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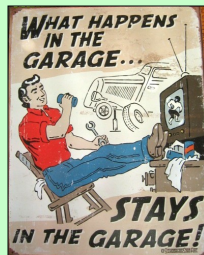
NOVEMBER 2025



Five club cars were shown at the Redondo Beach car show

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, November 21st

Enjoy the upcoming holidays!

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting
will be Saturday,
November 8th
Al's garage, 9:30 AM



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A Note from the
Harbor President
Dennis Simpson



The Second Gear Grind

Well, our summer went by way too quickly. Here we are deep into Autumn already, carving pumpkins and buying Christmas gifts! But the Activities Committee hasn't let up and has numerous events and adventures coming up. Keep an eye on the "Happenings" Calendar in the Harbor Light. Also check your e-mails for my E-Blasts, when Dennis lets me know what is happening. Soon it will be time for our Annual Installation Banquet where we swear in our newly elected Board of Directors.

We are fortunate in a way to be in Southern California, especially in the South Bay. In other parts of the country, people are talking about "winterizing" their Model A's. The weather change as we pass thru the various seasons stays relatively constant here. That means we can drive our Model A Fords all year round. The down side is you need two Model A's so you have something to drive while you work on the other one.

And drive we do. This past month we had 5 Model A's attend Bill Kealey's Services. Then 5 Model A's attended the Redondo Union High School Car Show that benefits the Redondo PTSA. Did I mention Al Avoian, my Mom and Son are Alumni of RUHS! Also, this last Saturday we had a great turnout of 9 Model A's and 3 Moderns participate in the Annual Progressive/Poker Run. Pat Harrison was the BIG winner with the best poker hand and Jack Gordenier as 1st runner up! What Fun...

Remember, this is your club and your participation is very important. Come to the meetings, join on the tours, Donate to the community, help with the tasks that make this club great. It feels good to get involved.

Till next time, remember, It's not the destination, it's the journey.

Dennis

PS: I would like to give a "shout out" to our members that keep our members and others enlightened of the Harbor Area Model A Club activities. A big thank you to Dick Wyckoff for the Harbor Light, Steve Thompson for the maintaining the website and Sue Hankins for her continued contributions to the national club's magazines as Region Coordinator.



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Jim Huizdos for hosting the Pumpkin carving event. The weather was perfect, the set-up was GREAT and the BBQ lunch was SUPER. The activity committee did an outstanding job! We had 27 folks in attendance.

Lots of other activities going on thanks to our activity committee. We have had good showings at the local car shows. It is a lot of fun telling folks about our 95+ year old cars. The fun events keep coming. We will be visiting the Old Town Music Hall in December for an old time movie and the following week, we will be in the El Segundo Christmas parade.

Dick



November 2025 Happenings

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 NOVEMBER 2025	HARBOR A HAPPENINGS					1 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
2  Daylight Savings Time Ends	3 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	4  Election Day	5	6	7	8 <u>BOARD MEETING</u> Al's Garage 9:30  <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
9	10  <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD	11 <u>VETERANS' DAY AND</u>  <u>ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING - 1 pm</u>	12	13	14	15  <u>SCRG BBQ</u> 11am-2pm 4241 Emerald Circle, Cypress, RSVP 562-833-9497 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
16  <u>LARRY WOOD'S GARAGE</u> See additional Information below	17 <u>DINNER 4:30</u> *Location TBD 	18	19	20	21  <u>MODEL A CLUB MEETING—Walteria Club House 7:30 pm</u>	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						*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

TOURS & ACTIVITIES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Larry Wood – Mattel Hot Wheel Designer & Creator - Garage and Shop Tour

Date: Sunday, November 16th

Location: North Long Beach

Time: 10:30am

Meeting Location: Shakey's Pizza parking lot, 3615 PCH, Torrance

Meeting Time: Arrive at 9:45 leave at 10:00

Cost: None

Lunch: TBD

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL GROUP (SCRG)

Model A Ford Club of America – Fall BBQ

Date: Saturday, November 15th

Time: 11am – 2pm (Lunch will be served)

Location: 4241 Emerald Circle, Cypress, CA 90630

Please RSVP: 562-833-9497 or jirentalproperties@gmail.com

This is not an event that the club is coordinating. If you want to go as a group, work together to set up a time and meeting place.



