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Club Meetings and other events



White Elephant sale at club meeting **FRIDAY, June 24th**. Time: 6:30PM

Bring your treasures to be auctioned off.

The next day is a **garage sale** at Ursi Schmidt's, Bring your items for sale.

The **July** meeting is on **Friday, July 29th** at Walteria clubhouse

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, July 9th**
At **Al's Garage. 9:30AM**



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*A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez*



Looking Ahead

The big event this coming meeting is our 'White Elephant' sale. Donnis and 'Henry's Honeys' along with Ursi Schmidt are working the details. Here is a copy of the email from Donnis. I'll be out of town on family business so VP Dennis Simpson will officiate.

"This is a friendly reminder that our club meeting is this Friday at the Walteria Club House, 7:00pm. (6:30pm to set up). We will have a very short business meeting followed by our WHITE ELEPHANT Sale. This is a fundraiser for the Harbor Area Model A Club. It would be great if you could join us. Our auctioneers are Dick Wyckoff and Jim Huizdos. It should be a fun evening. If you have any treasures you have been wanting to part with, this Friday June 24th is the ideal event, come a little early so we can display it for all of the prospective buyers! It may be a much loved and needed treasure FOR SOMEONE ELSE! Anything that does not sell will be donated to the garage sale the next day.

The Harbor Area Model A Club **Garage Sale** will be at Ursi Schmidt's home from 8:00am - 12:00noon. If you would rather donate to the garage sale you can drop it by her house any time this week. Her address is: 26419 Pineknoll Ave., Harbor City, CA 90710.

If you would like to help on Saturday, or even just hang out, please come by. You are more than welcome.

Our thoughts are with you

Cliff LeFall informed us that Theresa's son, **Charles**, suddenly passed away the night of June 11th. He was home at the time. Our thoughts and prayers are with Theresa and her family at this time. Cards and prayers would surely be appreciated at this time.

Ursi called **Bill Kealey** last week to pass on some meeting information to him. Bill informed Ursi that **Ann** was not doing well. She was released from the hospital three weeks ago. The doctors said there was little they could do for her as she has COPD and is now at home in hospice care.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bill and the family.

Gloria Younkin just informed us that former long time member, **Bob Younkin**, (Bill's brother) Passed away this last week. Again, our thoughts go out to the Younkin family.

July Birthdays

- 1 Dr. Steve Thompson
- 6 Daniel Green
- 6 Patrick Migliazzo
- 10 Mike Wright
- 13 Mirco Pisu
- 18 Donnis Bates
- 25 Noralene Porper
- 27 Pat Harrison
- 27 Bill Kealey



July Anniversaries

- 3 Mirco & Elaine Pisu
- 6 Jim & Dianne Runyon
- 9 Ron & Sandy Ragon
- 13 Jack & Joan Gordinier
- 23 Bob & Carol Olsen



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Summer has finally arrived and along comes the heat. Hopefully, all of our cars have good cooling systems. It's been nice here along the coast but inland in So Cal. . . . Not so much. Several members are at

the National Convention in Texas. Hope their cooling systems are in good shape!

Lots of car shows this time of year. Seems like we have one every two weeks or so. I like going to them because there are a lot of people interested in Model As. Lots of questions like: What kind of fuel does it use? . . . How fast does it go? . . . Can you still get parts? . . . How long have you owned it? . . . Did you buy it new? . . . Do you crank start it? . . . You get the idea. . . .

Picture below is a local tour about 10 years ago in Palos Verdes. We could do this again.

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 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*.



The Harbor club was well represented at the season car show opening at 'Ruby's' in Redondo Beach. The large parking lot was full with a guesstimate of 500 cars of all types. This goes on weekly 'till the end of September.

Service Information

PLATE LEVER NOTCH IN DISTRIBUTOR BODY MUST NOT BE ALTERED

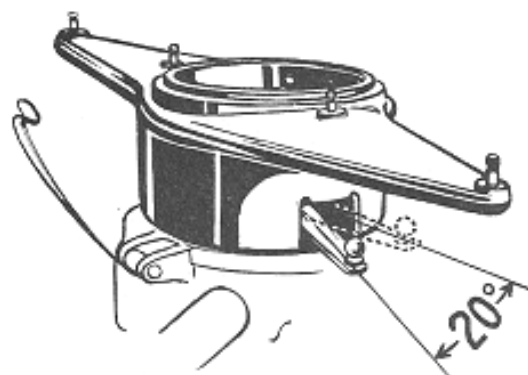


Fig. 950

Several instances have been reported of dealers increasing the width of the plate lever notch in the distributor body in endeavoring to increase the travel of the plate lever.

This is exceedingly poor practice and must be discontinued at once.

The plate lever notch in the distributor body is accurately machined to permit the lever to travel 20° from the fully retarded to the fully advanced spark lever position. See Fig. 950. When the width of the notch is increased it permits the lever to travel beyond the recommended 20° range and this of course affects the timing.

