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Upcoming Business Meetings

The May 2021 meeting
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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

We have started up again! Come on by. .

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

Cruise at the Beach. Redondo Beach Marina
Friday June 18, 2021, 3-6:30PM.
July 17th—Long Beach Model T Club
Swap Meet. Details on page 10.

Next Board Meeting

May 22nd @ Al's Garage
9:30AM



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



Thoughts for the Future

We are slowly coming out from under the virus lockdown. We have opened up Al's Garage for the motorheads on Saturday morning. (Thanks to Liz Dye). Still some clean-up and organization to be done, but we are making progress. We had our first Board meeting there last Saturday at Al's Garage. Sure was nice to see everyone again. We wore masks for safety reasons.

If anyone has some group activity suggestions, let me know. Maybe we can get our Model As out on the road again!

Hope to see you all soon!

Wayne Sterling, President

A Note from Pat Harrison

Would you put something in the newsletter about the following:

Join us at the Car show at Captain Kids on June 18. We plan on meeting around 3:30-4. A chance to drive your A and see your model A friends. (Dick I just sent the flyer to you for car show— couldn't get it to send with this email).

Some of us are planning for a trip to Solvang, July 16-18. Most of us stay at Svendsgaard's Danish Lodge (805-688-3277). Activities to be determined. If you plan on going, please let Pat Harrison know and make your hotel reservation.

The date, Saturday, September 18, has been selected for our annual club picnic pending approval for reserving the space at the park by the city.

Let me know if you have questions.

Pat Harrison



May Birthdays

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|----|---------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | LeOra Combs | 11 | Baylee Migliazzo |
| 4 | Leonard Funk | 13 | Larry Migliazzo |
| 7 | Peggy Hopkins | 15 | Peggy Wishon |
| 8 | Karen Barry | 19 | Steve Friedrich |
| 10 | Jim Speights | 19 | Pat Tucker |

May Anniversaries

- | | |
|----|------------------------|
| 4 | Wayne & Tomo Sterling |
| 20 | Leonard & Darlene Funk |



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Well, it is finally happening! The doors to businesses are opening (with some limitations) and we are starting to return to normal (whatever that is!)

We have started up again our Monday evening supper gathering at Hof's Hut in Torrance. We meet a little early, 4pm (per restaurants request). So far

we get about 10-14 people. It's a start. . .

We also had our first Board meeting in over a year. I think we got the ball rolling for some upcoming activities. Car shows, swap meets, annual picnic, etc. Some folks are even going to Solvang! Check with Pat Harrison for more details.

All in all, I think we are coming out of the lockdown and we can get on with our lives.

See you on the road again!

Dick



It's spring time!

Del Amo Street opening, August 2012



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

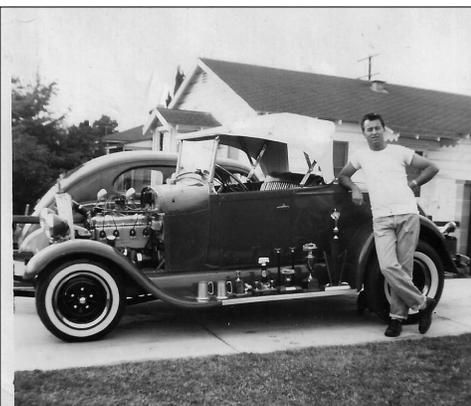
Ruxella and Jim have a selection of new **Club merchandise**. We have hats, shirts, patches, t-shirts and we still have 60th anniversary items for sale at a discount. More to come. The 2021 Harbor phonebooks/rosters are available. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1. They 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*.



Monday Supper at Local Restaurants

We have started meeting again for dinner on Mondays at around 4pm for a couple weeks now. Each week might be a different location in Torrance. Gloria Younkin said to call her for the latest info. Her number is 310-892-1528 ©. Hope to see you there!



Art Wagner
and his '29 Roadster.
Photo taken in the
50's after returning
from Korea
after the war.

I love the smell of
GASOLINE
in the morning

HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING NOTES

March 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.

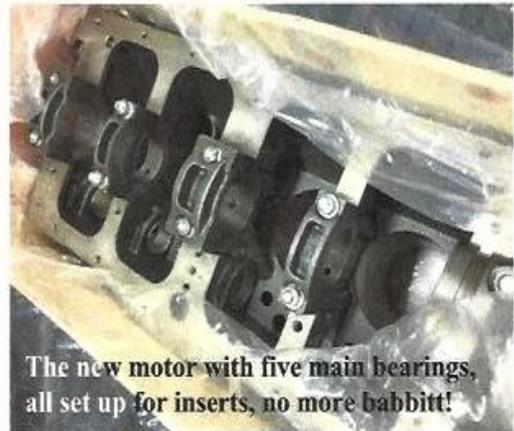


Model A Crate Motor



Arlyn couldn't get the crate open fast enough!

