

# HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB

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



## JANUARY 2026



Harbor Club attending showing of 1950's "Meet Me in St. Louis"

### 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 Saturday, January 24th  
Installation of 2026 Officers  
Bluewater Grill Redondo Beach  
See you there!

### Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be at the Annual banquet.



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A Note from the Harbor President  
Dennis Simpson



### The Second Gear Grind

Thanksgiving morning, Jim & I were invited to lead the Torrance Annual Turkey Trot 5K run in our Model A's. There were over 5,000 runners following us for 3.1 miles! Great fun and good exposure for the club but Man, 6am comes early!

With the November Board Member elections behind us and as we wind down 2025 and prepare to step into the New Year, I wish to thank all of the Board Members, Appointed Officers and Members that put in all the extra time and effort that made the last two years such a fun and fulfilling experience.

But then you went and elected me again...  
See y'all in 2026.

Till next time, remember to always look for the good in everyone.

*Dennis*



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



We have had some fun activities at the December meeting that was well attended . The activity committee sponsored a cookie and a secret gift exchange session with lots of laughs. All the activities went over well. Check out the pictures on page .

Two days later on Sunday afternoon, the the city of El Segundo sponsored a Holiday Parade down Main street. The Harbor Club joined in with seven Model As let by yours truly. This is an annual city event with over 70 entrants. It is well attended and the folks love the ahooga horns! Check out the pictures on pages 3 and 5.

Looking ahead to next year. The activity committee is already planning events and is always looking for new ideas. Check with them if you have some.

Have a great holiday and see you all next year! **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*Dick*

## El Segundo Holiday Parade



*Model As in front of viewing stand  
On Main St in mid El Segundo*

Photos by Debbie Allen



*Harbor As mid parade on Main St.*



*Dick with El Segundo Police Chief*

Just a note to thank all the club members and family that participated in the El Segundo Holiday parade.  
We had seven Model As and were well received along the parade route.  
They love the Ahooga horns!

*Dick Wyckoff*

### [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*.



*Harbor Area Club at the El Segundo 2025 Holiday Parade*

*Harbor Area Model As  
in the 2025  
El Segundo, CA  
Holiday Parade, December 14*



*Photos by Debbie Allen*

# Harbor Area Model A Restorers Club

## 2026 INSTALLATION BANQUET

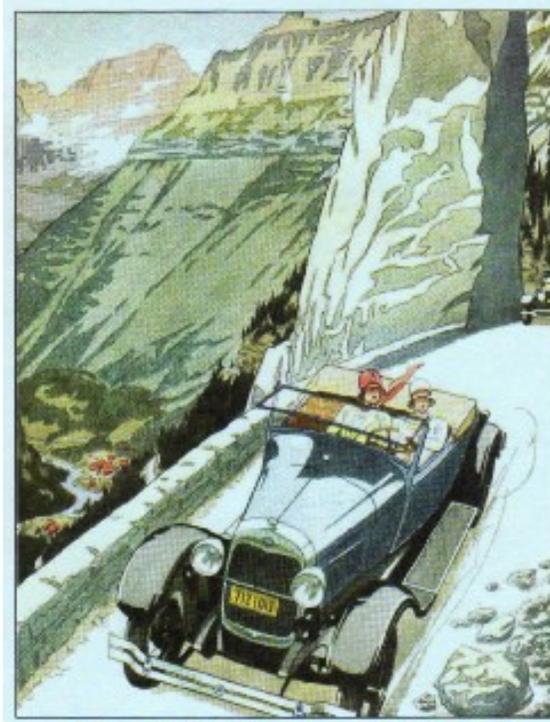


IMAGE FROM OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR COOKBOOK COVER

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 FROM 11:00AM-4:00PM**

**Bluewater Grill - 665 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277**

This year we will be enjoying a three-course meal (salad, entrée and dessert)  
with the following entrée choices:

- Chicken Breast with Orange Thyme Beurre Blanc
- Norwegian Salmon with Dill Creme Fraiche
- Gemelli Pasta with Shrimp in Pesto Creme
- Vegetarian Entrée: Pasta with Marinara Sauce & Vegetables

Dessert: Creme Brulee Cheesecake

Non-alcoholic drinks (soft drinks, iced tea, lemonade and coffee) are included in the cost of your meal and are available during social hour, as well as with your meal.