Before timing an engine always check the travel of the plate lever. This can be easily done by fully retarding the spark lever on the steering gear quadrant then noting whether the plate lever is touching against the side of the notch. Next pull the spark lever all the way down on the quadrant to the fully advanced position and see if the plate lever is touching the opposite side of the notch. If the plate lever does not make the full 20° travel disconnect the spark control rod (see Fig. 951) and slightly bend the control rod lever (see Fig. 952) until the plate lever

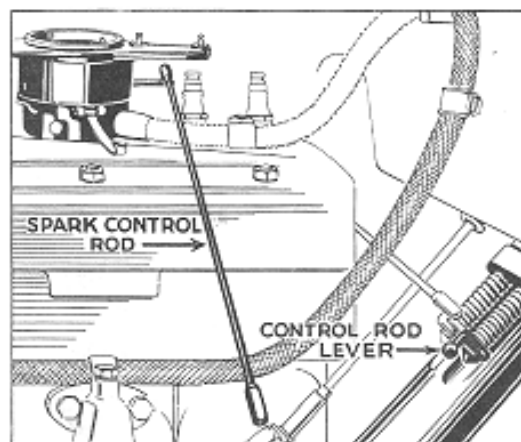


Fig. 951

touches one side of notch in distributor body when spark lever is fully advanced and touches opposite side when lever is fully retarded. Do not under any circumstances attempt to correct this condition by increasing the width of notch in distributor body.

After checking travel of plate lever proceed with timing operation in usual way. When the timing operation is completed the travel of the lever should again be checked. When timing ignition do not remove distributor body.

Inasmuch as there has been some misunderstanding on the part of mechanics please make correct travel of plate lever a part of your regular inspection.

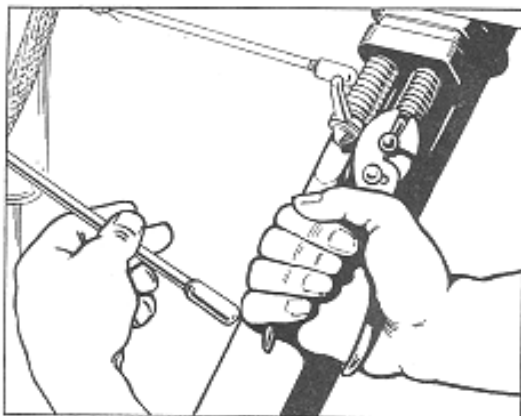


Fig. 952

HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: May 27th, 2022 **LOCATION:** Walteria Park Clubhouse, Torrance, CA

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

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

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

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez asked for approval of previous minutes. Tim Harrison moved the minutes to be approved as printed in the Harbor Light. Second by Daffy Wagner, all approved. June birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. Rob read a letter from Gilmore Museum thanking our club for the donations made in honor of Jay Skinner and Frank Young. Rob said since weather is nice get your A's out and drive them.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- Asked the veterans in attendance, Art Wagner, Jack Gordinier, Ron Ragon, Dick Wyckoff, Monty Bates and Rob Hernandez, to stand and be recognized for their service. Dennis reported the opportunity drawing is having a hard time being self-sustaining due to the increasing cost of items.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported balance

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff --- Announced the Redondo Beach Legacy Car Show will be on Fridays June 3-September 30, 3-7 PM. Appreciate any articles and pictures for the Harbor Light.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- Garage open most Saturdays 9:45-12PM.

TOURS: Open position --- Upcoming events --- Donnis, Pat and Ursi.

Craft project at Joan's was enjoyed by all who participated.

June 24th - White Elephant auction at club meeting.

June 25th - Garage sale 8AM at Ursi's. You can bring items on Monday June 20.

July 10th - 'Relay for Life' Car Show at Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center.

Simpsons will host a continental breakfast at 7:30AM.

July 15-17th - Tour to Santa Maria.

August 27th - 9am - 3pm Club picnic at Lomita Park celebrating 65 years.

Come enjoy Hubley races and bingo.

September 17th - Progressive lunch

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Jeanne Parrish is recovering from surgery and Anne Kealey is having health issues.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- Rosters for sale \$1.00.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Nothing to report.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- Absent.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- Absent.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights --- Dick Wyckoff donated Jan's club clothing to sell with proceeds going to the club.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Absent. Thanks to Donnis and Joan for the delicious root beer floats. **Happy Birthday to Jim Speights.**

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: Tour Position open.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim Huizdos's friend gave our club a used canopy and easel.

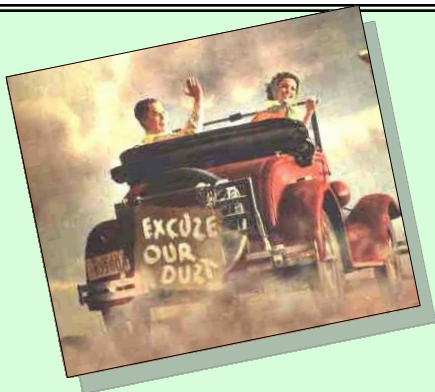
NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: June 24th, 2022, 7:30 PM at Walteria Park Club House.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 11th, 2022, 9:30 AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:24 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: *Gloria Younkin*, Secretary.