Saturday, December 7th – Old Town Music Hall – Meet me in St. Louis

Friday, December 12th – Cookie Exchange

Sunday, December 14th – El Segundo Parade

Saturday, January 24th – Harbor Area Model A Club Installation Banquet

Check back here next month to see what is happening in 2026

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**.



Recent tour to the Printing Museum in Torrance

HARBOR AREA MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: September 14th, 2025 LOCATION: Lomita Park

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 10:50AM. Dennis reported that we are celebrating the 68th Anniversary of Harbor Model A Club. We are also celebrating International Ford Day. Dennis ask for a motion to approve August Business meeting minutes as appeared in the Harbor Light; Jim S made the motion and Ursi second the motion and all approved. Dennis recognized birthdays and anniversaries for September. Dennis reported that the RUHS will have a car show on October 11th. It is \$30 to register and if you register before October 3rd you get a free t-shirt. Meet at Anza and 190th at 7:45AM.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff and Tim Harrison.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison – Hope everyone enjoys the Hubley races and games today.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner reported the current balance

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff –Send articles and pictures from events.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall – No Report.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Open Position

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

Oct 11th --- Redondo Union High School Car Show 9-3PM.

Oct 18th – Tour to Valmonte Farms and a printing press museum. \$10 for the printing press tour. Lunch afterwards.

Oct 25th --- Pumpkin carving at Jim Huizdos at 10-3PM. Meet at Shakey's PCH and Madison at 9:30AM and leave at 9:45AM. Club is supplying one pumpkin per member. \$20 per person of the event.

Pat Harrison reported she will be handing out the grocery bags for the Food For Kids. Fill and return at the October meeting. You can make a donation if you prefer.

HISTORIAN: Janet Winter – Absent.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Absent.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt – No Report.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- No Report.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson—No Report.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos--- No Report.

MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos—No Report.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Theresa provided a cake today in honor of Cliff's Birthday.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: October 17th 2025. Walteria Park Club House. Set up at 6PM.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 4th_2025, 9:30AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11 AM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Gloria Younkin, Secretary



FOOD FOR KIDS--Harbor Area Model A Club members make a difference in the lives' of children

Thank you all! We donated \$205, 35 bags (396 pounds) of food, a large bag of tooth brushes and a big box of hygiene products to **Food for Kids**.



Harbor Area Model A Restorers Club

2026 INSTALLATION BANQUET



IMAGE FROM OUR 50TH 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 the following entrée choices with a garden salad served with:
Feta Cheese, Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side

Chicken Breast with Orange Thyme Beurre Blanc

Norwegian Salmon with Dill Crème Fraiche

Gemelli Pasta with Shrimp in Pesto Crème

Vegetarian Entrée: Pasta with Marinara Sauce & Vegetables

Dessert: Crème Brulee Cheesecake & Coffee

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 -----

Name: _____ Entrée Selection _____ Price \$58.00
Name: _____ ----- Entrée Selection _____ Price \$58.00
TOTAL: \$ _____

Parking is provided by the club. Be sure to get a ticket from the parking attendant, we will process and return to you. For additional orders, please use the back of this form. Make checks payable to: HARBOR AREA MODEL A CLUB (ONLY) indicate your entrée selection on your check – THANK YOU Send checks to Daffy Wagner (by January 10), 2705 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Harbor Club 2025 Pumpkin Carving Event



More Pumpkin Carving pictures



November Birthdays

8 Linda Simpson
14 Jim Runyon
26 Pat Yacklon

November Anniversaries

6 Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo
12 Dennis & Linda Simpson

Model A Technical Info

Service Information

PLATE LEVER NOTCH IN DISTRIBUTOR BODY MUST NOT BE ALTERED

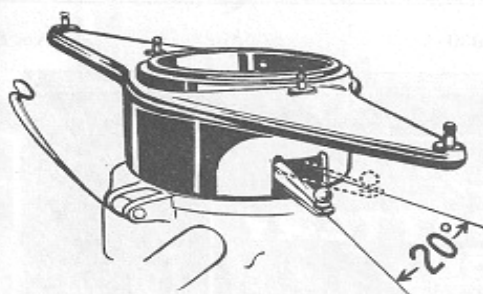


Fig. 950

Several instances have been reported of dealers increasing the width of the plate lever notch in the distributor body in endeavoring to increase the travel of the plate lever.

