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Wishing everyone a wonderful holíday season and a Safe and Нарру New Year

Seasons Greetings from El Segundo, California

Monthly Club Meeting and Banquet

Note: The December meeting will be at the Walteria Park on Friday, December 17th. Same times and rules. See you there. We are still wearing our masks. . .

It's cookie exchange night!

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

Technical Activities

We have started up again! Come on by.

Saturday mornings. We meet from about 9:30AM 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)



Next Board Meeting

Meetings will be the Club's regular meeting place. Election of officers is on the agenda. Be there!

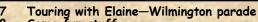




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Wayne's Words of Wisdom A Note from our President Wayne Sterling



Looking Ahead

At the last Club meeting, we closed in on members for the new Board.

For President, Rob Hernandez stepped up. Last week at a Board meeting, VP Dennis Simpson was asked to repeat as VP. He later accepted the request. Gloria Younkin will continue on as Secretary. Treasurer will remain the same with Daffy Wagner. Cliff LeFall will stay on as Technical Director. The only open spot is Tour Director. Elaine Pisu has chosen not to return. She has done the job for eight(?) years. Thanks, Elaine.

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.

The city officially moved our meeting from December 24th to Friday, December 17th. Same time as always. We have access to set up at 6:30PM and the meeting will start at the regular time, 7:30. There is a committee that is calling all the members to confirm the meeting and hopefully to generate some interest in the Board positions that are available. Drain is also calling the members to remind them a couple days before the meeting.

The December meeting will be casual meeting. Weeg and others have suggested that it be a cookie exchange meeting. If you contribute, bring your cookies in a small plastic bag with two cookies inside. We're trying to avoid any 'virus thing'. Don't forget your mask! AND.... Merry Christmas!

Wayne Sterling

AS I GET OLDER I REALIZE:

- 1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
- 2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
- I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
- My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
- The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
- 7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
- 8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
- Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it a Texaco gasoline station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline and carried the full back to her car. As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, 'If it starts, I'm turning Catholic.'

January Birthdays

January Anniversaries

- 2 Janet Blaschke
- 3 Darlene Duncan
- 11 Jerry Reine
- 12 Patti Migliazzo
- 16 Anne Kealey



Gary Kuhlmann & Lynn Waters



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

It's been an interesting year in many ways. Crazy mask rules, a few Model A activities, etc. But, We're movin' on.



As mentioned before, the 'garage gang' is still working on our Model As on Saturday at 'Al's Garage'. Just this last weekend, we installed new LED taillights in Sue Hankins coupe. She wanted the new lights in time for the Christmas parade this last weekend. Just a few weeks ago, we did the same with Gary's car. What a difference! Highly recommended to all our members.



Have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Dick

So.... How many people does it take to change a taillight?









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.





2022 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 **2022 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*.

Pat and Sue
with
West Basin
Water
District
Director
Scott Houston



El Segundo Christmas Parade







The Wyckoffs and the Ragons

Tech Talk

Tech Tips-Distributor Failure Tips

Tech Tips Distributor Failure Tips

by Brian Treserdern From The Reflector, Palomar A's

On any long club tour sooner or later one of the Model A's will pull over to the side of the road and up will come the hood. The first component to be attacked is the distributor, and it is probably the most likely source of the problem. For this reason it makes sense to carry a spare distributor with you that has been rebuilt with the points already set, and most important, tested on the same running car. It is a lot easier to swap out the distributor than to be standing along side the road fooling around trying to determine what's wrong with it and to attempt to change out numerous parts. You do not have to reset the timing as long as you do not disturb the cam screw and you are installing it in the same car it was tested on.

Distributor failure: The three most likely things that tend to go wrong with a distributor are the condenser failing, (2) the lower plate wire breaking or shorting, or (3) the points gap closing up.