----- Order Form - Cut Here & return with check to Daffy Wagner -----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée Selection \_\_\_\_\_ Price \$58.00\*  
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TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For additional orders, please use the back of the order form section. Make checks payable to: HARBOR AREA MODEL A CLUB and indicate your entrée selection on your check. Send checks to Daffy Wagner at 2705 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 90278 by January 10<sup>th</sup>. **\*Note: The club is paying \$15 per person. The actual cost for the meal is \$73 per person. In addition, your parking fee will be covered by the club. Take your ticket from the attendant and turn it in to Tim Harrison who will process and return to you.**

### *'Meet Me in St. Louis' and Lunch*

What a fun day! It began with lunch at the Richmond Street Grill (they always take such good care of us). The food was yummy and time with our Model A friends was a treat as usual. After lunch, we headed to the Old Town Music Hall to hear the organ, have an old-fashioned sing along, and see the movie *Meet Me in St. Louis*. A perfect way to start the holiday season.



### *Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange Meeting*



# January 2026 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>JANUARY</b> 2026</p> <p><b>HARBOR A HAPPENINGS</b></p>		<p>*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.</p>				<p><u>MODEL A</u> <u>TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<p><u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD</p> 					<p><u>BOARD MEETING</u> Al's Garage 9:30</p>  <p><u>MODEL A</u> <u>TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<p><u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD</p>  <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>		<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b> <u>COMMITTEE MEETING</u> 1 pm</p>			<p><u>MODEL A</u> <u>TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<p>ONE OF THE GREAT JOYS IN LIFE IS DINNER AND GOOD CONVERSATION...</p>  <p><u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD</p>					<p><u>INSTALLATION BANQUET</u></p>  <p>Bluewater Grill, Redondo, 11-4</p>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<p><u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD</p> 					<p><u>MODEL A</u> <u>TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12</p>

### TOURS AND ACTIVITIES – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**2026 INSTALLATION BANQUET**

**DATE:** Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>,

**LOCATION:** Bluewater Grill, 665 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

**TIME:** 11:00am – 4:00pm

**COST:** \$58.00 per person. In addition to your three course meal, all non-alcoholic drinks are included in the cost. These are available during social hour as well as with your meal.

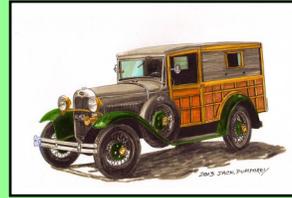
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*Check back here next month for our upcoming adventures.*

## *January Birthdays*

- 2 Janet Winter
- 3 Darlene Duncan
- 11 Jerry Reine
- 18 Dr. Stanley Kline

## *January Anniversaries*



### *A little automotive history*



In 1913, Gulf Refining Co. opened the nation's first drive-up gasoline service station in Pittsburgh, Pa. Although invitations were sent to all automobile owners in the neighborhood, opening-day sales on Dec. 1 amounted to just 30 gallons, at 27 cents each. By the first Saturday, however, the word had spread: Gulf sold over 350 gallons that day. This first drive-up station changed the concept of gasoline marketing and established a style of station operation for years to come. The station was the first to offer free crankcase service, free air and water, and free installation of tires and tubes when purchased there; and it made its employee restrooms available to motorists. A marker noting the station's historic significance was recently placed at the site where the station once stood

