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August 2021

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At the annual
Solvang, CA
'Dine 'n Drive n' Dine',
The Harbor gang
visited the
'Creation Station'
and made some
Christmas ornaments.
A fun weekend!

Upcoming Business Meetings

The August 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

August 14th (Sat)- Redondo Beach Elks Lodge
Car Show and Chili Cookoff. 11-4

August 15th (Sun)- Annual Wounded Warrior Car
Show, Redondo Bch Performing Arts Ctr. 9-3

August 21st (Sat) - 2021 El Segundo Main
Street Car Show. 10-3

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 alley)



Next Board Meeting

We have been meeting at Al's
Garage at 9:30AM . The next
meeting is Saturday, August 21st.



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HARBOR LIGHT



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



On the Road Again!

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 last Board meeting there last Saturday at Al's Garage. Sure was nice to see everyone again.

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



El Segundo water tower July 4th, 2021



Friday afternoon at Ruby's Diner Redondo Beach

August Birthdays

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Sandy Ragon | 23 Jack Gordinier |
| 2 Janice Dalton | 24 Gwen Valot |
| 13 Phyllis DeCrescenzo | 25 Dick Valot |
| 14 Greg Earhart | 26 Monty Bates |
| 15 Marty Murphy | 26 Rene Sandera |
| 20 Dorothy Knott | 31 Theresa LeFall |

August Anniversaries

- | |
|------------------------------|
| 4 Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs |
| 4 Dr. Steven & Weeg Thompson |
| 6 Mickey & Bea Fruchter |
| 12 Doris & Drain Marshall |
| 19 Mary & James Walker |
| 25 Steve & MaryAnn Friedrich |



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

A little bit of Harbor history.
The club was founded in 1957 so that means we are 64 years old! I found the original board



August 27, 1957
A meeting of MARC members and future members was held at home of Dale Kibbourn, with 12 persons in attendance. Dale was appointed chairman for this meeting. He read constitution and by-laws, and these were approved by group. Next point of business was naming of club, which after much discussion was decided was Harbor Area Region MARC. After this new members submitted applications and dues were collected. An election of officers was held with following officers serving until end of fiscal year March 1st. Officers were elected as follows:

President - Dale Kibbourn
Secretary - Rodney Gott
Treasurer - Ron Harris

Dues were turned over to treasurer. Meeting was established as second (2nd) Tuesday of each month, meetings being held in member home for present. Ed Montgomery volunteered to have next meeting at his home, Monday September 10th. Meeting was opened - and social hour followed.

Secretary,
Rodney Gott

meeting notes and posted them below. Fun stuff! Just to add a little more history, the first Harbor Light was published in September 1961. It's nice to preserve history and still be part of it . . .

Donnis has reserved the Torrance Park for our annual picnic. Save the date: Saturday, September 18th. More to follow. . . .

Just a note about my wife, Jan. As some of you know, I took her to the ER at Torrance Memorial a couple weeks ago per her doctor's directive. The next day she had a pacemaker installed. She is recovering, but she is still kinda tired so we don't get out much. She has strong family support from her three kids, so she is getting better.

Thanks to those who sent cards and chatted briefly on the phone. It is wonderful to have caring friends like the Harbor Model A Club. Thank You. Thank You!

Dick



Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering is Alive and Well!

If you are looking for a little tire-kicking adventure on **Saturday** mornings between 7 and 9 AM, 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*.

2021 ANNUAL REDONDO BEACH ELKS LODGE

Car Show and Chili Cook-Off **Saturday, August 14th** **11 am - 4 pm**

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No Alcoholic Beverages

HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING NOTES

July 2021

Due to the Corona virus situation, the June meeting was cancelled. We are hoping that the Torrance Rec Center meeting hall will re-open and we can start our meetings again. Folks are encouraged to follow the safety guidelines and keep in contact with other members. We are a family, you know.



Some pics from the 'Dine 'n Drive 'n Dine' in Solvang, CA

By Steve Thompson

(See article page 7)



Breakfast at Brekkies



Displaying 'Creation Station' Christmas ornaments



Visiting 'Happy Endings' Rescue Ranch



Dinner at 'Chomp'



Gang at dinner at AJ Spurs



Monty Bates
at
Clairmont Lavender
Farm

Technical Talk



Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Adding a Passenger Side View Mirror

There are several passenger side mirror options out there for us to add to our car, to see a bit better what traffic is over there. You can get a mirror that attaches to your door hinge, to your wind wing, etc.



But after you install it, you will discover that you really can't see much in it. It is almost useless, especially when trying to help you change lanes.



