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Upcoming Club Picnic

Harbor Club is having our picnic (and mini meeting) on Saturday, September 18th at Torrance Park 9am to 2pm.

The Board voted to pay for club members lunch at the picnic. Members will be contacted to select food choice.

Model A Tours & Local Shows **TOURS**

What fun events are just around the corner? Peek inside at Elaine's article for the scoop! Sat Sept 11th. Westchester Elks Car Show, 9am-3pm. 8025 W. Manchester. PDR 90293

Sat Sept 11th . All Ford Car Show & Swap meet Old Town Orcutt, CA 93455. 9am-3pm.

Technical Activities

We have started up again! Come on

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, September 25th





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



It's a Crazy World

Just when we thought things would get better, another round of virus' shows up. All we can do is be aware of our surroundings and try and avoid getting sick.

The Board met last week at Al's Garage (no, we didn't work on cars!) and made some progress on picnic preparations and planning of future events. It's tough but we made some progress. A committee was formed to remind folks of upcoming events. We are also working on finalizing plans at Blue Water Grill for our banquet January 27th, 2022.

We are still checking on the availability of our regular meeting place in Torrance. More to come Next Board meeting is at Al's Garage On Sept 25th at 9:30AM.

Check out the clubs website. Dr. Steve has been working on it.

https://harborareamodelaclub.com/newsletter

Wayne Sterling





September Birthdays

September Anniversaries

- 5 Dennis Simpson
- 6 Darlene Funk
- 6 Jim Beardsley
- 8 Bob Olsen
- 8 Rob Hernandez
- 11 Ursula Schmidt
- 13 Ed Duenes
- 14 Cliff LeFall
- 17 Art Wagner

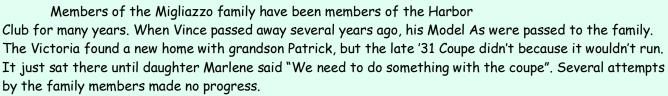


- 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard
- 11 Dale & Karen Barry
- 15 Michael & Teri Larquier
- 16 Rene & Anne Sandera
- 17 Dick & Gwen Valot



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Another Model A on the road again!



I got a phone call from Marlene and asked if I would look into it. (She knew me through my dad when my dad and Vince both working on clocks. Vince was a master clock maker.)

This kind of Model A challenge is what we all live for, bringing another Model A to life. They lived 20 minutes away so I drove over in the Cabriolet and evaluated the situation. I found the usual things, misadjusted points, dirty gas line, plugged filter, blown fuse, and (of course) a dead battery. I told them to get a new battery and install it Positive ground!

They did all that and I came back a week later. Before I tried to start it, I wanted to check the timing. You know the drill: Pull the timing pin, find the indent in timing gear, etc. In checking this, I discovered the rotor was off by one cylinder. It was located on #3, not #1. I fixed that and said 'Let's give it a go". The engine cranked over just fine and it fired up. It was a little rough for a short time but smoothed out quickly. A couple minor adjustments and it purred like a kitten. . . . It is the smoothest, quietest running engine I think I have heard in a long time.

Marlene was nearby and heard it running. She was in tears. Her father's car was running after all this time. A big hug from her made the whole effort worth while.

Dick

P5: The engine number starts of with A44xxxxx. When was that produced? Anyone?



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*.

A couple pictures from the El Segundo Car Show

Three Harbor members showed their cars at the (rain sprinkled) El Segundo car show last Saturday.

Jerry Reine, Dick Wyckoff, and Jim and Elyse Beardsley represented the Harbor Club.

In spite of the sprinkles (they ended about 1PM), there was a great showing of custom and classic cars. My estimate is about 350 cars lined Main Street from 8am to 3pm.





HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING NOTES August 2021

Due to the Corona virus situation, the August 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.