This is exceedingly poor practice and must be discontinued at once.

The plate lever notch in the distributor body is accurately machined to permit the lever to travel 20° from the fully retarded to the fully advanced spark lever position. See Fig. 950. When the width of the notch is increased it permits the lever to travel beyond the recommended 20° range and this of course affects the timing.

Before timing an engine always check the travel of the plate lever. This can be easily done by fully retarding the spark lever on the steering gear quadrant then noting whether the plate lever is touching against the side of the notch. Next pull the spark lever all the way down on the quadrant to the fully advanced position and see if the plate lever is touching the opposite side of the notch. If the plate lever does not make the full 20° travel disconnect the spark control rod (see Fig. 951) and slightly bend the control rod lever (see Fig. 952) until the plate lever

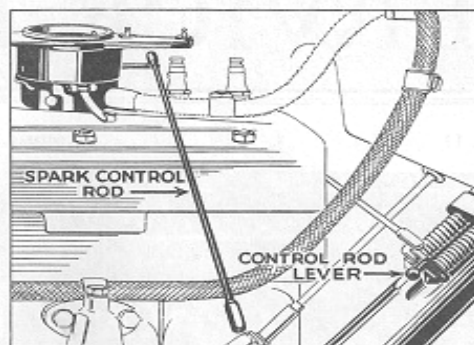


Fig. 951

touches one side of notch in distributor body when spark lever is fully advanced and touches opposite side when lever is fully retarded. Do not under any circumstances attempt to correct this condition by increasing the width of notch in distributor body.

After checking travel of plate lever proceed with timing operation in usual way. When the timing operation is completed the travel of the lever should again be checked. When timing ignition do not remove distributor body.

Inasmuch as there has been some misunderstanding on the part of mechanics please make correct travel of plate lever a part of your regular inspection.

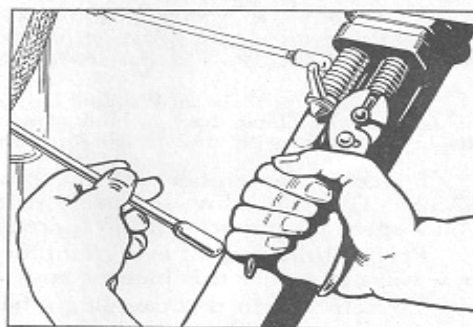


Fig. 952

Lost Words From Our Childhood

Would you recognize the word Murgatroyd? - Heavens to Murgatroyd!

The other day, a not so elderly (65) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy and he looked at her quizzically and said what the heck is a Jalopy? OMG (new phrase!) - he had never heard of the word jalopy!! She knew she was old but not that old.

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle - About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included "Don't touch that dial," "Carbon copy," "You sound like a broken record" and "Hung out to dry."

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker to straighten up and fly right - Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy moley! We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A, of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back. Kilroy was here but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap and before we can say, well I'll be a monkey's uncle! This is a fine kettle of fish! - we discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink and they're gone. Where have all those phrases gone?

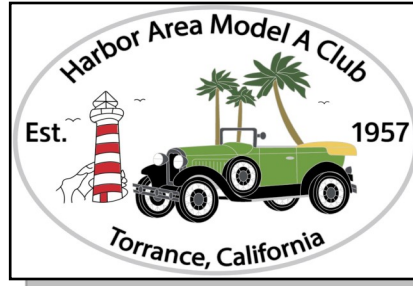
Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did I, Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain, Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff! We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeful times. For a child, each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging.

See ya later, alligator! After a while crocodile

And are you starting to feel your age now? I sure am!

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