



# Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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Torrance, California



## November 2021

2016-2020 MARC  
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Photo taken at the Torrance airport several years ago.  
Dick Wyckoff's 29 RPU, Dave Pearson's T-34 trainer, and Dick Lusk's 28 Phaeton

### Monthly Club Meeting and Banquet

We are still planning our annual banquet for January 29, 2022, so stay tuned. More to come.

### Model A Tours & Local Show

November 7th, Sat morning— SFV Club Swap meet  
See page 2 for flyer. Starts at 7AM.

November 7th, Sat afternoon fun Club event in  
El Segundo. See page 2

### 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,  
November 20th



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# HARBOR LIGHT



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



**Are things opening up?**

**IMPORTANT:** As you know, we elect officers each year. Opening up for 2022 are the elected officers President, Vice President, Secretary, Technical Director and Tour Director. Please contact Wayne if you are interested in any of these positions.

A committee was formed to remind folks of upcoming events. We are also working on finalizing plans at Blue Water Grill for our banquet Saturday, January 29th, 2022.

We are still working on the availability of our regular meeting place in Torrance. More to come

Next Board meeting is at Al's Garage on November 20th at 9:30am  
**Wayne Sterling**

**A Busy Day coming up!**

**A Morning Swap Meet**



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

*(Remember Daylight Savings Time — FALL BACK 1 HR)*

**Swap Meet 7am - 2pm  
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 (PLEASE PRINT)

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**Make check payable to SFVMAFCA  
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 P.O. Box 8017 - Van Nuys, CA 91409**

**A Musical Afternoon**

For all of you who signed up for our Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> outing to the Old Town Music Hall located at 140 Richmond Street, El Segundo to hear one of our own members; Mickey Fruchter with his group **"Banjo Buddies"** playing music from the 20's and 30's.

We will be starting with lunch at 11:30am at Marmalade Café, located at 2014 East Park Place, El Segundo 90245. After all we have to eat! If you are not joining us for lunch you can meet us at the theater, the performance starts at 2:30pm. I have purchased the tickets and will give them to you upon our arrival at the theater.

Since the music and our cars match so beautifully, drive your Model A if you can, but moderns are welcome too! It should be a fun day with not only banjos, but a tuba, piano, washboard and spoons! They even want us (the entire audience) to sing-a-long! Oh dear! In addition this event is a benefit performance to support the Old Town Music Hall. What a perfect way to spend our Sunday afternoon, with our Model A friends.

**See You There!**  
**Pat Harrison**



## November Birthdays

8 Linda Simpson  
14 Jim Runyon  
26 Pat Yacklon  
28 Jan Wyckoff



## November Anniversaries

6 Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo  
12 Dennis & Linda Simpson



### Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Just a reminder, don't forget to pay your local and National club dues. More on page 9.

Donnis is working closely with the City of Torrance to get us back in the meeting hall for our regular monthly meetings. It has been closed for almost two years. We're ready!

Jan and I take our A's out on a regular basis. One of my favorite destinations is the Marina del Rey harbor where we watch the sail boats and yachts go in and out. Very relaxing to me, a retired Navy guy! It reminds me of when I crewed a 41 foot sailboat in 1975 from Florida, through the Panama Canal, to the Marina. A great experience. Took 3 1/2 months. But that is another story.

We had a wonderful showing of support for the Marshall family at the services for Doris. She was always a fun person and will be greatly missed.

Looking forward to meeting on a regular basis again. Thanks for all you are doing, Donnis.

Hope everyone has a safe Halloween and looking forward to Thanksgiving. We all have a lot to be thankful for.

**Dick**

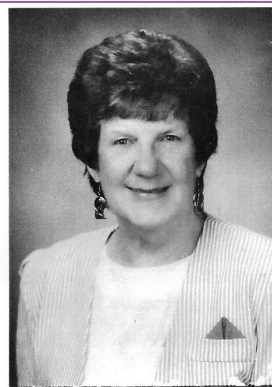


### **A Note from Drain Marshall**

Hi Everybody!

I want to thank everyone that attended the funeral services for Doris. She was a special person and we will miss her humor and talent. The Harbor Area and Orange County Model A Clubs were well represented and the family really appreciated that. Doris is now with the heavenly choir sharing her talents with them. Thanks again for all the support these last couple years. It made things a little easier.