MODEL "A" RESTORER'S CLUB- HARBOR AREA

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MEMBER	DATE
AMOUNT RECEIVED, CHECK OR CASH	
1. ☐ RATCHET NUT WRENCH	17. □VALVE GUIDE REMOVAL TOOL
2. ☐ FRAME SPREADER	18. ☐ GAS GAUGE REMOVAL TOOL
3. ☐ FRONT SPRING SPREADER	19. ☐ CLUTCH DISC ALIGN TOOL
4. ☐ REAR SPRING SPREADER	20. ☐ DISTRIBUTOR PULLER TOOL
5. ☐ SPREADER WRENCH	21. \square Judging standards book
6. ☐ ENGINE LIFTING TOOL	22. ☐ STATIC WHEEL BALANCER
7. REAR AXLE HOUSING SEAL DRI	IVER 23. ☐ CHAIN FALL HOIST
8. ☐ PINION PULLER	24. ☐ ENGINE HOIST
9. \square (2) PINION NUT WRENCHES	25. ☐ DISTRIBUTOR BUSHING REAMER
10. \square SHIFT LEVER SPRING COMPRES	ssor 26. ☐ light switch spider install too
$11.\square$ STEERING WHEEL PULLER	27. ☐ ENGINE STUD REMOVAL KIT
12.☐ CAM NUT WRENCH	28. ☐ DISTRIBUTOR TIMING "Z" WRENCH
13. □ REAR HUB PULLER	29.□ VOLTAGE TESTER
14. ☐ KINGPIN REAMER	30. ☐ IGNITION SPARK TESTER
15. \square BRAKE SHOE RIVETING TOOL	31. ☐ PILOT BEARING PULLER (2 PIECES)
16.□ BRAKE PEDAL ADJ. TOOL Note: Two new tools have been	$32.\square$ DOOR HINGE PULLER added to the club's inventory:
1. Engine block flushing	g block-off plates (Thanks to Rob Hernandez)
2. Cylinder head remov	al tool (Thanks to Jim Runyon)
TOTAL NUMBER OF TOOLS CHECKED O	DUT
TOOLS RETURNED DATE:	CONDITION:
DEPOSIT RETURNED DATE:	

The Club had a nice collection of Model A tools.

Our tool custodian is Bobby De Crescenzo. Contact him if you have a need for a special tool.

Technical Talk

Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

Mechanic's Gloves are Great!

I resisted wearing mechanic's gloves for many years when working on my old cars. I didn't think I needed them. Let me tell you, I was wrong! They are great!

I found a pack of 15 pair of work gloves on Amazon for \$10 last year, and I am now a believer. They are branded "Grease Monkey". They are red woven

gloves that have dipped the fingers and palm into a rubbery polymer that gives grip and protection. You can use them and when they get too greasy, dirty, or torn up, you throw them away and don't feel too bad, because they're only 75 cents a pair.

They help me grip things better, they keep my hands cleaner, the open weave does not make my hand sweat too much, and I am now avoiding a lot of the scrapes, cuts and bruises that I used to get when working on my cars. I do have to remove them for





And after using them for a year now, I have another low-tech Tech Tip for you: Take a black marker and draw a 3" to 4" line up the back of the left glove every time you pull a new pair out of the package. When you grab a pair off the bench or out of a toolbox to put on, You will quickly spot that black line up the back of the left glove and get the gloves on the right hand the first time. (Lefts and rights look identical at first glance.)

For 75 cents, you'll throw a pair in each car, in your toolbox, and out in the tool shed. What a deall Until next time,

"Have a Model A Day!" Jim





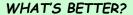
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Touring with Elaine

By Elaine's Little Helpers



On the road again putting the pedal to the metal or yawning in your own backyard!

We have planned some fun times ahead, with exciting events over the next few months. The Harbor A's are coordinating these events and we would love it if you could join in!

SEPTEMBER 18TH - Our Club Picnic will be at Torrance Park, 2001 Santa Fe Avenue, Torrance.

OUR CLUB IS BUYING US ALL LUNCH. (Members only, guest are welcome to participate in the picnic, but will need to pay \$10 each if they want lunch.) It is being catered by Joey's BBQ.

The menu options are:

Pulled Pork, Tri Tip or Chicken Sandwich

Select one side, the options are: BBQ Baked Beans, Potato Salad or Creamy Coleslaw

There is a salad option available if you prefer not to have the BBQ. Contact Weeg for information on this option. She is shopping salads as we go to print.

Please get your confirmed order to Weeg Thompson by September 5^{th} via telephone call or text, if you text please include your name. (310) 346-6409

If you decide after this date to join us, all you need to do is bring your own lunch.

OCTOBER 24TH - Save the date! Elaine's little helpers are working on a fun surprise for this event!

NOVEMBER 7^{TH} - Save the date for a trip to Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo to hear our own member, Mickey Fruchter, and his group perform. It will be a day of driving our A's or moderns; supporting a worthy cause; being entertained at a beautiful venue, that transports you back in time; and of course, we will break bread together.

We would like to implement something new. Elaine has suggested previously that we pass a sign-up sheet around (Like we do for refreshments) each month one member (or a group) will sign up to plan and execute a tour for that month. It could be something you are interested in and could share it with the rest of us. We are not only a car club, but also a social club. We miss seeing everyone. We are not having meetings, due to COVID and the City of Torrance has not opened the facilities yet, we have formed a small group of helpers to reach out to all of you. Please put on your thinking caps and see if there is any local event you would like to share with the other members of our club! With everyone's help we can make 2022 a fun and exciting new year! Calls will be forthcoming, please offer to sign up to lead one of our monthly outings.

Wounded Warriors Car Show

Thanks to Dennis & Linda Simpson, the Harbor Club was well represented at the annual Wounded Warriors Car Show and fund raiser in Redondo Beach. Eight Model As showed up to support the project.

