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Lineup of Harbor Club's Model As at the awards banquet at the Blue Water Grill in Redondo Beach. CA.

Club Meetings and other events

The April meeting is on Friday, April 29th.

7:30pm at the Walteria Clubhouse.

The May meeting is on Friday, May 27th also at the Walteria Clubhouse.

Gals craft project May 21st at Gordiniers. More info: 310-436-7333

White Elephant sale at club meeting June 24th. Garage sale at Ursi Schmidt's next day

Technical Activities

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

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, May 13th At Al's Garage. 9:30AM







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A Note from Harbor President Rob Hernandez



Looking Ahead

Hi everyone.

It was great to see so many folks at the Banquet and of course always nice when we have a gathering of the cars. Another fine example of many in the club working together so we can have a wonderfully fun event. Looking outside there always seemed to be a few folks wandering around for a look at the cars before continuing on their travels on the back path.

As I am writing this in April, I just finished my taxes. Always amazing; and now I can start looking at the calendar and thinking about the upcoming tours and other opportunities of getting 'Margarita' out for a spin. Good thing our old cars have pretty good gas mileage.

Please remember to give your car the TLC it needs to operate safely. Starting to misfire or run rough? Brakes not stopping as well as you remember? Maybe it is time to stop in at 'Al's Garage' on a Saturday morning for a check. (Okay, it could be associated with leg muscles, maybe a walk about would help. LoL)

Rob

Model As on display in Paso Robles 2022



Photo by: Dr. Steve Thompson

May Birthdays

May Appiversaries

- 4 Leonard Funk
- 8 Karen Barry
- 10 Jim Speights
- 11 Baylee Migliazzo
- 13 Larry Migliazzo
- 15 Peggy Wishon
- 19 Steve Friedrich
- 19 Pat Tucker



- 4 Wayne & Tomo Sterling
- 20 Leonard & Darlene Funk



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

A giant big 'Thank You' to all who sent cards and

especially to those that attended the Memorial service for my wife, Jan. The Model As that were on display were a hit with all the guests. It was a wonderful tribute to a beautiful, talented lady. I also want to thank Theresa and Cliff for providing the beautiful floral display from the Harbor Club. Jan will always be remembered for her support of this club and other organizations that she was a member.

Let's not forget three other members that also passed recently. **LeOra Combs**, **Jay Skinner and Frank Young** will be remembered for their participation and contributions to the club over many years. Please keep all these members in your thoughts.

"Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart. For as long as there is memory, they'll live on in our hearts."

Looking ahead, several events are being planned now that the pandemic scare has lessened. We have swap meets, shows, tours all in the works. We'll keep you posted.

Dick

Note:

My new cell phone number: 1-310-779-5772



Model As at the memorial service for Jan Wyckoff



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*.



We work on 'em all at Al's Garage on Saturday mornings!