Here's my little Tech Tip: Add a small "bubble mirror" to the face of that flat mirror, using a couple of strips of two-sided tape. Hunt around for a bubble mirror that closely matches the diameter of your flat mirror. Look for them in auto parts stores, general merchandise stores, truck stops.

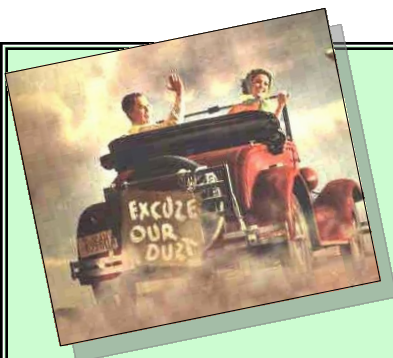
Now you will really be able to see what is on that side of the car or truck!

Enjoy the drive, and Have a Model A Day! Jim



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Touring with Elaine **By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director**



Greetings again!

At the last board meeting, we discussed how things are opening up after the virus epidemic. Car shows are happening, tours are taking place and future events are being planned. The National Clubs are looking at Saturday, September 11th as a possible National Model A Day! We are considering a tour that day or the following Saturday. Details are being discussed.

Another item in the mix is a club picnic. We are looking for a location. More info as we get it.

Keep Saturday, September 18th open.

The Leisure World tour has a video on Youtube : <https://youtu.be/fOqsoR-3f00>. Try it. . .

A nice turnout and we got to renew our friendships with other clubs.

Elaine

Harbor's Annual Gathering in Solvang, CA

By Pat Harrison

It was the best of times—that is the Club's recent trip to Solvang. Thirteen of us rendezvoused in the Danish village on Thursday July 15th. No planned activities the first day, but there was a group for dinner and gambling at the casino where Monty was the big winner (don't tell the IRS). Friday: breakfast at Brekkies, visited Wilding Museum, and the highlight of the day Creation Station crafting. The guys got into making ornaments with their cars featured and the gals made pine cones (see pictures). We dined at Chomps where most of us finished our day. Our "over active" members ate and then headed out to the Santa Maria street fair where the funnel cakes were the highlight.

An early start Saturday at Ellen's Danish Pancake House. Our first stop seemed to be the next step in our Club's tours after Leisure World—Happy Endings. Actually, it is a sanctuary for horses—quite the tour—and such good work being done by our host. It is a small world, our host's great grandfather made coaches for the Model T.

Visit <http://www.coachbuilt.com/bui/b/beaudette/beaudette.htm> for more information.

Off to Clairmont Lavender Farm for a little picnicking, chatting, and some shopping in a beautiful, fragrant setting. The "over actives" scurried off for a quick surrey pedal around town before dinner at AJ Spurs where we celebrated Donnis' birthday. Back to the hotel for game night (another highlight) complete with cash and scratcher prizes—what a hoot!

We all had a GREAT TIME together, saw new sites, and had LOTS OF LAUGHS!!!

The Club members really made the trip. Thanks to Art & Daffy, Gloria, Jack & Joan, Mickey & Bea, Monty & Donnis, Steve & Weeg, Tim & Pat. (See pictures page 5)



Just a note of thanks:

Doris Marshall received several birthday cards and wanted to thank everyone for their kind thoughts.



MAFFI Newsletter

July 2021



Model A Day 2021 is fast approaching-Saturday, September 18th!

Every year in conjunction with Model A Day, MAFFI has a Swap Meet on Saturday and MAFFI has a booth with all the proceeds go to the foundation. If you are driving to the event this year, and your club would like to donate a Model A part for our booth, please contact Greg Fish (fish_49202@yahoo.com) and let him know. This year's Swap Meet is looking to be one of our biggest and best yet!

The old saying goes, "Many hands make light work" and nothing could be truer than at Model A Day. We could use a few volunteers to help at several areas throughout the day on Friday and Saturday. It could be something as simple as selling tickets for a seminar, working a shift at the front gate, helping park cars and so many more.

Any questions regarding the Swap Meet or for volunteers, contact:

Mark Maron (markmaron@gmail.com)

Stay tuned for next month when we will be able to announce the many seminars that will be available for you to attend.

The Trustees are looking forward to meeting each and every one of you this year and are proud to showcase our beautiful museum with our First Responder's Display.

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee

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Vintage license plate seen recently in Washington DC

Welcome our new member: The Harbor Club welcomes new member #1083 **Daniel Green**. He lives on 1115 Fontheil Ave., Torrance CA 90503. Ph: 310-977-3282. email: Phorsum@gmail.com. He drives a 1930 Model A. Welcome Dan!