Check out video on: https://youtu.be/qDNycxLp428







MAFFI Newsletter



August 2021

The Board of Trustees at MAFFI are more than excited about this year's Model A Day, September 18th. We think that it will be the biggest and best yet! There will be a Swap Meet, rides around the museum in several different vehicles, a jazz band, seminars, special guest, Wayne Carini of Chasing Classic Cars and of course our beautiful museum with our first Responder Display.

The seminars will be:

1 st Responder Vehicles	Stan Johnson	Friday	6-7 pm	4 Points Sheraton
1931 Bus History	Ken & Ron Ehrenhofer	Saturday	9:30-10:30 am	U-2 Bldg
Front End Rebuild	Larry Shepherd	Saturday	10:30-12 noon	U-2 Bldg
Fashion Seminar	Sherry Winkinhofer	Saturday	10:30-12 noon	Theatre
MAFFI Annual Meeting		Saturday	1:00-1:45 pm	Tent
Wayne Carini		Saturday	2:00-3:15 pm	Tent
Woody Wagon	Rob Gibby	Saturday	3:30-4:15pm	U-2 Bldg
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As always, these are subject to change without advanced notice.

We hope that you will stop and say hello to any of the MAFFI Board Members that you see. We will be the lones in the Yellow Vests and wearing a smile.

If you aren't able to make it for Model A Day, remember that the Gilmore Museum complex is open 7 days a week. You are welcome ANY time!

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee clubcontact@maffi.org







Behind the scenes of the Harbor As at the Wounded Warriors show.

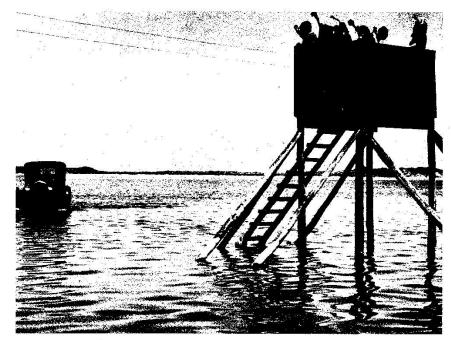


Under the hood of Dan Green's '30 Fordor Sedan



"A" GLOBETROTTING





Model "A" Taxi cruises up to cab stand in the North Sea.

SEAGOING TAXIS

Off the north coast of England, in the North Sea, is a chain of small islands known as the Farne Islands. The largest of this group of 25 islands is Holy Island, which boasts a village, four inns and a few taxicabs — to be specific (at least, until a few years ago), the "fleet" consisted of two Model "A's".

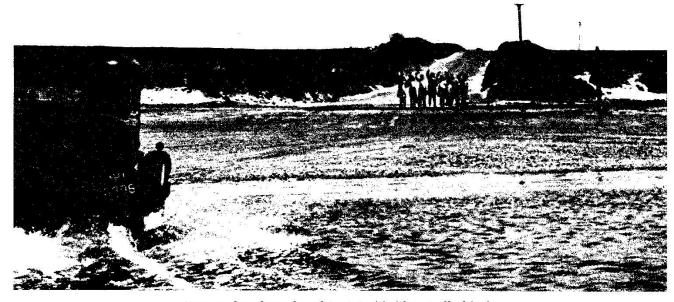
These Model "A" taxis served in a unique way, as Holy Island can be reached only at low tide from the mainland by car. Therefore, the cabbie had to time his trip just right so that the swiftly rising incoming tide (over 14' at high tide) didn't catch him in the middle of his run. The trip takes about a half-hour over wet, oozing sands—and, needless to say, salt water doesn't do an undercarriage much good!

According to reports, brake linings are only good for about a month of

this kind of taxi service, but then, as long as a boat doesn't cross your path, who needs brakes?

The ''road'' through the tidal flats is marked with poles to keep the driver from straying off into a tidal basin, or even just heading out to sea on a dark or foggy night. The latest accounts of the Holy Island taxi service report that the old "A's" were at last replaced by British Land Rovers or ex-Lend-Lease Jeeps, as they are the only present-day vehicles with enough clearance and traction to go to sea!

(From 1952 National Geographic)



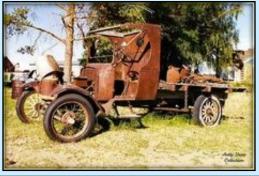
"Step on her chum, the tide's rising!" (Note R. H. drive)

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Some Call it Yard Art!











FÓR SALE Great "A" Project! 1931 Model A Woody Station Wagon project.

Frame powder coated, lots of extra parts. All new wood, plus all of the old wood. \$14,000. Located in Carson, CA.

Health forces sale. . . .

Contact: Keith Tucker 310-508-2656



55th Annual San Fernando Valley Model A Ford Club Swap Meet & Car Show Sunday November 07, 2021

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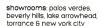


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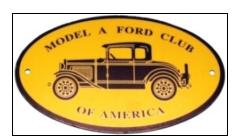
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Dick Wyckoff with his 1929 Pickup in 1962. He still has it!

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