Technical Talk

ENGINE "NO START" PRIMARY IGNITION SYSTEM INTEGRITY PRESENCE OF BATTERY VOLTAGE

- 1. VERIFY BATTERY VOLTAGE (6 VOLTS) AT THE STARTER SWITCH LUG.
- 2. VERIFY BATTERY VOLTAGE (6 VOLTS) AT THE FUSE BLOCK, IF EQUIPPED. CHECK BOTH ENDS OF THE FUSE BLOCK.
- 3. VERIFY BATTERY VOLTAGE (6 VOLTS) AT THE TERMINAL BOX WING NUTS. CHECK BOTH DRIVER AND PASSENGER STUDS. VOLTAGE IS THE <u>SAME</u> AT BOTH STUDS.
- 4. VERIFY BATTERY VOLTAGE (6 VOLTS) AT THE COIL. CHECK AT THE (-) TERMINAL AND CHECK AT THE (+) TERMINAL OF THE COIL. VOLTAGE IS THE <u>SAME</u> AT BOTH (-) AND (+) TERMINALS WITH THE IGNITION SWITCH "OFF".
- 5. TURN **IGNITION SWITCH** TO THE **"ON"** POSITION AND VERIFY BATTERY VOLTAGE (6 VOLTS) AT THE (+) TERMINAL OF THE COIL ONCE MORE.
- 6. REMOVE THE DISTRIBUTOR CAP AND BODY AND "BLOCK OPEN" THE IGNITION POINTS AND WITH THE IGNITION SWITCH "ON", VERIFY BATTERY VOLTAGE (6 VOLTS) AT THE TIP OF THE MOVEABLE POINT ARM.
- 7. IF YOU HAVE 6 VOLTS AT ALL OF THE ABOVE KEY REFERENCE POINTS, YOU HAVE VERIFIED THAT THE PRIMARY IGNITION SYSTEM IS WORKING CORRECTLY.
- 8. IF YOU DO <u>NOT</u> HAVE 6 VOLTS IN STEP #6, REMOVE THE DISTRIBUTOR FROM THE ENGINE AND UNSCREW IT FROM THE ARMORED CABLE. CHECK FOR 6 VOLTS AT THE TIP OF THE ARMORED CABLE WITH THE IGNITION SWITCH IN THE "ON" POSITION.
- 9. IF 6 VOLTS IS PRESENT IN STEP #8, YOUR PROBLEM IS PROBABLY IN THE LOWER PLATE IN THE DISTRIBUTOR.
- 10. IF 6 VOLTS IS <u>NOT</u> PRESENT IN STEP #8, YOUR PROBLEM IS A **SHORTED ARMORED CABLE/BAD IGNITION SWITCH**.

HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

Date: March 25, 2022. Location: Walteria Park Clubhouse, Torrance, CA

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Drain Marshall, Wayne Sterling, Monty Bates, Tim Harrison, Carla Hibbard., Dick Wyckoff **PRESIDENT**: Rob Hernandez asked for approval of previous minutes. Tim Harrison moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the Harbor Light and was seconded by Drain Marshall. All approved. Rob was all smiles. He got his car, 'Margarita', back today after being damaged in an auto accident. Margarita was repaired by the Plessners and Rob said they did a great job

<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>: Dennis Simpson—Nice seeing everyone. Richard Parrish brought a guest, Mike, who is the technical director of the Orange Co Club. Dennis said several nice items for the drawing along with a special screwdriver (his demo screw not included). He thanked Gloria Younkin for donating the Ford dog.

TOURS: Donnis shared about the fun things coming up for the club. Signup sheet for CCRG was circulated. Most go on their own but nice to know who is going. May 21, there will be a craft seminar at the Gordinier's led by Joan. The fee for the craft and instruction is \$5. We will go to breakfast first location tbd. We will be having a white elephant at our June meeting with bidding for items starting at \$1. If you would like to help, let us know. The next day we will have a garage sale at Ursi's so start saving white elephant and garage sale items. We eg told us about two opportunities for members in July: the *Relay for Life* cancer fundraiser inaugural car show at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center on July 10 from 9-3. July 15-17 will be our annual trip to Solvang. We will be looking for new digs. The outdoor theatre in Solvang is closed for refurbishing but Santa Maria has an indoor theatre and the play is Sound of Music performed by the same group we see in Solvang. We currently have no tour director so Donnis informed members there is a small group trying to come up with ideas to keep members busy. The group is looking for a name, suggestions have been—call girls, what's up, where to next, girls on the run, girls gone wild. Wayne Sterling thanked the group for what they do. Feel free to volunteer to be on the committee or to coordinate one of the events (sign up sheet). Drain spoke to Ron Black last year's president of Bakersfield club and Ron wants to know how many are interested in attending the Frazier Park event in October (Drain had signup). They would like to have the event if there is enough interest.

<u>TREASURER</u>: Daffy Wagner—reported the club account balance. If you have not signed up for banquet and want to attend, she would like you to pay asap. We have 52 signed up.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff—Thanked everyone for the cards and phone calls. They were appreciated. He asked that members submit articles for the Harbor Light. He thanked Dennis for his contributions.