The points: The point gap should be the first thing to check and they can be easily set without changing the distributor. Points tend to close up as the rubbing block wears. This is especially true on a new set of points. The points will close up considerably during the first 100 miles, until a glaze is worn into the rubbing block. So if you just installed new points before starting out on the big tour, be prepared to have to reset them sometime soon. After that you only need to reset them at about 1,000-mile intervals. Points are set at .018 to .022, so be sure to carry a set of feller gauges with you.

Henry's wayward wire: The wire that connects the upper and lower distributor plates together is also prone to break and/or short out. The arrangement wasn't one of Henry's better

ideas. The wire is supposed to be a very flexible 80-strand wire to be able to better withstand the constant movement imposed by the driver's use of the spark advance lever. Most distributors by now do not have the proper wire installed, and even with the proper wire, they will still eventually break due to the constant flexing. Be wary of the "modern" lower plates being offered by most suppliers. They will eventually fail (after about 1,000 miles) because of the constant sparking and erosion of the contacting parts. The correct 80-strand wire is really the only best solution.

The condenser: The condenser is usually the first thing everyone wants to replace. I have seen countless numbers of them replaced over the years, but I have only seen one that actually failed. Many years ago era condensers were susceptible to failure due to heat, and in the present day due to inherent poor quality. The condenser is located in the close proximity to the exhaust manifold where it is extremely hot under normal conditions. If your engine becomes overheated due to high ambient temperatures and/or running out of water, or driving around with the spark handle all the way up you could do damage to the condenser. The poor quality of many condensers on the market is the bigger problem though. Look at the end of the condenser where the strap is attached. If it has a 1/4" round circle and is soldered on to the base of the condenser, don't use it. Temperatures can get high enough to melt the solder. Look for a condenser that has the strap tack welded on, they will have three small dots on the strap where it attaches to the base of the condenser. These are the better quality condensers.

A guy pulled up at the gas station in a very near new Model A Fordor, "would have cost you an arm and leg," the admiring attendant said.

The customer a man of few words simple replied "Hertz"

I bet it does" replied the attendant!

HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

November 19, 2021

Walteria Park Clubhouse, Torrance, CA.

PRESIDENT: Wayne Sterling called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

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

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff, Monty Bates, Carla Hibbard and Tim Harrison.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved as printed in Harbor Light.

<u>PRESIDENT:</u> Wayne Sterling thanked Dick Wyckoff for keeping the club members informed with the Harbor Light Newsletter. Also thanked the Activities Committee, Banquet Committee and updating Emergency Cards Committee. Mickey Fruchter thanked club members who attended the Banjo Buddies performance at the Old Town Music Hall. Wayne presented Webmaster Steve Thompson with a Certificate of Distinction.

<u>VICE-PRESIDENT:</u> Dennis Simpson -- -reminded us it had been almost two years since the club met at the Walteria Club House. He is accepting donations for the banquet raffle.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Collecting money for the banquet, \$50.00 per person.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff thanked everyone for cards to Jan and family since death of Jan's son. Both El Segundo and Wilmington Christmas parades will be December 12.

<u>TOURS:</u> Elaine Pisu --- Wilmington Christmas Parade is 12-12, meet at 10:00 AM, leave at 10:15 AM, will go eat after the parade. Sign-up sheet available for future tours.

<u>SUNSHINE</u>: Theresa LeFall --- Absent --- Monty reported Greg Earhart is about the same, LeOra Combs is improving, Noralene Porper is feeling better and Keith Tucker is doing better. Monty thanked everyone who sent condolences after the passing of his sister. The memorial service for Doris Marshall was very nice. Doris was past president and sunshine lady for our club.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- Due now: club dues \$30.00 and national MARC dues \$50.00.

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

<u>REFRESHMENTS:</u> Weeg Thompson --- homemade bagged cookies. December meeting will be a cookie exchange.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos -- - Everything is okay.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights --- Variety of club merchandises available at sale prices.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- Absent.

