



# Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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Harbor As on tour  
in 2010 along the  
old Ridge Route  
between LA and  
Bakersfield.



### Upcoming Business Meetings

The April 2021 meeting  
**CANCELLED**



We are working on starting up again. Hopefully things will improve enough to resume activities.  
We will keep our members informed if there are any changes to the meeting schedule. Your health and safety is our prime concern.

### Technical Activities

#### Postponed until (TBD)

Saturday mornings.  
We meet from about 10am 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)**



### Model A Events & Local Shows

**None scheduled**

### Next Board Meeting

Normally at Torrance Memorial Hospital,  
**Postponed until (TBD)**



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Wayne's Words of Wisdom  
A Note from our  
President  
Wayne Sterling



Thoughts for the future

This has not been a fun ride these last few months. Some of us have driven our As around locally just to get outdoors during this virus lockdown thing. At least the Caffeine Cruisers on Saturday morning is still going on. Masks are worn. Safety is the key word here.

Things are starting to look up and businesses are opening up. Maybe by next month(?) we could have meetings. (Heck, we could meet in the parking lot of the closed Torrance Sears store). Again, safety is the key word. Many of us have had our virus shots and we should be safe. More to come as we move forward.

Hopefully sometime soon we will be back in 'Al's Garage' on Saturday mornings. Sure miss that. Stay safe and wear that mask!

**Wayne Sterling, President**



**Wings and Wheels Weekend  
in Solvang, CA.  
July 2009**





## April Birthdays

- 1 James Walker
- 3 John Hernandez
- 6 Mickey Fruchter
- 7 Walt Hibbard
- 12 Carol Olsen
- 14 Drain Marshall
- 15 Larry Sterling
- 19 Kathy Valot



## April Anniversaries

- 8 Patrick & Baylee Migliazzo
- 28 Larry & Patti Migliazzo



### Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

There is not much to report on this time. I know some of us still get the cars out and drive them. Jan and I do this on a regular basis. Not too far but around the local areas. We did get our second virus shot. Yeh!



I think we are close to the point where we can meet as a club safely. Lots of good progress has been made this last month in controlling the virus. Stores are opening up, restaurants are allowing indoor seating, kids are back in school, and sports are taking off again. In addition to having our club meeting, we could also start our casual Monday evening supper gathering. For those of us that love to tinker with our cars, maybe we could open up Al's Garage on Saturday mornings. I sure miss all the Club activities. To those in charge: Please give these ideas some serious thought. I think it is time. . . .

**Dick**

## NCRG Pleasanton, Ca 2010





### **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, have a cup of Starbucks, and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



### **2021 Membership, Roster and Club Merchandise Items**

Ruxella and Jim have 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 **2020 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1. They are also available free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail. Contact **Ursi Schmidt** at 310-539-5391. 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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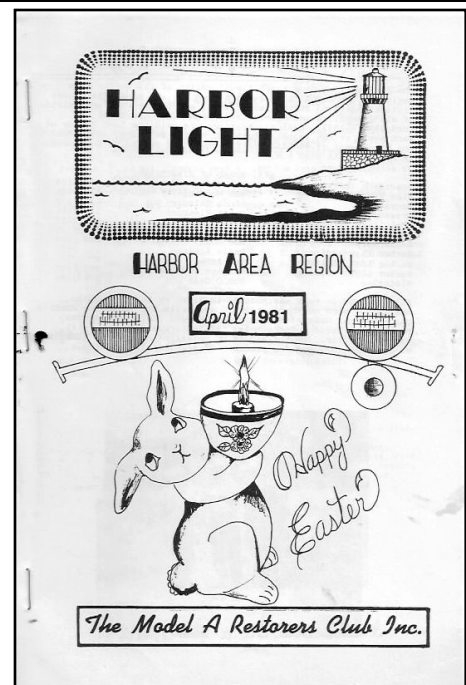
with or save for a blue ribbon build in the future. Accessories include B police head, correct era fog lights, Firestone white walls. Missing all 4 shocks, links and arms. Probably removed for restoration at some point and we are unable to find them. Offers around 17k.

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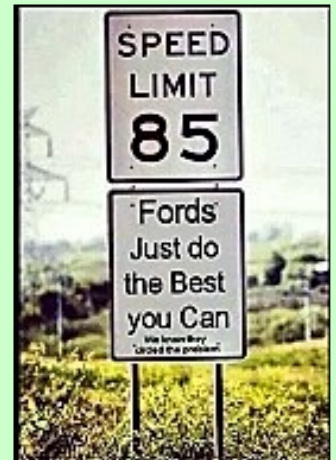
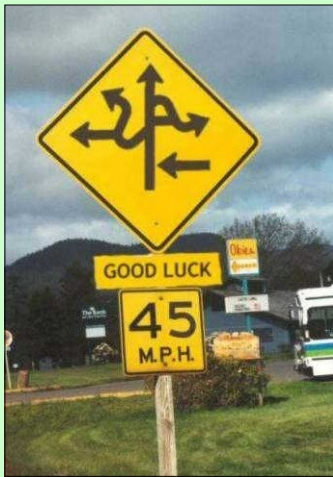
## HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING NOTES

February 2021

Due to the Corona virus situation, the February meeting was cancelled. Folks are encouraged to follow the safety guidelines and keep in contact with other members . We are a family, you know.