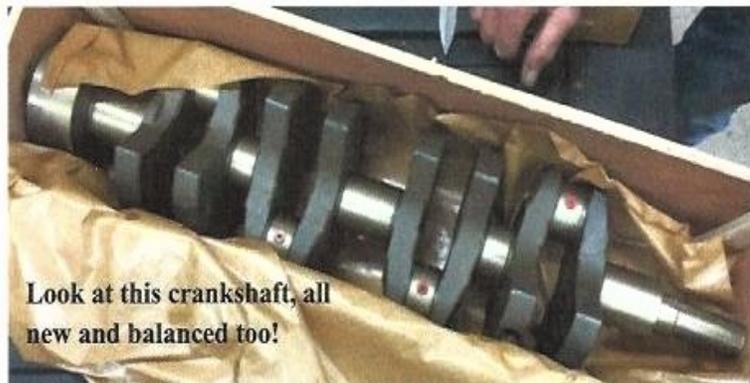
Yesterday the team at Hansen's Garage took delivery of the brand spanking new Model A motors, still in the crate. The newly manufactured block and crank shaft are the result of a multi-year project by Terry Burtz, a dedicated Model A hobbyist. He researched the Ford archives, prepared a number of prototypes and worked with foundries to produce a block that looks like a stock Ford A from the outside, but has internal improvements on Henry's original.



The new motor with five main bearings, all set up for inserts, no more babbitt!



Look, no rust!



Look at this crankshaft, all new and balanced too!

The crack mechanics at Hansen's are suitably impressed with the quality of the castings and the improvements. They are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the lightened flywheel so they can put it through its paces. Many thanks to Clyde Marion and Howard Krugel for arranging the purchase and delivery of the new blocks. Vern Schwebke

Thanks to the San Diego Model A Club's 'Quail Call' for this interesting article.



Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

Installing the Starter "Bendix Drive"

The small Bendix Drive gear that's bolted to the starter motor puts up with a lot of use (and abuse when you forget to retard the spark before starting). Eventually you will be working on yours and I have a tip for you about installing it back on the starter shaft.

The Bendix is bolted to the shaft with 2 special bolts and lock washers, as shown in the photo below. One bolt has a specially-shaped end that goes down into a hole in the starter shaft. This is critical, to lock the Bendix to the shaft; do not substitute a plain bolt for this.



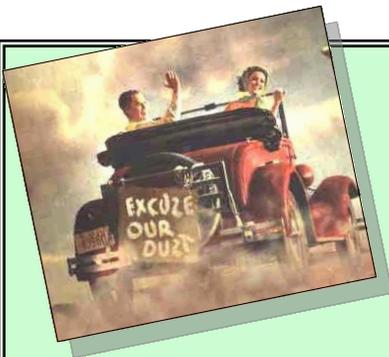
The other bolt is "special" only because it is only 11/16" long. This allows the bolt to lock the spring in place, without having the bolt actually touch the starter shaft. Don't be tempted to use a 3/4" long bolt instead of the correct shorter one. See the comparison photo of a 3/4" bolt and the correct bolt.



When this longer bolt is used, it presses against the starter shaft when tight and it messes up the Bendix operation.

Don't forget to install the half-moon shaped Woodruff key in the shaft before slipping the drive on the shaft. You may also use 2 spring clips (optional). Be sure to lock the bolts down tight by bending the ear of the special lock washer up against the bolt head. If you don't, these bolts will work loose and fly out of the starter drive.

I carry a spare Bendix spring (they are known to break) and a set of these special bolts and lock washers with me in my parts kit on tours. If I don't need them, someone traveling with us might. This will help quickly get them back on the road to Have a Model A Day! Jim



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.

We're working on some Club events. We'll Keep you posted.

Elaine

These are from a book called **Disorder in the American Courts** and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget..

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: She had three children , right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death..

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor , how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral...

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?

And last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No..

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient

have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.