CLOCK PRIZE: Joan Gordinier ---- Winner Rob Hernandez

<u>DIRECTOR OF BANQUET COMMITTEE</u>: Tim Harrison --- Annual Installation Banquet is January 29, 2022, 11:00AM-4:00PM. \$50.00 per person. Choices are beef, chicken, salmon or veggie plate. Send check to Daffy Wagner, put food selection on memo line of check.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Nominations of Officers: President—Rob Hernandez, Vice-President—none, Secretary—Gloria Younkin, Tour — committee will assist, Technical Director—Cilff LeFall. Monty reported he has made \$1920.00, from recycling plastic bottles and cans, for the club. GOOD JOB MONTY.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 11, 9:30AM Al's Garage.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: December 17, 7:30PM, Walteria Club House.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted: Gloria Younkin, Secretary.



Touring with Elaine And Elaine's Little Helpers



Working on future plans.

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.

Elaine

Wilmington Christmas parade

The Harbor Club was well represented at the Wilmington Christmas parade. It was a nice day and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Elaine Pisu for arranging the Harbor participation.

















Inner Wisdom Revealed

- As I let go of my feelings of guilt, I am in touch with my inner sociopath.
- Î have the power to channel my imagination into ever-soaring levels of suspicion and paranoia.
- I assume full responsibility for my actions, except the ones that are someone else's fault.
- I no longer need to punish, deceive, or compromise myself, unless I want to stay employed.
- In some cultures, what I do would be considered normal.
- Having control over myself is almost as good as having control over others.
- 7. my intuition nearly makes up for my lack of self-judgment.
- I honor my personality flaws for without them I would have no personality at all.
- 9. Joan of Arc heard voices too.
- I am grateful that I am not as judgmental as all those censorious, selfrighteous people around me.
- I need not suffer in silence while I can still moan, whimper, and complain.
- As I learn the inner most secrets of people around me, they reward me in many ways to keep me quiet.
- When someone hurts me, I know that forgiveness is cheaper than a lawsuit, but not nearly as gratifying.
- 14. The first step is to say nice things about myself. The second, to do nice things for myself. The third, to find someone to buy me nice things.

Easy Quiz

From Jerry Purtell (taken from *The Conduit*, Southern Michigan Region of Early Ford V-8 Club of America

- How long did the hundred year war last?
- 2. Which country makes Panama Hats?
- 3. From what animal do we get Catgut?
- 4. What month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5. What is a Camel Hair Brush made of?
- 6. The Canary Islands are named after what?
- 7. What was King George VI's first name?
- 8. What color is the Purple Finch?
- 9. Where are Chinese Gooseberries from?
- 10. What color is the Black Box on an airliner?

Sorry Rusty,

The only responses to your birthday party invitations are out of office relies!





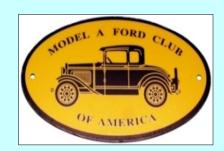
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As you know, the last two years have been difficult for us all. It has very much affected our club activities and memberships. I am trying to get an earlier start on collecting the \$30 dues for 2022 for our Harbor Area MARC.

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!



Sad News report: Just in. . . .

Our long time member, Greg Earhart, passed away just a couple days ago from cancer. He passed quietly with Fran by his side. He will missed.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Any arrangements will be passed to the membership. Rest in Peace my friend.

New Burtz Model A Motor

Richard Parrish received the new Burtx Model A engine a couple weeks ago. He offered to show it to several of us last week. A fun note is that it is engine with s/n 1, the first one! What stood out to me what the perfection of the details. Not only the outward appearance but the beautiful machine work of the block, crank and rods. Just awesome!

Richard has a fun collection of Model A 'stuff' in his garage. We encourage him to build the engine with all the 'bells and whistles' he has collected. We'll see what happens.

Some pictures of the treasures:









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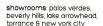


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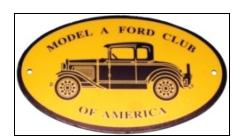
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Jan and Dick Wyckoff in last years Christmas parade



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