*Drain Marshall*



*Doris Mae Marshall*

### **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.)

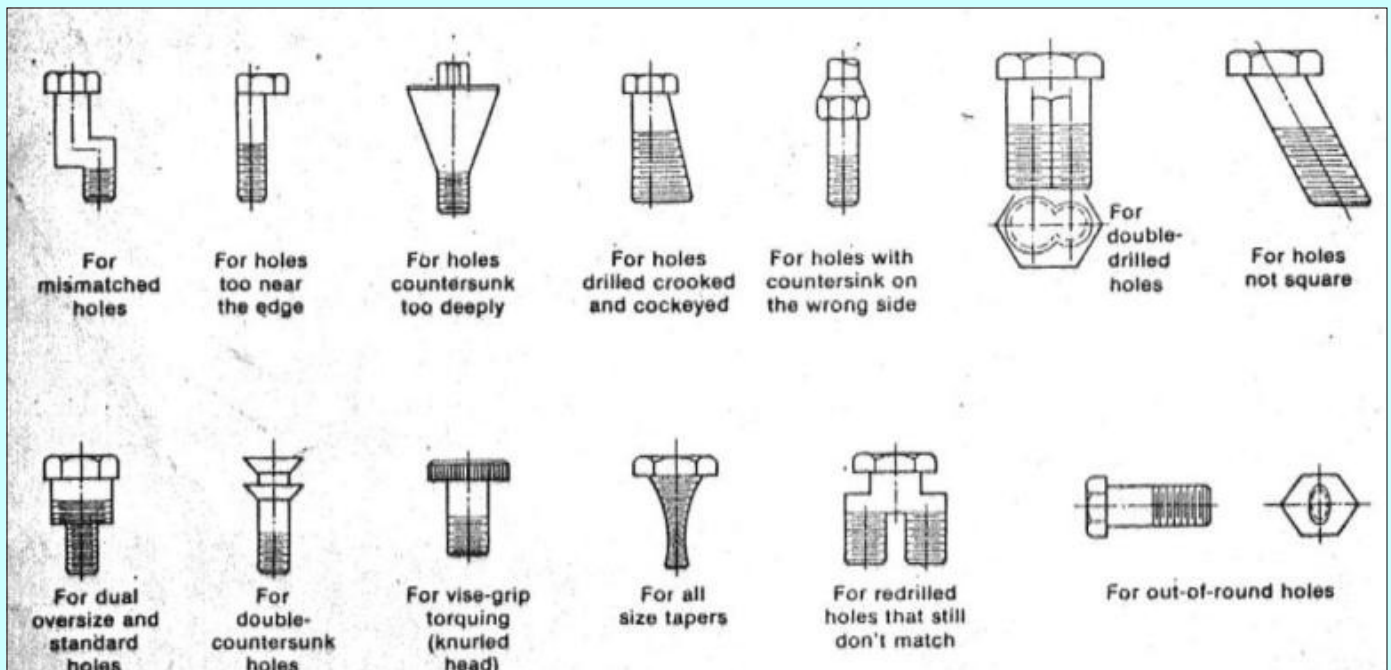
Come on by and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



### **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*.





## HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

Date: September 18, 2021 Location: Torrance Rec Park



**PRESIDENT:** Wayne Sterling called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Jack Gordinier led the flag salute.

**RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS :** Joe Brun, Drain Marshall, Pat Yacklon, Dick Wyckoff and Monty Bates.

**PRESIDENT:** Wayne Sterling---No business meetings scheduled, still not able to use the City of Torrance inside facilities. Club is paying for lunch today. Make sure your emergency cards are updated. Nomination of club officers will be in October with elections at November meeting. Offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Technical and Tour are available. Call Wayne to nominate a member and he will verify the person will accept the nomination. Thanks to Donnis, Weeg and committee for planning the picnic. Thanks to Jim Speights for bringing the Hubley track and crew who set up the race track.

**TREASURER:** Daffy Wagner--- Reported current bank balance. We are fine.

**HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR:** Dick Wyckoff reported 21 Model A'S in attendance today and 60 people. Let him know of any upcoming events.

**TOURS:** Elaine Pisu---Pleased to have help---Will assist anyone with planning a tour. Sign-up sheet being passed around. Tour on September 11, was suggested by Dennis Simpson and organized by Weeg and Donnis.

**SUNSHINE:** Theresa LeFall---Reported the passing of member Doris Marshall and her services will be October 9, at 11:30 AM in Inglewood. Great to see Jeanne Parrish in attendance.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Ursi Schmidt---she has updated rosters available. Welcome new member Dan Green.

