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Upcoming Business Meetings

The June 2021 meeting Postponed until (TBD)

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.

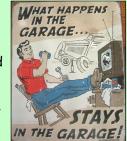
Model A Events & Local Shows

Cruise at the Beach. Redondo Beach Marina Friday June 18,2121, 3-6:30PM July 17th—Long Beach Model T Club Swap Meet. Details on page 10.

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 you're Model A by and we'll work on it. Al's Garage, 907 Van Ness, Torrance CA (in the



Next Board Meeting

June 19th @ Al's Garage 9:30AM





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



There is a light at the end of the tunnel

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 second 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 2:30-3:00pm. 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).

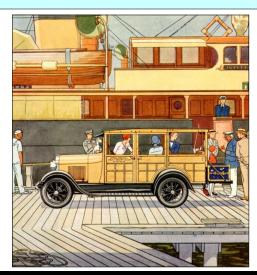
Some of us are planning for a trip to Solvang, July 16-18. Most of us stay at Svendsgaard's Danish Lodge (805-688-3277). Activities to be determined. If you plan on going, please let Pat Harrison know and make your hotel reservation.

The date, 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





June Birthdays

Joan Young 13 Larry Migliazzo 1 Gary Kuhlman 14 Fran Earhart Michael Larquier 15 Frank Young 21 Jim Huizdos 10 Weeg Thompson 12 Bea Fruchter 23 Andy Soto Joan Gordinier 13 24 Julia Duenes

June Anniversaries

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- 4 Richard & Jeanne Parrish
- 5 Diana & Marty Murphy
- 14 Jim & Kathy Valot
- 22 Greg & Fran Earhart
- 26 Cliff & Theresa LeFall
- 26 Ed & Julia Duenes



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 different restaurants in Torrance. We meet a little early, 4pm (per restaurants request). So far we get about 10-14 people. Check with Gloria Younkin for latest location.

We also had our second Board meeting this 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.

I want to personally thank member Richard Parrish for organizing the support drive-by of Greg Earhart's home. Greg will be going in for extensive cancer surgery as I

write this. Members of his three Model A clubs pray for his fast recovery. We are all thinking of you, Greg!

On a different Model A note, check out the swap meets and other A gatherings coming soon.

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



Friday afternoon at Ruby's 2010

Welcome to new member, Jim Peterson.

The Club welcomes new member #1082, Jim Peterson from Coast Iron Works. His address is 234 Broad St., Wilmington, CA 90744. He has a 1931 Cabriolet. His phone number is 310-953-5732. Hi email is: Jim@coastironworks.com

Hope to see him soon when we get back to normal!

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.





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 updated 2021 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 310-539-5391. 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 Gathering

We have started meeting again for dinner on Mondays at different restaurants for a couple weeks now. Gloria Younkin has become the go-to person for identifying each week's location.

We have been to BBQs, Mexican, Chinese and Gloria has many more surprises in mind. Check with her for the latest location.

We meet about 4PM. Hope to see more of you soon.



Saturday morning at 'Al's Garage.

We were working on some wire harness issues on Gary's Coupe.

HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING NOTES May 2021

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



Support Drive-by for Greg Earhart

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, Greg Earhart is going to have extensive surgery for cancer as this is being written. Member Richard Parrish arranged for three local Model A Clubs to do a support drive-by of his home in Downey, CA. The participating clubs were the Downey Model A Club, the Orange County Model A Club, and the Harbor Area Model A Club.

Approximately 30 cars participated with half being Model As and the remainder were moderns. We all met at a local mall parking lot to get organized. Greg's home was nearby and his wife, Fran, had the family ready for the event. Several neighbors were on hand and took pictures. Even had a drone taking pictures. (Check out a 17 minute video of the event on Youtube. It is under the title 'Greg Earhart Drive by').

Greg was very appreciative of everyone wishing him luck and success with the operation. After the drive by, most of the group went to the local Big Boy restaurant and had lunch.

A truly rewarding endeavor for Greg and his family and for the club members that made the event.











Colorful Roadster in drive by

Richard Parrish and Grea



Pisu's in '35 Ford sedan with Grea

Marshall's sedan with Fran



Wyckoff's Cabriolet with Grea

Technical Talk

Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA

Ford originally used a fine mesh brass screen at the top of the glass fuel strainer bowl that's mounted to the Model A firewall.

The bowl gives a place for water to settle into (water is heavier than gasoline) and a place for dirt and rust particles to collect.

The screen also keeps these particles from traveling down to the carburetor (where you have another screen!). With all these screens, I think Ford knew that gasoline supplies at the time were prone to contamination (more than today).



Many people have started to install a small pleated paper filter element in the glass bowl instead of the brass screen.

I'm not too sure it's needed; I think the brass screen is enough. The Model A has no fuel pump, it relies only on gravity feed, and I'm concerned about adding another restriction to the fuel flow.

But IF you use one of these paper filters, you need to know that the rust, dirt, etc., is trapped INSIDE the paper element, not on the outside of it like you'd think. Therefore, you can be collecting a lot of junk inside the filter, plugging up the filter element on the inside, and not even know it. One day, you lose all your power and the engine really acts like it is starving for fuel. You thought you would see the rust and dirt collect on the outside of the filter... but you don't. Surprise! (I hate surprises!)

So, if you are going to use these pleated paper filters, get into the habit of replacing them regularly, maybe once a year, since you can't see how dirty they are inside. And carry a spare filter and gasket with you in the car. It's a pretty easy thing to swap out in a parking lot. Kind of messy, but it can be done without tools. Use

some disposable gloves and you won't smell like gas for the rest of the day.

