

### 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 next club meeting will be  
Friday, February 27th  
At 7:30PM  
At the Walteria Clubhouse

### Next Board Meeting

February 7th  
At "Al's garage"  
9:30 AM



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*A Note from the  
Harbor President  
Dennis Simpson*



**The Second Gear Grind**

As I write this, I reflect on my first term as your President and remember all the good times we had together, I look forward to my second term as your President (are you people crazy?) and all the tours and adventures anticipated in 2026.

First on our agenda for 2026 was our Installation and Recognition Banquet held once again at the Blue Water Grill in Redondo Beach. And what a fantastic Banquet it was. Great venue, good food, wonderful company and an outstanding opportunity drawing. We swore in our Board of Directors for 2026-27; Dennis Simpson - President, Nathan Sherry - Vice President, Gloria Youngkin - Secretary, Daffy Wagner - Treasurer, Cliff LeFall - Technical Director/Safety, Dick Wyckoff - Harbor Light Editor and Donniss Bates - Activities Committee Chairperson. I can't thank you enough, the Board Members, Appointed Officers, Activities Committee and all of the other volunteers that help put on these events and help to as my "Core Group", I could not succeed.

As we start the New Year, I would like to wish all of our members a healthy make the Harbor Area Model A Restorers Club such a great club to belong to. From Donniss making the Program and Steve and Weeg's Photo Booth to Tim's Great Opportunity Drawing.

I thank you all for the confidence you have in me to lead you all for another two years. But without the help of others, who I refer and prosperous 2026 and many more miles of "Smileage" in your Model A. 'Til next time, Remember, dedication and effort can be the difference between something ordinary and something extraordinary.

*Dennis*



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



As Dennis mentioned, this has been a fun year. New members bring in new ideas and share their Model A experiences. (We just got a new member from South Africa.)

As mentioned above, the Annual awards banquet went over just great. We all had a swell time. A lot of planning goes into these events and it shows. Almost 60 people attend. The Blue Water grill does a great job in preparing for our event. Good food, great service, super location and even provided some nice weather too!

Congratulations to our 2025 Man and Woman of the year. Jack Gordinier and Gloria Younkin. They do a great job and deserve all the credit for what they do for the club.

Now the fun begins as we enter the 2026 year. The activity team already has activities and tours lined up. Let's have another great year!

*Dick*

**2025 Annual Banquet Pictures**



**Swearing in of 2026 officers**



**2026 Sworn officers and Committee members**

### 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.



### 2026 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*.



Orange County Model A Ford Club

## Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St, Orange, California

7:30am-11am

We look forward to seeing you & your Model A's (& other classics)



Adults \$10  
Children \$5 (Ages 2-10)

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs  
Juice, Hot Cocoa & Hot Coffee

**Large Raffle Selection**



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714-862-5773

2025 Persons of the Year



**2025 Woman of the year**  
**Gloria Younkin**  
Presented by 2024 WOY  
Daffy Wagner



**2025 Man of the Year**  
**Jack Gordinier**  
Presented by 2024 MOY  
Dick Wyckoff



**Saturday morning guys**  
**that fix and repair**  
**your Model As**  
**at Liz Dye's**  
**"Al's Garage"**  
**in Torrance.**  
**Thanks Liz!**

Installation  
Banquet



2026

Members and guests attending the annual Awards Banquet at the Bluewater grill



Photos by Dr. Steve Thompson

## From the Activities Committee:

The details of our upcoming **Mystery Tour** are coming together. We have 17 people currently signed up to attend.. It should be a one-of-a-kind experience.

We will start our tour with a drive to a lovely restaurant for a scrumptious lunch. Lunch will be followed by a short drive to our second and third destinations which are walking distance apart.

At our second stop, we will be treated to an exclusive opportunity to view a unique and eclectic private collection not generally open to the public. This part of the tour will be followed by a special rare musical presentation in an intimate setting. The show will feature the work of a well-known and well-loved musician who was popular in the 50's. The program will include many songs not previously released to the public, as well as the story behind them. The musical part of the tour is the optional 4pm offering that costs \$20 per person.