**TOOLS:** Bob DeCrescenzo---Club tools available, contact Bob to borrow.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Weeg Thompson---The Pisu's provided a cake, at the picnic, to celebrate Art Wagner's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

**ADVERTISING:** Jim Huizdos---Everything okay. Muckenthaler Car Show is October 3.

**MERCHANDISE:** Ruxella Speights---Variety of club merchandises available.

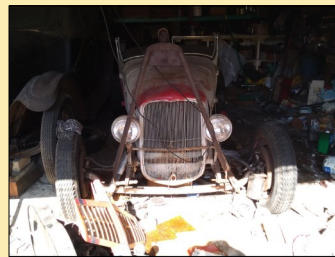
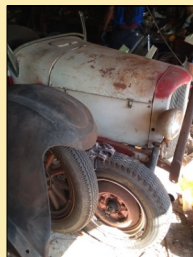
**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** October 23, 2021, 9:30AM, Al's Garage.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 10:50 A M.

Respectfully Submitted: *Gloria Younkin*, Secretary



A friend passed away and the family is clearing out the garage. Here are the only pics I have. It is definitely a 32 grille and the body looks like a 32, BUT I am not 100% sure . You might put a small blurb in the next Harbor Light . " **Project car -- '32 Roaster - in Huntington Beach, CA** . They can call me and I will give them a phone number of who to contact and they can go look at it . It does not have the registration - But I am sure they will get a bill of sale anyway. Bobby DeCrescenzo 310-540-3690.



### Gas Gauge Repair

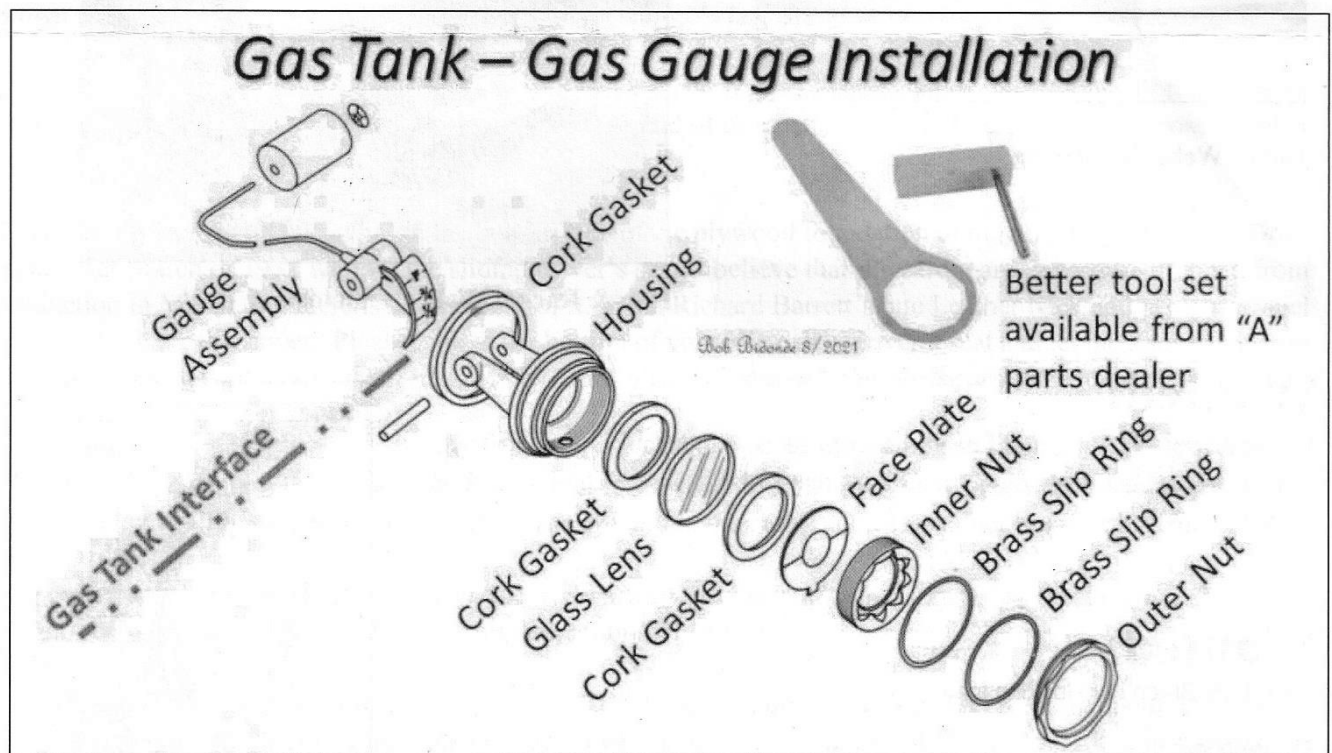
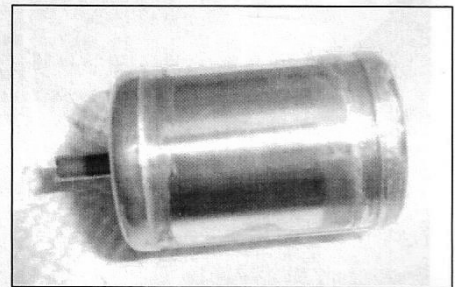
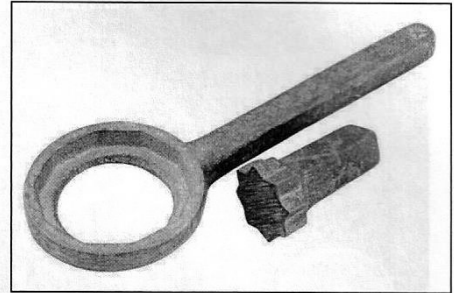
by Tom Endy 2021