That's all for now. Keep driving, help each other out, and Have a Model A Day!

Jim

Romance novels written
during Covid-19
will be like...
"And then she slowly
slipped her mask down,
revealing her warm red
lips, and her blushed face,
and as their eyes met, he
gently removed her gloves."

In 20 years when kids ask about the 2020 toilet paper shortage,

I'm telling them we had to drag our butt's across the lawn.

In the snow.

Uphill. Both ways.



NOW THAT I'VE LIVED
THROUGH AN ACTUAL PLAGUE,
I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND
WHY ITALIAN RENAISSANCE
PAINTINGS ARE FULL OF
NAKED FAT PEOPLE LAYING
ON COUCHES.



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

May, 2021

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MURPHY'S LAWS FOR AUTOMOBILE RESTORATION

compiled by John M. Spring, M.D. - Schenectady, NY

We are indebted to the famous "Murphy: who formulated the well-known law, "If Anything Can Go Wrong, It Will!" and the first corollary, "At the Worst Possible Time!" Murphy has inspired some other truisms related to projects like Model A restoration:

QUIGLEY'S LAW:

Leak-proof seals will leak.

QUIGLEY'S SECOND LAW:

Self-starters will not start.

TODD'S FIRST LAW:

Interchangeable parts will not fit.

BROMBERG'S LAW OF ENGINE REPAIR:

Any tool dropped while repairing your car will automatically roll to the most inaccessible point of the floor underneath.

FEMO'S LAW OF ENGINE REPAIR:

Any small part dropped while working on the engine will never hit the ground.

FAPAMUCCI'S POSTULATE:

One more turn on the screw chips the paint; one less is too loose.

LEMAR'S POSTULATE:

If it jams, force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing anyways.

THE RULE OF MOSER:

Anything you fix will take longer and cost more than you thought.

A FUNDAMENTAL POSTULATE:

If it works, don't fix it!

A COROLLARY:

Better is the enemy of good.

FOURTH LAW OF UNRELIABILITY:

An exact duplicate part of the original will not fit, and will usually cost more than the original part.

ALLEN'S LAW OF REVELATION:

The last nut or screw is the hardest to remove.

GREENBERG'S LAW OF INEVITABILITY:

The best paint job and body work always has one dent you forgot to fix.

LOU'S LAW OF LANGUAGES:

"Taiwan" in Chinese means "poor fit."

HOMER'S DERIATIVE:

The more difficult it is to assemble and fit a part, the more likely that you will leave the gasket out.

HORNGREEN'S OBSERVATION:

If it takes four identical bolts to assemble a part, you will have only three.

HUNTER'S LAW OF FACT:

There will always be one nicer car at the show, and one worse.

COCHRANE'S APHORISM:

There is always one "wise guy" in the crowd to tell you what you did wrong with your restoration (even if you won "Best-of-Show").

LAW OF APPLIED TERROR:

When your car breaks down on a tour, it will need the spare part you left at home.

WALGREN'S SOLUTION:

Always think of the most common problem first, not last.

DUNLOP'S LAW OF SURFACE PHYSICS:

No matter how careful you are, you will always buff through the paint.

LOUIS' LAMENT:

Any wire or tube cut to length will be too short.

QUIGLEY'S THIRD LAW:

The part needed most often (or most desperately) is the one on back order.

QUIGLEY'S COROLLARY:

The part most often broken is the one that can't be replaced.

- shared by Ted Metiva

"Be decisive Right or Wrong, just make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision."



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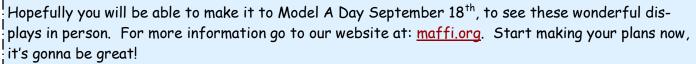


Our Annual Model A Day is fast approaching and since our last year's event had to be postponed to this year, all of our displays are already in place, just waiting for your arrival! We talk a lot about all of the beautiful cars that are on display in the Museum but did you know that there are many era fashions that are also on display year round. Our museum fashion director, Linda Morford does such an excellent job of keeping these displays fresh and ever changing. This year we have changed out a couple of our mannequins to wear our First Responder outfits.

If you have been to the museum in the past, you may have noticed "Dolly" donning her lovely vintage housedress and apron. This year, Dolly has been transformed into Nurse Dolly. Her uniform is thanks to a find by Executive Director, John Marshall and the beautiful cape came from Julie Kluttz, of the MARC Fashion Committee. Don't worry, she will have white shoes by Model A Day!

Officer Delaney was once our Good Humor Ice Cream man. He now proudly wears an authentic Police Uniform also donated by John Marshall.

Our fireman (yet unnamed) is wearing a complete era fireman's outfit thanks to Ken Ehrenhofer. I was there when they were dressing this guy and let me tell you, it's not easy putting those boots on a mannequin! A hole needed to be cut in one of the boots in order for it to fit onto the stand. Fire boots were not meant to be cut into!



See you in September!!

Thank you,

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee

clubcontact@maffi.org







2014 Orange County Pancake breakfast





All kinds of Model As were on display





Harbor gang doing what we do best!

Class winners voted on by attendees

Each year for many years, Orange County sponsored an annual pancake breakfast at Hart Park in Orange, CA.
Folks from all over So Cal met and renewed their Model A friendships.



For Sale 1929 Ford Special Coupe. Purchased new in 1929 by current ownen's father-in law. Her deceased husband did a fine point restoration of this mint orig. Model A back in 1957. This car runs and drives like brand new, the interior is letter perfect, the beautiful black lacquer is absolutely stunning, but does have some minor chips from age. A great car to tour

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. Located in Harbor Pines (Palos Verdes).

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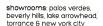


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How many guys does it take to change a headlight bulb?





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