If you did not already sign up for this tour but want to join us, please let Donnis or Weeg know as soon as possible. Be sure to let them know if you want to participate in the optional musical offering. If you are on the list, please confirm your attendance to Donnis or Weeg, including whether you will be participating in the optional musical offering. We want to be certain we have a ticket for everyone who wants to see the show.

Thanks for your prompt reply. Specific meeting time and location will be sent to participants closer to the event.

### 5th Relay For Life of Torrance Car Show

Sunday / July 12, 2026/ 9 AM - 3PM

Redondo Beach Performing Art Center  
1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Redondo Beach 90278

Proceeds help further the American Cancer Society's mission to  
End Cancer as we know it, for Everyone.

Registration fee includes t-shirt and dash plaque.

\$45 - Car Entry before/by June 28th / \$50 after an until day of event.

Day of event based on available space. Limited to 225 car entries.

Gates open at 7 AM - Cars parked by 9 AM

Join us for a day of Cars, Trophies, Raffles, Music and Fun. Open to  
all Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles and Special Interest Vehicles.

\*\*\*No Alcoholic Beverages\*\*\*

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Car Entry information by June 28th and receive 5 free raffle tickets. \_\_\_\_ \$45 - Pre-Registered by June 28th

(Checks make payable to American Cancer Society)

Entry Paperwork Is Required. Please mail car entry and checks to the address below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

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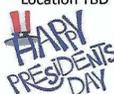
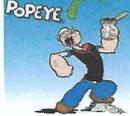
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Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Send Entry and Checks(ACS) to Annette Porter - 19310 Ronald Ave. Torrance, Ca. 90503  
Email questions and concerns to Annette Porter - ampdynomom@aol.com - (310) 245-4502  
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## February 2026 Calendar of events

							HARBOR A HAPPENINGS 2026
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD  Happy Groundhog Day	3	4	5  <i>ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING</i> 1 pm	6	7 <i>BOARD MEETING—</i> Al's Garage 9:30  <i>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</i> Al's Garage 9:30-12	
8 	9 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD 	10	11	12	13	14 <i>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</i> Al's Garage 9:30-12  Valentine's Day	
15	16 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD  <i>HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY</i>	17	18 <i>Ash</i> Wednesday	19	20	21 <i>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</i> Al's Garage 9:30-12	
22 	23 <i>DINNER 4:30</i> *Location TBD 	24	25	26	27  <i>MODEL A CLUB MEETING—Walteria Club House 7:30 pm</i>	28 <i>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</i> Al's Garage 9:30-12	

\*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

### TOURS & ACTIVITIES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### It's a Mystery—

**Date:** Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Location:** We are working on a tour that will involve lunch, a couple more stops and an optional offering at 4pm.

**Time:** Noonish (specific time TBD)

**Cost:** Lunch plus a \$20 fee for the optional 4pm offering of the tour.

**RSVP:** If you plan to attend or want more information please contact via phone or text either:

Donnis Bates (310)713-5830 or  
Weeg Thompson (310) 346-6409



#### Solvang

**Date:** Tuesday - Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

**Hotel:** King Frederik Inn, 1617 Copenhagen Drive, Solvang (805) 688-5515 or (800) 549-9955

Cost per night:

- Queen \$100
- 2 Doubles \$105
- King \$110
- 2 Queens \$115
- Deluxe QQ or K - \$130

Activities & costs TBD

More information to follow

## February Birthdays

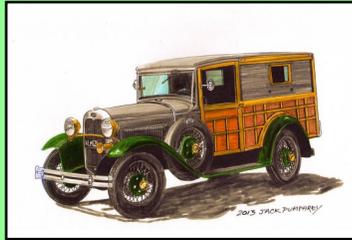
### February

3 Don Knott  
5 Ron Ragon  
5 Laura Pahls  
6 Sheree Wright  
9 Gloria Younkin  
15 Elaine Pisu  
18 Liz Dye  
24 Dick Wyckoff  
25 Daffy Wagner

## February Anniversaries

### February

14 Jim & Anita Perreten  
20 Mike & Sheree Wright



## ACCIDENT REPORT

Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to your request for additional information. In block #3 of the accident report form, I put, -quote- poor planning as the cause of my accident, You said in your letter that I should explain more fully, and I trust that the following details will be sufficient.