<u>WEBMASTER</u>: Steve Thompson— Any ideas for what members would like on website let him know. Harbor Lights are on the website and he is going to add more pictures. He is going to try to put a link to the U-tube video from the Pancake Breakfast.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>: Ursi Schmidt 106 members and 67 paid memberships. Dropped about 16 during the pandemic. She will write to try to get them back. Rob encouraged members to hand out our business cards and invite to people to meetings even if they don't have a car but an interest in the Model A.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: No one won the women's prize of \$5. Next month \$10. Andy Soto won the men's prize of \$5.

<u>TECHNICAL DIRECTOR</u>: Cliff LeFall—Absent: Shop will be open tomorrow. They would love to see Margarita. Ursi's car will be there for carburetor adjustment.

SERGEANT AT ARMS (badge money): Jack Gordinier collected \$4.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall—Absent: Son released from hospital today and she is getting him settled at home. Keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery. She has taken care of the flowers for Jan Wyckoff's memorial and gotten cards out to Phil and the Skinner family.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS: John Hernandez 3, Mickey Fruchter 6, Walt Hibbard 7, Carol Olsen 12, Drain Marshall 14, Larry Sterling 15, Kathy Valot 19.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick & Baylee Migliazzo 8, Larry & Patti Migliazzo 28.

TOOLS COORDINATOR: Bobby De Crescenzo—All tools are available to be borrowed. Nathan last to borrow a tool for working on his brake shoes. Call Bobby if you need a tool (34 available) and see if there is one.

<u>REFRESHMENTS:</u> Weeg Thompson—Word of advice—"Never question your wife's decisions—you were one of them." Thanks goes to Daffy and Gloria for refreshments. Refreshment chart is filled. Weeg will give you a reminder when it is your turn. Rob shared the three words every woman loves to hear "You're right dear."

CLOCK PRIZE: Joan Gordinier—Jeannie Parrish was the winner of the \$5 clock prize.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos—8-12 people on list. Several will be sending their money.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights—Table full of t-shirts \$10 each and a few other goodies.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Richard Parrish a member of the Orange County club talked about pancake breakfast and its success. Well over 200 cars. Served about 960 breakfasts! More hotrods each year. He is also a member of Harbor Area and shared how he enjoys being a member of our club as well.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: April 29, 2022, 7:30 PM at Walteria Park Club House.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 16, 2022, 9:30 AM at Al's garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM with opportunity drawing to follow.



Touring Events

Some possible future events/tours

Henry Ford Picnic-June

Solvang weekend—July

El Segundo Car Show—August Wounded Warrior Car Show—August

Model A Ford Day—September Harbor Area Annual Picnic—September

Frazier Park Model A Ford event- Oct

El Segundo Holiday Parade—December Wilmington Parade



May 21st, Saturday

Gals crafts with Joan Gordinier
Breakfast before at Restaurant TBD
Fee for crafts materials \$5.00 per person

Some more events in the works From Donnis Bates

June 24th, Friday

White Elephant Sale at our regular Business Meeting Need someone to volunteer to run the auction and coordinate

June 25th, Saturday

Garage Sale at Ursi's

All leftover items from the white elephant sale will go to the Garage Sale. Any additional items that anyone wants to donate are gladly accepted. Maybe even consignment with a small % to the club. (Just an idea)

September - date TBD (This September is the club's 65th anniversary)

Model A Ford Day - Progressive

Need volunteers to open their homes for the three stops.

Breakfast, Main dish and Dessert

We had discussed making this a Poker Run as well. Let us know your thoughts on this.

On Tour By Weeg Thompson

2022 CCRG Jamboree in Paso Robles

During the first week of April, 190 Model A enthusiasts, including 13 intrepid travelers from the Harbor Area Model A Club, made their way to Paso Robles for the 2022 CCRG Jamboree hosted by the Paso Robles As. Jim and Kathy Valot and Mickey and Bea Fruchter drove their Model As all the way there, while Jack and Joan Gordinier and Steve and Weeg Thompson trailered their cars. Most of the activities were based at the Paso Robles Event Center which is also the site for the California Mid-State Fair held at the end of July. Most of us drove up on Monday, and the Jamboree got underway on Tuesday. That morning provided a chance for us to spend time visiting with club members from various other clubs, either meeting new people or catching up with those whom we have met before, and choosing which items to put our opportunity drawing tickets in. In the afternoon, many of us made a visit to the nearby Pioneer Museum which has numerous exhibits designed to preserve the special heritage of the area around Paso Robles. The museum boasts a local brands display, including a short history of brands and several branding irons, and an extensive collection of barbed wire (898 different kinds!), along with lots of photos and memorabilia of early life in the area. That evening we were treated to a delicious Santa Maria style barbecue dinner and entertainment by Monte Mills and the Lucky Horseshoe Band. They were terrific!