MAFFI Newsletter



April 2021

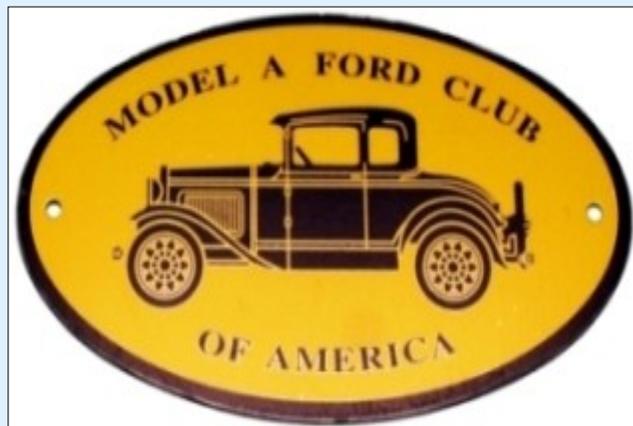
Buy A Brick

One of the ways that you can support the museum is to purchase a brick for the walkways in front of the museum. There are currently 20 spaces left in front of the museum under the gas station canopy but we have prepared another area and will be utilizing it as more orders come in. The cut-off date is June 1st for installation at the museum on the 2021 Model A Day. If you have been thinking about ordering a brick 'In Memory' or 'In Honor' of someone near and dear to you, or if your club/region doesn't have a brick at the museum with its name on it, now would be a great time to do it. Each brick is \$150 and the form can be found at www.maffi.org. Just go to the tab that says Store and go to Just a Brick. There will be an order form for you to download.

Make your Reservations for Model A Day 2021

Our Host Hotel is ready for you to start making your reservations! You can easily do this by going to www.maffi.org. Just go to the tab that says INFO and follow it to the link for Model A Day. The Gilmore is open and running with required Covid Restrictions in place. We hope that you will be excited to come and enjoy our museum as well as the other fun activities, seminars, swap meet and tire-kicking that goes along with any Model A get-together! We look forward to seeing you there on Saturday, September 18th. (If you come a day early, there will be a few seminars on Friday afternoon and evening.)

Thank you,
Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee
clubcontact@maffi.org





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Joe and Linda Freitag with Art Wagner

Harbor Area Club on tour of Old Ridge Route in October 2010



10/09/2010
Richard and Jeanne Parrish



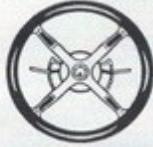
10/09/2010
Art Wagner gassing Al Avoian's sedan

Doris Marshall took a tumble and ended up in Torrance Memorial Hospital for several days. Drain said there were no broken bones. She is home now and is doing OK. See you soon . . .

Update on Greg Earhart

Member Greg Earhart is working through some serious digestive system issues. He has been working with doctors to remove cancers and restoring his ability to take food orally. He has some more tests coming up and a team of doctors preparing to operate in a couple weeks. Keep Greg (and Fran) in you prayers for a safe recovery. We're with you, Greg. Get well . . .

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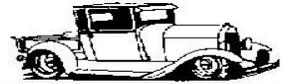
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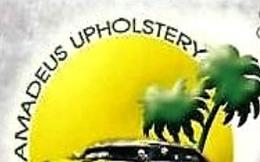
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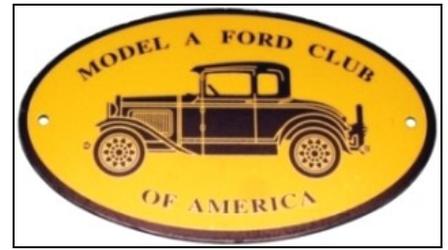
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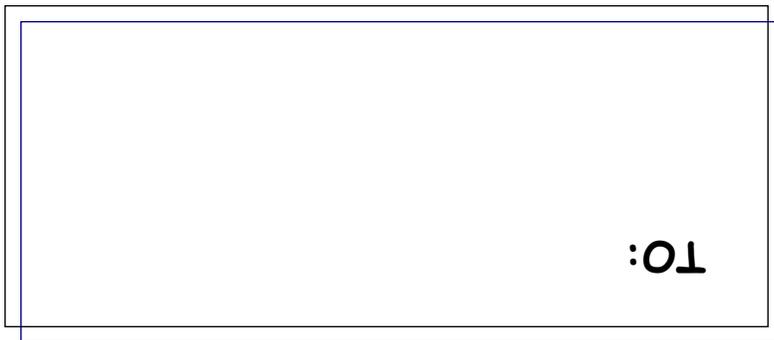
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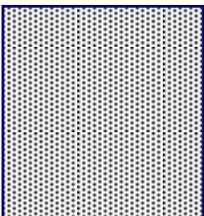
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