

HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB

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Torrance, California

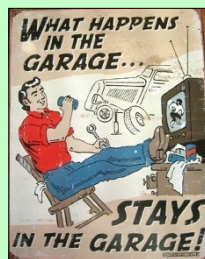
AUGUST 2026



Harbor A's at Muller House in San Pedro

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
Sunday, August 16th
At our Annual Picnic
At Lomita Park

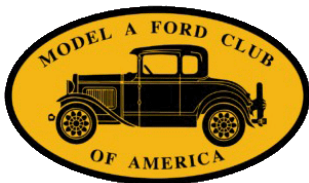
Next Board Meeting

August 15th
At "Al's garage"
9:30 AM



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HARBOR LIGHT



A Note from the
Harbor President
Dennis Simpson



The Second Gear Grind

July has been a busy month for the Harbor Area Model A Club so far.

Our Country celebrated her 250th Anniversary on July 4th.

We attended the 5th Annual "Relay for Life" Car Show at the Performing Arts in Redondo Beach on July 12th. All proceeds from the car show benefit the American Cancer Society. As a cancer survivor, this is always one of my favorite events to support. First, we started off the morning at 7am (YIKES!) at Linda's House for her World Famous Continental Breakfast. With full bellies and now somewhat awake, we proceeded to the car show. We had our own Mini-parade. The Harbor Area Model A Club showed up in force with 11 Model 'A's attending plus a "mystery Model 'A' that no one recognized. We even had a mini birthday party for Mirco. Good seeing you there, Buddy. Later in the day, we met Diana who entered her Father's 1928 Tudor, the Mystery Model 'A' mentioned earlier. Hopefully, we didn't scare her off because she may be our newest member. Diana's father and grandfather were both members of HAMARC in the earlier days.

Four days later, on July 18th, we attended the "Rock Around the Block" car show in Torrance, celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Torrance's 1956 All-American City Award, where we had 10 Model 'A's attend.

The Activities Committee has been keeping us busy with new places to visit each month. They have a plethora of adventures awaiting us in the upcoming months. If you all have a chance, come and join us, or join the group at a local restaurant on most Monday evenings. As they say (Who is "they" anyway), "The more, the merrier".

'Til next time, remember, "Light tomorrow with today."

Stay safe out there!
Dennis



Editors' Corner
By Weeg & Steve
Thompson



We want to thank all of the club members for their contribution to the articles and the pictures they have provided us for the Harbor Light. We try to give credit to those who have contributed, but sometimes we may miss a couple or there may not be room to add the credits, but please know we appreciate your help. Thanks and continue to keep active, enjoy the fun and camaraderie, and keep those Model A's on the road.

As always, be safe.

Weeg & Steve

BETTY'S MYSTERY TOUR

By: Pat Harrison

Talk about pulling a rabbit out of a hat—Dennis, Donnis and Weeg did just that! The original mystery tour never came to fruition, so at the last minute a decision had to be made to cancel or find “something” to do. Canceling a chance to get the A’s out for smileage, spend time and eat with our buddies wasn’t an option. Donnis and Weeg went to work finding places already booked, not open, too far, etc. But leave it to the two of them—using their friendly, persuasive personalities, they got the people in charge of the Muller House in San Pedro to open just for us. The docents were so knowledgeable about the owner, the furnishings, and the history, and the view was incredible. It is a local treasure that we were so lucky to experience. They also arranged for brunch at Think Café to get our day started. To our surprise, we went back to Think for dessert after our Muller House visit, a very wise decision—my lava cake with ice cream was a perfect ending to a perfect day.

But let us not forget our map maker, Dennis. Being “under the weather” and on very short notice, he put together a nice, scenic drive for all of us to enjoy.

A big thanks to Dennis, Donnis and Weeg for saving the day AND making it a GREAT day!!!