Wednesday started early with the tours. The Valots toured The Brassworks, which manufactures custom radiators, and the Estrella Warbirds Museum and Woodland Auto Display located near the Paso Robles Airport. The museum includes military aircraft and other vehicles as well as various weapons. The Auto Display focuses primarily on racing vehicles, but also includes vintage and classic automobiles, as well as preserved historical motorcycles. The rest of us visited the Camp Roberts Historical Museum located, as you might guess, at Camp Roberts, which started training soldiers during World War II and Korea (rumor has it that our own Art Wagner trained there!) and later became a training site for the Army National Guard. The museum has lots of interesting exhibits about the camp's history, including a photo wall of celebrities who trained at the camp (before they were famous) and the celebrities who came and entertained the troops there. The drive to and from Camp Roberts was a delightful opportunity to drive through the still green hills and along a tree-lined stream on what felt like a Model A era country road. Peggy Wishon especially enjoyed her ride back from the tour in the Thompsons' phaeton, only her second ride in a Model A in the past 20 years. Following the tours, most of us had a rest before our evening meal of prime sliced sirloin and grilled Alaska salmon. The entertainment that night was provided by Cyndi Krill and Jodie Christianson. The ladies were kind enough to lead the entire room in singing Happy Birthday to Mickey who was celebrating his birthday that day! We even had some winners in the opportunity drawing: Jim Huizdos, Steve Thompson and Bea and Mickey Fruchter. After the banquet, several of us played a rousing game of Left-Center-Right in the hotel lobby with Gloria Younkin as the big winner.

When asked about their favorite part or highlight of the trip, several people mentioned the Pioneer Museum, Camp Roberts and The Brassworks. Donnis Bates mentioned meeting Chester the dog and his bicycling friend at Camp Roberts. Gloria mentioned winning the \$24 pot in LCR. Monty's highlight was signing and writing a message on the Model A for the veterans. Fruchters' highlight was Monte Mills and his band on Tuesday night.

We all agreed we had a great time and were so glad that the CCRG Jamboree is back! Hope to see you all next year in Santa Maria.



MAFFI Minute April 2022

Would You Like to Serve?

This year the Model A Ford Foundation is looking for three (3) individuals who love the Model A hobby and are interested in serving on the MAFFI Board of Trustees. The MAFFI Board oversees the Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum and encourages Model A'ers around the country to support the museum through membership in MAFFI, donations to the museum operations and the Endowment Fund.



A trustee serves for three years and is eligible to serve a second consecutive term if he or she desires. Trustees must be a member in good standing of MAFFI and we strongly encourage each trustee to support both national clubs, MAFCA and MARC through membership as well. We ask that while serving on the MAFFI Board, you do not run for or accept positions on another national club's board. If you think you may be interested in serving on the MAFFI Board, please contact our Executive Director, John Marshall (ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org), or Jerry Morrissey (President@maffi.org).

The Board meets once a year on a day before Model A Day(s) at the Gilmore begin, which usually falls on the third weekend in September. Attendance at the meeting and Model A Day is strongly encouraged. Meetings and business are also conducted through email and conference phone calls so a trustee must have access to a computer for email. We like to have representation on the Board from all areas of the country. We would like to also encourage women to serve on the board.

Don't forget to register for your Model A Days prepaid events on the MAFFI website.

Thank you,
Mike DuBreuil, MAFFI
clubcontact@maffi.org

Vintage clothing from the 1930's





2021 Awards Banquet April 2022

















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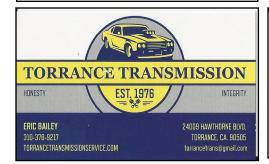


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Jack Gordinier Having some fun



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