## TECHNICAL REPORT: Ron Peterson

### When Was the Last Time You?



1. **Greased your throw-out bearing.** To do this job remove floor mats and floorboards and clutch inspection plate. Grease bearing through fitting on throw-out collar. Do not over-grease.
2. **Packed your wheel bearings.** Remove wheels and drums; wash the bearings and races thoroughly. Packing bearing with wheel bearing grease and reassemble. Do not forget the cotter pin.
3. **Flushed your crankcase.** Drain oil – refill with kerosene, or diesel oil or special flushing oil. Run engine twenty minutes or so, then drain and refill with clean fresh oil. Make sure drain plug is in tight.
4. **Greased your light switch shaft.** Remove light switch on bottom of steering column, remove fork and spring that operate light switch, pull shaft out or up as far as possible and clean grease off. Use light cup grease after you wiped shaft off. Reassemble unit.
5. **Greased your speedometer cable.** Remove dash panel and disconnect speedometer cable. Pull out the small inside cable and wash thoroughly. Pack with light cup grease and reinstall in the casing. Wipe off excess grease and replace instrument panel.
6. **Oiled your gas pedal linkage.** There are three places to oil. Behind the engine on the shafts supports there are holes drilled for oiling. Also where the rod connects from the carburetor.
7. **Tighten your lug nuts.** Use firm even pressure on all lug nuts. Be sure to see whether nuts are pressing the wheel to the drum or just bottoming on the studs. A wheel that is not properly bolted to the drum can be ruined in very short order.
8. **Checked the oil in the transmission and rear end.** Keep level up to the filler plug, use 600W (SAE160) in both. This oil can be obtained at Sears Roebuck or any big truck stop. Be sure it is non-foam.
9. **Cleaned and flushed the cooling system.** The cheapest and best products for this is Arm & Hammer washing soda into radiator and fill with water, run hot for a half hour and then drain. Flush system out several times with clean water.
10. **Tightened the fan belt.** Loosen generator mounting bolt, move generator away from block until most of the slack is taken up in the belt. Tighten belt. Then check belt to see if adjustment has changed.
11. **Rotated your tires.** Spare to right front, right front to left rear, left rear to right rear, right rear to left front, left front to spare. Follow some pattern in each rotation.
12. **Checked your radiator hoses and clamps.** Feel hose, if soft and gummy, replace them. Same with split or rotten ones. Check for tightness and watch for broken ones.
13. **Had your front wheel aligned.** Should be done on special equipment. (See A cheap and cheerful approach in Echo April 1993 page 8)..
14. **Oiled your generator.** There should be two oil holes on the generator. The rear one is easy, the front one is protected by an "L" shaped clip that has to be removed to one side.
15. **Spent an hour tightening nuts and bolts all over the car.** Self-explanatory.
16. **Adjusted your point gap in the distributor.** Ford recommends a gap of .018, .022 check the gap at least every 500 miles.
17. **Check the air in the spare tire.** Self-explanatory.
18. **Checked out your emergency tool kit.** Including a jack. To each his own, should include points, condenser, plugs, wire, tools and a fire extinguisher.
19. **Adjusted your emergency brake.** Take up the slack with the clevises on the forward end of the emergency brake rods. When there is no more adjustment left reline the bands.
20. **Filled your shock absorbers.** On all original shocks, there is a filler plug located near the top of the unit. It has a 3/8 square nut on it, use only Houdaille, Ford or Delco shock absorber fluid or use glycerin.
21. **Cleaned and tightened your battery connections.** Most corrosion and sulfate deposits can be washed off in a solution of baking soda and then flushed with warm water. Pull cables off the terminals and clean the contact surfaces with rough sandpaper or file. Flush with warm water and reattach them. The use of Vaseline or light cup grease after assembly is recommended
22. **Polished headlight reflectors.** Use very soft cloth or cotton with silver polish, not chrome polish as it will scratch and dull the reflection. When polished, use new gaskets.
23. **Check out all your light bulbs.** Self-explanatory.

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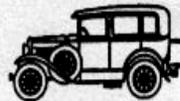
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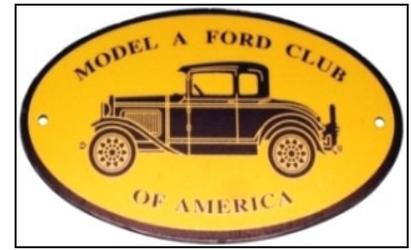
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Waleria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 1242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one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