Pumpkin Plant Adoption - \$20.00 each

We are adding something new to our Pumpkin Palooza. Our own Farmer Jim and his green thumb are busy growing pumpkins for our upcoming Palooza. To raise funds for the club, he has created an opportunity for individuals or couples to adopt one of the “Max Pumpkin Plants” he’s got growing. Cost of adoption is \$20 each. Each adopter gets the opportunity to select and gather one giant pumpkin from one of the six “Max Pumpkin Plants” he has (each of which will produce a number of pumpkins in the 40-90 pound range) plus one pumpkin from the “Wart Pumpkin Patch.”

Adopters will automatically be entered in the Morning Raffle Event. Your lucky drawing will determine your turn in selecting your pumpkins from the patch and secure your bragging rights. Stay tuned for the growth progress in the next newsletter!



2025 Pumpkin Palooza—Hope you can join the fun!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 HARBOR A HAPPENINGS 2026						1 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
2	3  <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD	4	5	6	7	8 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
9	10 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	11	12	13 <u>ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING</u> 1:00 pm 	14	15 <u>BOARD MEETING—</u> Al's Garage 9:30  <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
16 <u>ANNUAL MODEL A PICNIC/Business Meeting</u> 	17 <u>WE LIKE TO EAT</u>  <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD	18	19	20	21	22 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
23	24 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	25	26	27	28	29 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
30	31  <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD					*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

TOURS & ACTIVITIES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Harbor A's Annual Picnic, Sunday August 16th

(We will also be holding a quick Business Meeting)
Location: Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Avenue, Lomita, CA 90717
Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Price of Box Lunch: \$20
 Please have order forms with your selections & money in by MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH.
 Club will supply drinks and watermelon.
 We will have fun activities – Hubley Races, Bingo, Valve Toss, Left Center Right (Be sure to bring 3 \$1 bills!)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 19th - Worldwide, International Model A Ford Day!
 This will include our Progressive with several stops for our Poker run!

Saturday, October 24th – Pumpkin Palooza

*Check back here next month for more fun times!
 Where we can drive our Model A's and get some
 mileage going!*

HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: June 21st, 2026 LOCATION: Walteria Park Club House
PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Jack Gordinier led the flag salute.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Dick Wyckoff, Dennis Simpson and Tim Harrison.

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson asked for the motion to approve minutes for previous business meeting, Janet made the motion, Linda second the motion, all approved. Dennis reported in the latest MARC magazine our club was recognized with a brick at the Model A Museum in Hickory Corners Michigan, for reaching a significant milestone. Dick Wyckoff received an award of excellence in for the Harbor Light Newsletter. The services for Drain Marshall will be on July 2nd at 2 P.M at Inglewood cemetery. Ursi had reported at the last board meeting that the club needed to purchase badges for new members. Dennis was able to purchase 100 badges for 35 dollars. Every member is getting a new badge. Dennis recognized July birthdays and anniversaries. Richard Parrish said he and Jeanne celebrated their 66th Wedding Anniversary in June.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Nathan Sherry reported he had a nice selection of raffle prizes for tonight. Nathan appreciates everyone's contributions.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner reported the balance. Tim is collecting recyclables in order to add to our balance.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR'S: Steve and Weeg Thompson: Several members are giving them pictures and writing articles, everything is appreciated. Steve thanked members who helped fix his Model A.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff Le Fall- Absent.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Open Position

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSON: Donniss Bates and Weeg reported on upcoming events.

June 27th: Mystery Tour.

July 12th: Relay for life car show, 9-3pm, continental breakfast at 7am at Simpsons.

July 16th: Rock around the block in Torrance. Meet at Post and Arlington at 2:45.

August 16th: Annual picnic and games at Lomita Park, 10-3 P.M. \$20 for boxed lunch.

HISTORIAN: Janet Winter, No report.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo- Absent.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt, Nothing new to report. Gary said hello.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall- Absent. Members reported Mike Wright has been having health issues.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson said that he will update the web this week.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos, No report.

MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos, New hats and other merchandise available.

REFRESHMENT: Weeg Thompson reported strawberry shortcake for tonight provided by the Harrisons and Simpsons.

OLD/ONGOING BUISNESS: none.