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a new six story building. When I completed my work, I discovered that I had about 500 pounds of brick left over. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley which, fortunately, was attached to the side of the building, at the sixth floor.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went up to the roof, swung the barrel and loaded the brick into it. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow descent of the 500 pounds of brick.

You will notice in block #11 of the accident reporting form that I weigh 135 pounds.

Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate up the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming down. This explains the fractured skull and broken collarbone.

Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were too deep in the pulley.

Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope in spite of my pain.

At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground...and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid the weight of the bricks, the barrel now weighed approximately fifty pounds.

I refer you again to my weight in block #11. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles and the lacerations of my lower body, and legs.

The encounter with the barrel slowed me up enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of bricks and, fortunately, only three vertebrae were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the bricks, in pain, unable to stand, and watching the empty barrel six stories above me, I again lost my presence of mind.....I let go of the rope!



## FORD MODEL "A" MECHANICAL TIPS

Ford Model A  
Wiring Diagram

### How to Approach Model A Ford Electrical Issues



Common problems with a Model A Ford terminal box stem from **issues with wiring, grounds, voltage drops, and internal components like the fuse and ammeter**. To diagnose, start at one end of the electrical circuit, use a voltmeter or test light to trace for voltage drops or open circuits, check for a good battery and ground connection, ensure the fuse is not blown, and verify that the ignition switch, ammeter, and coil are functioning correctly. Replacing old wiring, especially the under-hood harness and wiring to the coil, can prevent future problems.

#### Common Problems

**Wiring Issues:** Frayed, corroded, or loose wires, especially in exposed areas, can cause electrical malfunctions.  
**Grounding Problems:** Poor ground connections are notorious in Model A's and can lead to a variety of electrical issues.

**Voltage Drops:** A voltage drop indicates a high-resistance connection or faulty component in the circuit.

**Blown Fuse/Ammeter:** A short circuit can blow the fuse or cause the ammeter to fail.

**Bad Components:** A faulty ignition switch, a bad condenser or a failing ammeter can cause problems.

#### Troubleshooting Steps

1. **Start with the Battery:** Check the voltage at the battery, and ensure the ground cable is clean and tightly connected to the frame.
2. **Check the Terminal Box:** Access the terminal box and check the voltage at the posts connected to the negative battery terminal and the wire going to the ammeter.
3. **Verify Voltage Supply:** Measure the voltage across the fuse holder (if equipped).
4. **Trace the Voltage to the Coil:** Disconnect the coil wire and measure the voltage at the post connected to the solid yellow wire from the starter switch and then at the coil terminals.
5. **Inspect the Ignition Circuit:** Check for a significant voltage drop between the ignition switch and the distributor.
6. **Test the Points:** With the ignition on, place a piece of paper between the distributor points. Remove it, then open and close the points with a screwdriver to check for a spark. A lack of spark suggests a bad condenser.
7. **Inspect Wiring:** Examine the wires in the terminal box and under the hood for any damage, corrosion, or loose connections.

#### Preventative Measures

1. **Replace Old Wiring:** Consider replacing the instrument panel wiring harness and the short wiring to the coil to prevent future problems.
2. **Keep Grounds Clean:** Regularly check and clean all ground connections for the battery and chassis.
3. **Consult Manuals:** Use a wiring diagram to help with troubleshooting.

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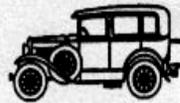
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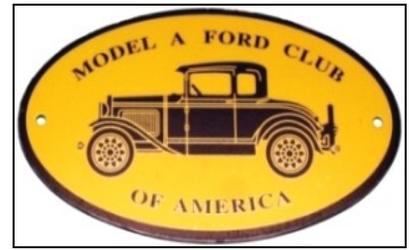
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Waleria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 1242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one 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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