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The Harbor Club on tour in Santa Maria

Club Meetings and other events



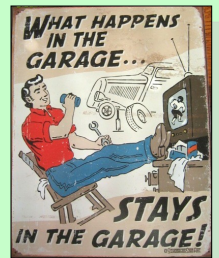
The July meeting is
on Friday, July 29th at Waltheria
clubhouse.

The August meeting is Friday,
August 26th.

The El Segundo car show is Saturday,
August 20th. Check with Dick for info.

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, August 13th
At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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*A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez*



Looking Ahead

There were a lot of very nice cars at the Bent Axle car show. However, I must admit that the evening activities (Sound of Music and Melodrama) were the highlights of being in Santa Maria. Yes, of course the drive up and back along the coast was great. The only down side is the salt spray from the crashing waves...time to give the car a bath.

On the morning of the show, I noticed a new rattle. Something worked loose on the drive up. I didn't have time to immediately dig into it, but checked things in the morning before the drive home. I discovered the water pump fan had come loose. The cotter pin was still in the castle nut. Well, at least what was left of a corroded cotter pin. An easy fix that could have been very bad if not addressed. You know your car and if it isn't sounding right, please take the time to check things out.

I have mentioned before how our Model A extended family has your back to help work on your car or provide support when needed. I experienced this directly with the passing of my father and I appreciate the warm wishes and prayers. I missed the White Elephant sale and yard sale the next day, but understand both were a big success and folks had fun.

These fun activities are possible because of the activities group. If you find out about an event or have an idea of an outing, please reach out to one of the activities group members so they can spread the word while avoiding confusion in tracking for the calendar. The Tour Director position is still vacant and it is an opportunity to ease into things since there is so much outstanding support organizing club activities.

See you at the next meeting or on the road.

Rob

White Elephant Sale in review

A fun time was had by all at our 'White Elephant' meeting in June. Some real treasures were auctioned off by our auctioneers extraordinaire, Dick Wyckoff and Jim Huizdos. Members donated their time and treasures. Leonard Funk repurposed car parts into works of art. Pat Harrison was lucky to get one of his pieces a beautiful bouquet made from an oil can with piston flowers. Elaine Pisu got her own befeater nut cracker troop. Linda Simpson and Monty had a bidding war over a ukulele—Monty was outbid. The Bates' were the big spenders of the evening, with a close second by the Thompson's and followed closely by the Pisu's. A bidding war to the finish!

Thanks to the generosity of our members and the auctioneering skills of Dick and Jim, we raised a considerable amount of money for the club.

Fast forward to our garage sale Saturday morning at Ursi Schmidt's house: Leftover treasures from the White Elephant were taken to Ursi's home plus members brought items they were willing to part with. There were pictures, clothes, furniture, bicycles, games, music, bedding, and on and on. It was a busy day setting up, selling, loading sold items, and packing up. But the best part was socializing with all the members who showed up to help of which there were many. A big shout out to Ursi for volunteering her time and home to host the sale! Thanks to all those who donated and/or worked it. It wouldn't have been a success without all of your help. Not only did we have a good time but more money was raised for the club. Thank you again for all your generous donations and time spent! KUDOS to all!

Pat Harrison and the Activities Committee



August Birthdays

- 1 Sandy Ragon
- 13 Phyllis DeCrescenzo
- 15 Marty Murphy
- 18 Julie Hernandez
- 20 Dorothy Knott
- 23 Jack Gordinier
- 24 Gwen Valot
- 25 Dick Valot
- 26 Monty Bates
- 31 Theresa LeFall

August Anniversaries

- 4 Dr. Steven & Weeg Thompson
- 6 Mickey & Bea Fruchter
- 25 Steve & MaryAnn Friedrich



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

The weather has been warm and that means we get to drive our Model As! Several car show, swap meets, tours and garage sales have been keeping the club busy. A couple members have loaned their Model As to the movie industry as props. (Check out the story on page 9).

I couldn't make the Santa Maria Bent Axle tour, but 26 members signed up and many brought their As. As always, food seems to go to the head of the line as one of the activities! Check out the pictures on page 5. Dr. Steve always has his camera handy. Thanks, Doc!

Harbor Club supports good causes and did so a couple weeks ago. The local Cancer Society held a fund raiser/car show and the club was well represented. Of the 200 or so cars, Harbor had 10 (all nicely lined up for display). Of the 10 'fan favorite' trophies awarded, two of them went to our club! Dennis Simpson and his 4-door sedan and yours truly and his Cabriolet. Not bad for a couple old car drivers! See picture on page 7.

Looking forward to our annual picnic this August. The club's 65th year!
Until next time. . .

Dick



Harbor As at the Cancer Society car show

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*.

Some Hubley Race Car info

Hi Dick ,

I have a little something you might want to use in the next newsletter .

August 27 is our club picnic and with that comes our **Hubley races** ! So now is a good time to either build one or service the one you have .

The rules for the Hubley race are as follows:

Models must be either a Hubley kit, a Gabriel kit or a Scale Model kit. The model may or may not be painted. No modifications to the wheel, hub or axle. It must use the original wheel, hub and axle screw. Steering may be fixed or moveable. A DRY lubricant may be used on the wheels ... NO OIL of any kind !! Weight of the car cannot be over 21oz (Bobby D will have a scale to check your car). Any added weight should be secure and not loose.

Bobby D has come up with a different idea for choosing who goes against who and will explain it at the picnic.