NEW BUISNESS: Steve received an email about an app about Model A's called A-Speed. Weeg reported Torrance has a farmers' market on Tuesday and Saturday. The Torrance certified farmers' market, for a small subscription fee, allows for fruits and vegetables to be ordered for pick-up at the Bartlett center. For more information go to the special interest tab on Torrance.rec.us.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: July 31st, 2026, at 7:30 PM at Walteria Club House.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 11th, 2026, Al's Garage 9:30 A.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:08 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Gloria Younkin, Secretary



For Sale

1930 Model A Coupe with trunk.
Four-year old blue paint job. Hydraulic brakes. Package tray removed to give extra leg room. Runs great. Asking price - \$15K.
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Wanted: Panels or the patterns for the rumble seat interior side kick panels for a 1931 Coupe. Any help would be appreciated. Thanks.

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Harbor Area Model A Club
Lapel Pins/Tie Tacks ~1"x1½" in size \$5.00 each
See Dennis

Technical Talk

DISTRIBUTOR 4 CYL.

Distributor Cams

The distributor cams used in the "A" and the improved 4-cylinder cars are shown in Fig. 48. Mechanics and stock men should familiarize themselves with these two cams so as to readily identify them. On the cam used in the "A" distributor the radius does not blend with the flats. On the new distributor cam the flats blend with one side of the radius.

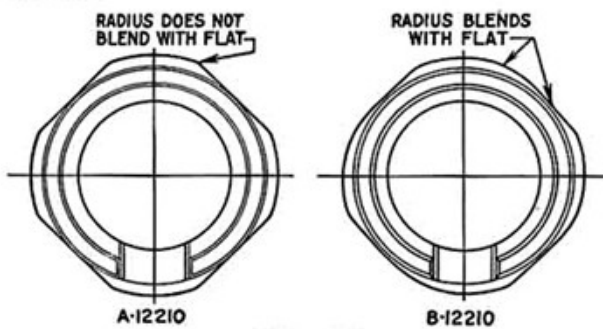


Fig. 48

The A-12210 distributor cam should never be used with the new distributor. Both A-12210 and B-12210 cams are available for service.

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Fashion Corner



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 **2026 Harbor A's directory/roster** is available from Ursi Schmidt free of charge through e-mail. Club members who don't attend events can request a directory/roster by mail. Contact **Ursi** at 310-561-4895. Make sure Ursi has your latest information. **Just a note:** We regularly update the directory/roster. If you have any address changes, phone number changes or email changes, let Ursi know. Let Steve Thompson know, too. He'll put the information in the **Harbor Light**.

Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering is Alive and Well!

If you are looking for a little tire-kicking adventure on **Saturday** mornings between 7 and 9 AM, check out the Caffeine Cruisers at the corner of Artesia Blvd. and Hawthorne, in Torrance. Car enthusiasts of all car types meet to talk cars. The address is 17400 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA.

Come on by and get your weekend started in true Southern California style.



August Birthdays

- 1 Sandy Ragon
- 13 Phyllis DeCrescenzo
- 17 Danny Schmitz
- 23 Jack Gordinier
- 24 Gwen Valot
- 25 Dick Valot
- 31 Theresa Le Fall

August Anniversaries

- 4 Dr. Steven & Weeg Thompson
- 25 Steve & Mary Ann Friedrich



Rock Around the Block

By Gloria Younkin

On July 16, 10 Model A Fords and 18 members of our club participated in the event in downtown Torrance. Post Street was lined with beautiful classic vehicles, creating a wonderful display for visitors to enjoy. Our club members had a great time answering questions about the Model A's and sharing their knowledge with attendees. The Torrance Historical Museum was open throughout the event, featuring several interesting exhibits that highlighted the city's rich history.

There were also a variety of pop-up booths providing information about the Torrance Fire Department, AYSO soccer, Torrance Rose Float Association, and many other local organizations. Games and activities for both children and adults added to the fun and made it an enjoyable evening for the whole family.

With perfect weather and a great turnout, everyone who attended had a wonderful time. It was an excellent event that showcased our community and gave our club another opportunity to share our enthusiasm for the Model A with the public.