There will come a time in the life of a surviving Model A when the gas gauge will need repair. The first order of business is to have the proper tools to get it apart. Model A suppliers carry them. Most repairs consist of replacing the float and the gaskets. The best choice for a float is one made of brass that modern fuels will not destroy. An excellent brass float is available from Reenlee H. Kotas of San Diego, 858-945-2018. Price in 2020 was \$6. Gaskets and brass slip rings can be obtained from Bratton's.

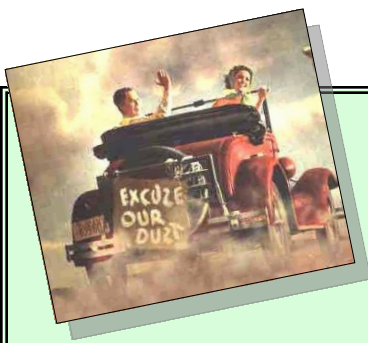
**Gas gauge gaskets 13570 \$2.50 set**

**Brass slip rings 13571 \$1.15 each**

The original Ford installation required only one brass slip ring. However, in the modern Model A kingdom it has been determined that at least two (or more) slip rings are required to prevent a fuel leak. With only one slip ring the outer nut will likely bottom on the threads before there is a crush on the gaskets. The drawing below shows two brass slip rings. It is also suggested that cork gaskets be used. Avoid the neoprene gaskets as modern fuels are likely to destroy them.



Drawing by Bob Bidonde



## **Touring with Elaine**

By Elaine's Little Helpers



### ***Working on future plans.***

**NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> - 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.

### ***Ten Commandments for the Car Collector***

1. Thou shalt not store thy cars out-of-doors, except for the wife's modern iron.
2. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's car, nor his garage, nor battery charger.
3. Thou shalt not love thy cars more than thy wife and children; as much, but not more
4. Thou shalt not read thy "Restorer" on company time, lest thy employer make it impossible to continue thy car payments.
5. Thy shalt not despise thy neighbors Edsel, nor his DeSoto, nor even his Packard.
6. Thou shalt not allow thy daughters nor thy sons to get married during the holy days of the Old Car Swap Meets.
7. Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive when, indeed, thou art going out to look at another Model A.
8. Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of thy latest restoration,  
At least not all at the same time.
9. Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition to the house and then use it to store cars;  
Thou shalt not store Ford parts in the attic.
10. Thou shalt not buy thy wife a floor jack for her birthday.



## 1928 ERA FASHIONS 1931: 1920'S HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Before mass-produced costumes entered the scene, Halloween costumes were a lot more...creative. Forced to make their own masks, dresses, and props — often using highly questionable crafting skills — adults and children across the nation created costumes that were creative, bizarre, and often a LOT scarier than ones we see today. Want to tap into a wellspring of vintage creativity this Halloween? Then forget the flapper and gangster costumes and follow these ideas to create a truly authentic 1920s Halloween costume... Clowns! Costumes of Perriot clowns in particular — the white and black mimes with sad faces — were all the rage during the 1920s with both men and women. Don't want to be a clown? If you're a woman, you could always go the witch route. The shapeless drop-waist dresses and skirts popular during the Roaring Twenties lent themselves easily to witch costumes, so they were pretty easy to manage. Throw on a plain black dress and a pointy hat, and ta-dah, you're a witch! You could buy a costume. This makes sense, too, seeing as it was the 1920s that saw the birth of Halloween parties, particularly among the rich and middle class, that often required one come in costume. Popular purchased costumes included: clowns, witches, Indians, and pirates. However, it seems people had more fun making their own costumes — and to do that, they used stuff like... crepe paper! Crepe paper was very big in the 1920s, just don't get it wet!