### Some Fun Signs



### Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon

***When installing a radiator, Ford's Service Bulletins reminds you:***

#### **DO NOT DRAW RADIATOR BOLT NUTS DOWN TIGHTLY**

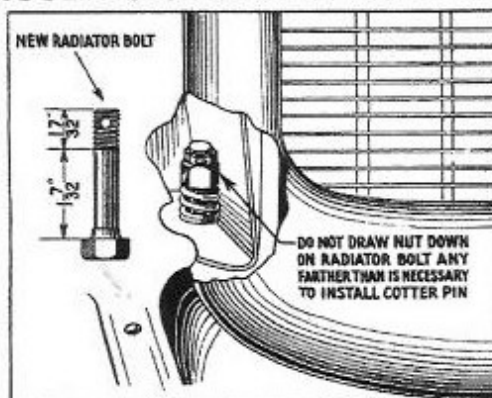


Fig. 764

When mounting a radiator do not draw the radiator bolt nuts down any farther than is necessary to lock the nut with the cotter key. If these nuts are drawn down tightly it compresses the radiator to frame bolt springs to such an extent that the flexible feature of the springs is defeated and damage to the radiator invariably results.

Recently the threaded end of the radiator bolt was reduced from 5/8" to 17/32" which makes it impossible to screw the nut down farther than the correct distance. See Fig. 764. However, as practically all cars are equipped with the former design bolts, constant care must be exercised when screwing down the radiator bolt nuts.

#### **Good advice. My Tech Tip is this:**

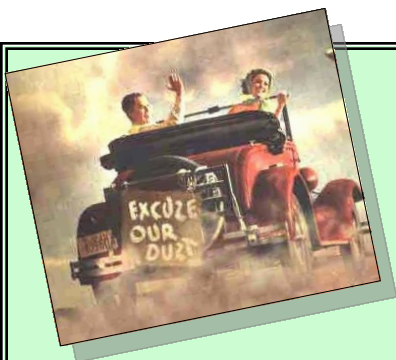
Before installing the radiator bolt, paint a thin white line across the end of the bolt to show the orientation of the drilled hole for the cotter pin. Later, when you are tightening the nut, it gives you a way to orient the drilled hole in the bolt "front to back" so that it is easy to slip the cotter key in and bend it over. Once the nut is on the bolt, it is hard to see the little hole and it can be very frustrating to put the cotter pin in.

I hope that helps get your radiator installed a bit faster and easier.

Have a Model A Day! Jim

Courtesy of MAFCA





## Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



*Stay Safe. We will get past this. .*

Don't have much to offer this month. We don't have any planned activities, but that doesn't mean you can't drive your car! Follow the rules for face masking and socializing and you should be just fine. Again. . . Stay safe .

Hopefully, most of us got the virus shots. That is a great step forward to beating this thing. Maybe we can start some club activities again soon. Keep your fingers crossed.

**Elaine**

### 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 changeable 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!



## MAFFI Newsletter



**March 2021**

### **Would You Like to Serve?**

The Model A Ford Foundation is always looking for individuals who love the Model A hobby and are interested in the history of the Era to serve on the MAFFI Board of Trustees. Briefly, the MAFFI board has the responsibility of overseeing the Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore and encouraging Model A'ers around the country to support the museum through membership in MAFFI and through additional donations to museum operations or the museum Endowment Fund.

The Board meets once a year on the Thursday before Model A Day at the Gilmore which falls on the third Saturday of September. Attendance at the meeting and Model A Day is strongly encouraged. Meetings and business are also conducted through email and conference phone calls so a trustee must have access to a computer for email. We like to have representation on the board from all areas of the country. *We would like to also encourage women to serve on the board.*

A trustee serves for three years and is eligible to serve a second consecutive term if he or she desires. Trustees must be a member in good standing of MAFFI and we strongly encourage each trustee to support both national clubs, MAFCA and MARC through membership as well. We ask that while serving on the MAFFI Board, you do not run for or accept positions on another national club's board. If you think you may be interested in serving on the MAFFI Board, please contact our Executive Director, John Marshall ([ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org)), or John Begg ([President@maffi.org](mailto:President@maffi.org))

Thank you,  
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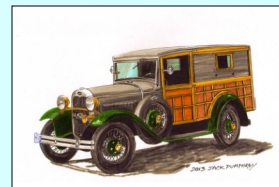
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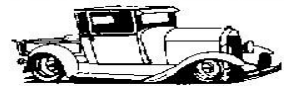
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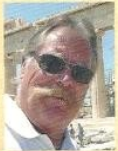
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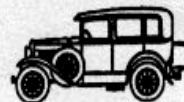
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