HARBOR AREA MODEL A CLUB
Picnic Order Form

Togo's Box Lunch - \$20.00 each

All box lunches are served Togo's Style* and come with chips and a cookie.
Lunch includes watermelon and drink.

* Togo's Style: Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Pickles, Sliced Pepperoncini, Salt & Pepper
Mayonnaise and Mustard on the side

Meal Choices

Check your selection(s) and write number desired on line

Cali Veggie (Avocado, Cucumbers & Double Provone) ☐ Sandwich ___ White ___ Wheat ☐ Wrap ☐ Salad Number: _____	Italian (Genoa Salami, Cotto, Mortadella & Capicola with Provone& Balsamic Dressing) ☐ Sandwich ___ White ___ Wheat ☐ Wrap ☐ Salad Number: _____
Ham and Swiss ☐ Sandwich ___ White ___ Wheat ☐ Wrap ☐ Salad Number: _____	Roast Beef ☐ Sandwich ___ White ___ Wheat ☐ Wrap ☐ Salad Number: _____
Turkey and Cranberry ☐ Sandwich ___ White ___ Wheat ☐ Wrap ☐ Salad Number: _____	Santa Fe Chicken Salad (Chicken, Avocado, Tomatoes, Black Bean & Corn Salsa, Cheddar Cheese, Tortilla Strips & Peppas Dressing) Number: _____

Name: _____

Number of Meals _____ X \$20.00 each = \$ _____

Paid by: ☐ CASH ☐ CHECK (made out to Harbor Area Model A Club)

Mail this order form and payment to: Donnis Bates, 18021 Ardath Ave., Torrance, CA 90504

ORDERS DUE BY AUGUST 10, 2026

HARBOR AREA MODEL A CLUB
ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Lomita Park

24424 Eshelman Ave

Lomita, CA 90717

10 AM - 3 PM

Lunch at 11:30 AM

Box Lunch from Togo's

(Order form due by 8/10/26)

VALVE TOSS

BINGO

LCR

HUBLEY RACES

FOOD

FUN

FRIENDS



13th Annual So-Cal Early Ford V-8 Club Inter-Regional

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Swap Meet

Lots of Ford
Flathead Stuff

Saturday, August 8, 2026

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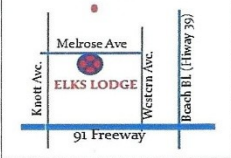
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Open to
the Public
8:00 AM

Spaces \$25.00 each - Admission \$2.00 per adult at the gate

CALL FOR RESERVATIONS

Call Tom McLaughlin Ph. 714 998-4528
or Gary Zimmerman Ph. 714 726-8384

coffee and donuts will be on sale

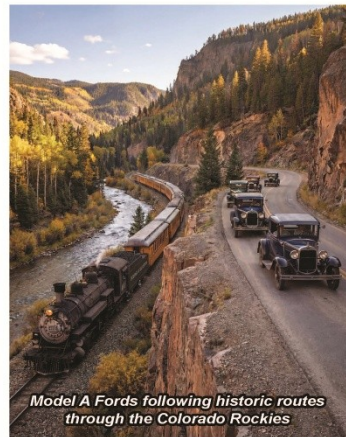
Sale of Automotive & Car Hobby Related Items
No pets, guns or weapons

**FOLLOW THE TRACKS
OF TIME**

The 2027 MAFCA National Tour

Durango, Colorado

June 13-18, 2027



Model A Fords following historic routes
through the Colorado Rockies

From ancient stone dwellings and narrow
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Based in Durango, Colorado, this
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views on the Durango & Silverton Narrow
Gauge Railroad
- *Model A displays, car games & social
events

Join us on the Road

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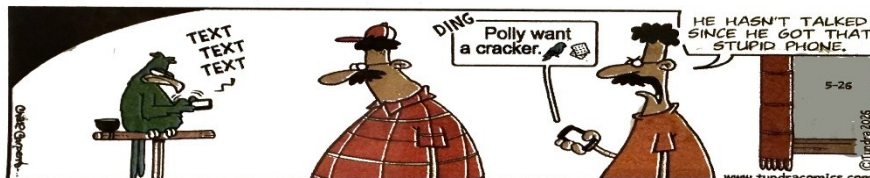