Before the advent of mass-produced masks, people made their own masks out of paper mache and fabric. Thanks to questionable crafting ability, these often turned out looking probably waaaaay more creepy than intended. Again, crepe paper was also very popular. Now that you have a costume, you're ready to go out and have fun! During the 1920s, children roamed the streets in costume, burning stuff and trashing the place, until adults instituted more controlled celebrations in the form of parties and events at schools, churches, and other public areas, as well as at home. Adults, meanwhile, went to fun, lavish costume parties, full of dancing, festive treats, and party games. All ages enjoyed showing off their costumes and playing at being someone else for the night. Happy Halloween! Stay Safe!

Welcome our new member: #1084 Otis Lee Robinson  
2317 Maricopa St., Torrance, CA 90501  
Email: [OtisLeeRobinson@yahoo.com](mailto:OtisLeeRobinson@yahoo.com)  
He has a beautiful '29 Fordor Sedan



## Benefits of National Club Memberships

Membership in **MAFCA** includes the following:

- A one year subscription to The Restorer, our award winning bi-monthly magazine including free classified ads.
- The right to register and participate in all National and Regional MAFCA meets
- Voting privileges in National elections of officers and by-laws revisions
- Free classified advertising on the MAFCA web site and posting of photo of your car in the Photo Album section
- Technical advice to help restore your Model A and keep it in top shape



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- Six issues each calendar year of our award- winning, international, bi-monthly Model 'A' News magazine.
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As you know, the last two years have been difficult for us all. It has very much affected our club activities and memberships. I am trying to get an earlier start on collecting the \$30 dues for 2022 for our Harbor Area MARC.

MARC has informed us that for 2022 their dues will be increasing to \$50 annually.

Please send in your Harbor MARC membership dues earlier for the year 2022.

Make the check out to "Harbor M.A.R.C." and send it to me:

**Ursula Schmidt**  
**26419 Pineknoll Ave.,**  
**Harbor City, CA 90710.**

The dues for Harbor M.A.R.C. are \$30.

If you would also like to pay the national MARC dues at the same time, add \$50 and make the check out for \$ 80.

(I will then forward your \$50 to MARC).

Postage stayed the same; Add \$10 if you are still getting the Harborlight by regular mail.

Thank you for supporting your Harbor Area MARC!





## MAFFI Newsletter Minute October 2021



MAFFI Model A Day at the Model A Ford Museum in Gilmore Car Museum is BACK! After having to cancel the event in 2020 we were so happy to see so many Model A enthusiasts come out to celebrate with us. About 200 Model As arrived and parked on the Gilmore Museum grounds. The theme this year, "Model A First Responders" included fire trucks, police wagon, and ambulances from the Model A Era.

This year visitors could take rides around the Gilmore Museum grounds on the Huff & Puff bus and Model A cars. I heard one group of riders singing "The wheels on the bus go round and round" as the rode through the grounds. The swap meet was the biggest and best to date. There were silent auction items up for bid, 50/50 raffle tickets, Model A Day T-Shirts and pins for all to purchase.

The day included seminars, the youth event featuring the Mishawaka High School restoration project, and featured guest, Wayne Carini from "Chasing Classic Cars."

The day concluded with a General Membership Meeting where recognition was given to event organizers and MAFFI volunteers. Check out the MAFFI web page, <https://www.maffi.org/> for pictures of the event.

Hope to see you at the Museum next year.

Note: There is a complete showing of the Model A Day Pins sold to date by MAFFI on page 13 of the September-October 2021 Issue of the Model A News.

Thank you for your support  
Marsha DuBreuil, MAFFI  
[clubcontact@maffi.org](mailto:clubcontact@maffi.org)



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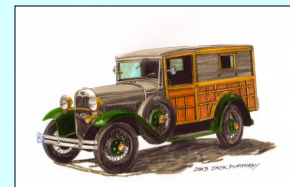
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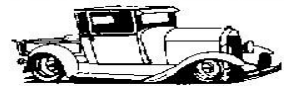
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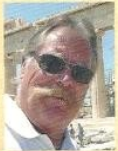
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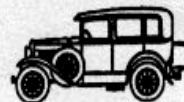
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