Five States In 1929 Abolished Speed Limits

Maximum speed limits were abolished in five states in 1929, while 12 states raised the limit, with the objective of speeding up traffic, according to reports received by the California State Automobile Association. Kansas, Tennessee, Vermont and Wisconsin prescribe a speed that is "reasonable and proper". In effect, this means that speed is not to be considered prima facie evidence of reckless driving, and such cases will be considered on their merits.

With improved highways and added safety qualities in motor cars, the tendency throughout the country has been to speed up traffic, and each year finds the legislature of various states fostering proposals to abolish maximum speed laws.

SPEED LIMITS INCREASED

States which increased their speed limits by action of the legislature during 1929 are: California, from 25 miles per hour to 40; Delaware, from 30 to 35; Illinois, from 35 to 45; Minnesota, from 35 to 45; Nebraska, from 35 to 45; Nevada, from 45 to 50; New Mexico, from 35 to 45; Ohio, from 35 to 45; Pennsylvania, from 35 to 40; South Dakota, from 25 to 40; Texas, from 35 to 45, and Virginia, from 35 to 45.

A total of 11 states do not prescribe maximum speed laws. These are: Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The limits in other states range from 20 miles an hour in Massachusetts to 50 miles per hour in Nevada, with the majority of states placing the limit at between 35 and 45 miles an hour.

From "The Evening News, San Jose, California, Wednesday, August 27, 1930".

Cook's Corner.....

NO CHURN ICE CREAM

2 cups (16 oz) heavy whipping cream

1-14 oz can sweetened condensed milk

2 tsp vanilla extract

Whip whipping cream until stiff peaks form, about three minutes. Pour in condensed milk and vanilla extract and gently fold into whipped cream until well-combined. Pour into a freezer safe container and store in the freezer until the ice cream firms.



Model A Fun



Find 10 Things That are Different

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1. Left front bumper missing.
2. Side mirror is gone.
3. White line on asphalt is missing.
4. Missing door handle.
5. Lug nut is gone.
6. Logo on side of tank is added.
7. Emblem on back of tank is missing.
8. "Motor Oil" on side of tank is gone.
9. Head light is gone.
10. House in upper left covered with bushes.

July's Puzzle Answers

Thanks to 'The Spare Tire' of the Palmetto A's of So. Carolina

Model A Oiling System

By: Richard Parrish, Orange County A's

Our club is doing well in spite of the lock down. In recent years we have a number of new members, not the "youth" so many talk about but definitely a younger group than us old relics. It is normal for new members to read a lot about Model As and call numerous members, including me, about "What about this?", "What is that noise in my Model A?", "Why is my car doing, or not doing such and such?". It is also normal they call many of us with the same questions accumulating various and sometimes conflicting answers.

With the arrival of the new Terry Burtz engine I am getting questions. It is important to realize none of us "need" a Burtz engine. We "WANT" one. I bought two, myself. In the following dissertation I will attempt to explain the stock oiling system which continues to serve us well after more than 90 years. In the following months, I will point out why we "WANT" a Burtz engine.

The stock Model A oiling system throughout the entire production was a splash and dipper system. It was far advanced from the previous Model T oiling system. Our Model A's have an oil pump which delivers a very large amount of oil up to the valve chamber which becomes a virtual "lake" of oil with dams to control the level of oil since the engine is mounted at an angle. The oil drains down to the 3 main bearings by gravity. Some of the excess oil spills out the front of the chamber through a ragged hole and spills over the timing gears. A large excess of oil flows down the oil return line on the outside of the engine into the dipper tray, a most important part of the oiling system.

Each connecting rod has its own pool of oil in the dipper tray and each connecting rod has its own "dipper" which dips into the oil with considerable force and lubricates the connecting rod and crankshaft. It splashes the cylinder walls and pistons. The crankcase is a virtual tornado inside there and also reaches the valves, lifters and cam as a mist.

The oil pump is the most critical component in the oiling system. It is generally described as volume pump instead of a pressure pump but that is not a good description. To demonstrate volume and pressure go out to the back yard and turn on your garden hose with no nozzle. You will get a very large volume of water. Now press your thumb over the end of the hose. The water is going over your neighbor's fence. You just turned lots of volume into a high-pressure stream by restricting the flow, both from the same hose, same setting. That is our oil pump. At the top of our oil pump there are two flats/slots/grooves which allow the oil to spill over the cam drive gear which drives the oil pump AND the distributor. The oil flows freely and generously into the lake of oil. As long as those flats remain on your oil pump, you will never have measurable oil pressure but you will have enormous amounts of oil flowing in your engine, volume not pressure.

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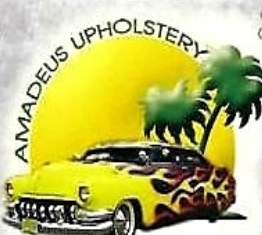
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For MAFCA info and membership, see
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings 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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