Touring Events

Some possible/future events/tours

Santa Maria weekend—July 15-17

El Segundo Car Show—August 20th

Club picnic— August 27th, Lomita Park

Model A Ford Day—September 17th

Frazier Park Model A Ford event- Oct ?

El Segundo Holiday Parade—December
Wilmington Holiday Parade



Some more events in the works From Donnis Bates and 'Henry's Honeys'



'White
Elephant'

June 24th, Friday

White Elephant Sale at our regular Business Meeting

Bring your treasure that you want to pass along to a new owner!



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 17th (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.

INAUGURAL RELAY FOR LIFE OF TORRANCE CAR SHOW

Sunday / July 10, 2022 / 9AM - 3PM

Redondo Beach Performing Art Center
1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Redondo Beach 90278

Proceeds help further the American Cancer Society's mission to Save lives, Celebrate lives and Lead the World in the fight against cancer.

Registration fee includes t-shirt and dash plaque.

\$40 - Registered by June 10

\$45 - Registered after June 10 and day of event based on available space. Limited to 225 entries.

Gates open at 7AM - Cars parked by 9AM

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****NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES****

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Participant Signature _____ Date _____
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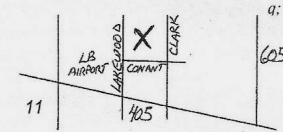
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The 2022 MAFCA National Convention in Kerrville Texas is in progress



**Joan Gordinier
with Davy Crocket**



**Mirco and Elaine Pisu
(above) visiting with
Jack and Joan
Gordinier at the
Alamo**



Eat a little, Talk a Little, Sew a Little, Talk a Little

On May 21, Club members embarked on a new kind of adventure. It was the first (because we hope there will be more) homegrown Model A Craft experience. A group of us had had great fun with a craft event at a craft store in Buellton called Creation Station during last summer's Solvang, and we thought it would be fun to try one ourselves.

Twenty-five of us met for breakfast at the Original Alfredo's Mexican Restaurant because eating is what we do best. We've been to Alfredo's before for Monday night dinners, but this time we got to experience their breakfast menu featuring both American breakfast items as well as Mexican specialties. As usual with our group, there was lots of animated chatter until the food was delivered. Things got much quieter as folks got down to the serious business of chowing down!

Once our bellies were full, we got on with the business of the day. Most of the guys headed to the garage (no donuts today!). Fourteen of us, mostly ladies and a few brave men, went to the Gordinier's house, not far from Alfredo's, where Joan, our own expert in all kinds of hand crafts, provided exceptional instruction to lead the group in making a felt pouch with a tape measure snap closure. The pouch featured a Model A coupe on one side. Each participant was able to add personal touches so each pouch is unique. People thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share time with friends and express their creativity. The day ended with a yummy chocolate and cherry cake provided by Weeg Thompson because, you know, eating is what we do best!

Keep an eye on your Harbor Light for our next crafting adventure.



The 'Gang' having breakfast at Alfredo's Mexican restaurant then splitting up with the guys to the 'Al's Garage' and the girls to Jack and Joan's home for a sewing craft session.

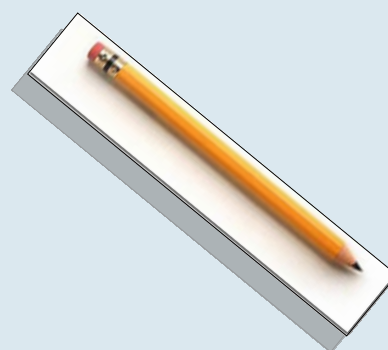
A fun day for all.

(Pics by Steve Thompson)



Subject: *I was home schooled*

1. My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE**.
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me **RELIGION**.
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My father taught me about **TIME TRAVEL**.
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My father taught me **LOGIC**.
"Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me **MORE LOGIC**.
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me **FORESIGHT**.
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My father taught me **IRONY**.
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS**.
"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about **CONTORTIONISM**.
"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about **STAMINA**.
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. My mother taught me about **WEATHER**.
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
12. My mother taught me about **HYPOCRISY**.
"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"
13. My father taught me the **CIRCLE OF LIFE**.
"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."
14. My mother taught me about **BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION**.
"Stop acting like your father!"
15. My mother taught me about **ENVY**.
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
16. My mother taught me about **ANTICIPATION**.
"Just wait until we get home."
17. My mother taught me about **RECEIVING**.
"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"
18. My mother taught me **MEDICAL SCIENCE**.
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
19. My mother taught me **ESP**.
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
20. My father taught me **HUMOR**.
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
21. My mother taught me **HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT**.
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."



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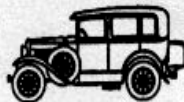
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one 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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