Scan the QR Code to go to our website:
www.mafcc.org/2027-mafca-national-tour

Registration Opens August 1, 2026



TUNDRA By Chad Carpenter



Harbor A's Doing Good

By Weeg Thompson & Donnis Bates

Saturday, July 12th, started early for about 17 Club members who gathered at the Simpson home for another fabulous breakfast before heading to the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center for the Relay for Life Car Show, which supports the American Cancer Society. Check out the dolphins in the fruit bowl below—that Linda is so talented. A total of 10 Model A's made their way the short distance from the Simpsons' to the site of the car show where about 250 cars were on display. One more Model A and the Pisus' 1935 Dodge sedan (previously owned by Dick Lusk) joined us at the show. Our line of cars also included a 1928 Tudor which we later learned belonged to Diana Jenkins, the daughter of John Jenkins, a former member of our club. Despite forecasts suggesting it would be a pretty warm day, the weather turned out to be just about perfect. We had three canopies that provided plenty of shade and, of course, we had plenty of food. People had ample time to check out not only the cars on display but also the various vendors who were selling a wide variety of goods.



Though the Harbor A's had no winning cars this year, if there had been an award for the largest attendance by a car club, the Harbor A's would have probably taken home that trophy. We were well represented among the opportunity drawing winners. Donnis, Mirco, and Steve won cash prizes of \$35 each. Gloria won a \$25 Starbucks gift card. Elaine's friend Fernando had one of his numbers called, but he gave the ticket to Elaine to choose the prize. Elaine chose a unique wind chime made from a ceramic tequila bottle which the artist proudly noted he had consumed the contents of himself. Cliff was the big winner of the day in our group with three prizes: a wrench set, a set of outdoor LED lights, and a waterproof speaker.

It was a wonderful day spending time with our Model A friends in support of a great cause.





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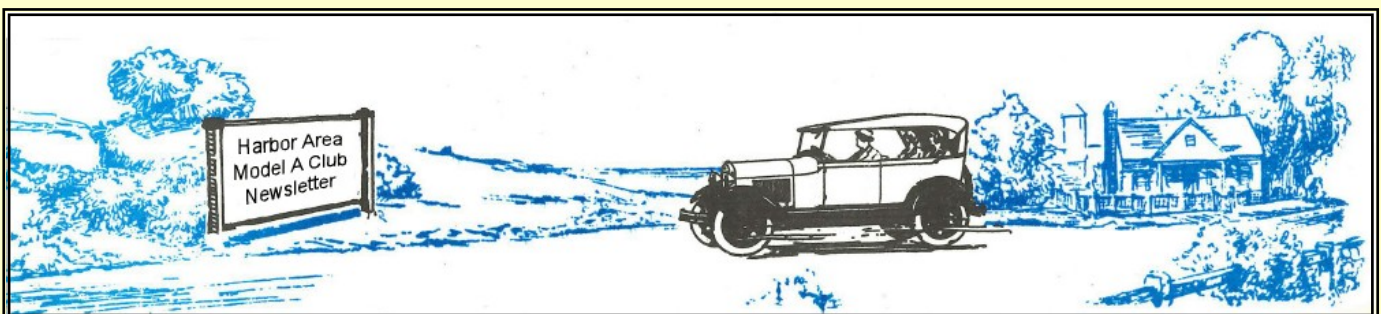
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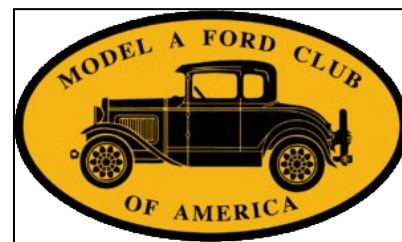
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For MAFCA info and membership,
see www.MAFCA.com

The Harbor Area A's meet monthly, generally 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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