See you there

Bobby "D"

Technical Talk

What is this stuff called Loctite?

Thread locker, thread glue, Loctite...a rose by any other name...

Nearly all of the critical fasteners on the Model A use a castle nut with cotter pin. This is probably why they have lasted so long. Modern cars rely on lock washers and often a bit of Loctite.

The two most common types are the blue (medium strength) and red (high strength).

Most applications only require medium strength so blue is what you will see in most tool boxes. It separates with regular tools. Red is high strength and may require heating things up with a torch to weaken the bond.

What about the green stuff? Well this is not thread lock. It is for press fit items without threads such as valve stem seals and guides or press in grease fittings. With wear the interference fit may not be enough to hold things, so the green stuff can fill in a couple thousands of a gap to hold the press fit item tight.

Santa Maria 'Bent Axle' Tour



Harbor Area Cars on tour



Linda and Dennis



Dr. Steve and Weeg



Joan and Jack



Art, Gloria, and Daffy



Food



Food



Food

HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING



DATE: June 24, 2022

LOCATION: Walteria Park Clubhouse, Torrance, CA

VICE-PRESIDENT: At 6:40 PM., VP Dennis Simpson called meeting to order in the absence of President Rob Hernandez.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Dick Wyckoff led the flag salute.

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

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson presented a plaque to Wayne Sterling for club president 2020-2021. Dennis announced the passing of AnneMarie Kealey on June 24, 2022. Services on Friday, July 22nd. Dennis said Harbor MARC/MAFCA members need to be members of both MARC and MAFCA to be covered by insurance on club events.

Dennis made a motion to accept May business meeting minutes as printed in the Harbor Light.

Tim Harrison second the motion. All were in favor.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported balance of \$7997.25.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff --- Appreciate any articles and pictures for the Harbor Light.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- Absent.

TOURS: Open position --- Upcoming events --- Donniss we need help tomorrow at the garage sale.

July 10th - Relay for Life --- Continental breakfast at Simpsons before going to the car show.

June 25th - Garage sale 8AM at Ursi's.

July 15-17th - Tour to Santa Maria.

August 27th - Club Picnic.

September 17th - Progressive lunch

Elaine reported 2023 CCRG will be in Santa Maria April 20-21, 2023.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Absent.

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

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo ---Nothing to report.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- No report.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- No report.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights --- Merchandise available.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Thanks to Linda Simpson and Pat Harrison for delicious strawberry shortcake.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: Tour Position open -- White elephant sale tonight after a short business meeting. Garage sale tomorrow June 25, 8AM-12PM.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

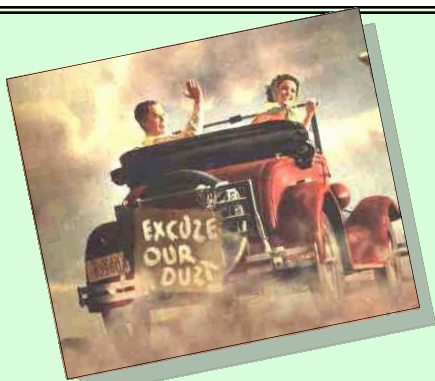
NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: July 29, 2022, 7:30 PM at Walteria Park Club House.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 9, 2022, 9:30 AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:48PM. White Elephant Sale will begin with Dick Wyckoff and Jim Huizdos as auctioneers.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Gloria Younkin, Secretary.





Touring Events

Some possible/future events/tours

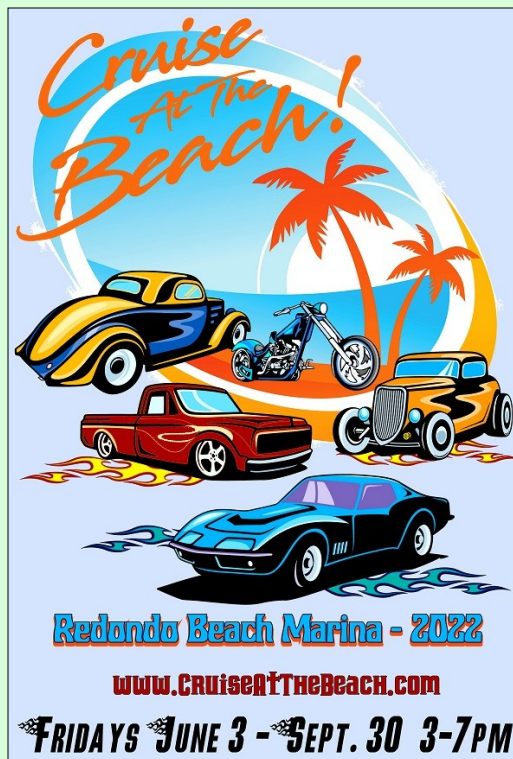
El Segundo Car Show—August 20th

Club picnic— August 27th, Lomita Park

Model A Ford Day—September 17th

October 1—Swap Meet at Elk's Lodge
7212 Melrose Ave, Buena Park
By SoCal Early Ford Club

El Segundo Holiday Parade — December
Wilmington Holiday Parade



**Some more events
in the works
From Donnis Bates
and the Activities Committee**

September 17th

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.

For Sale

'31 running board set, new, unused in the box from Antique Auto Sheetmetal, Inc; pyramid pattern mat, stainless steel molding. \$125 for the set.

Call 9AM to 7PM.

Ask for Leonard or leave message ; **562-425-8747**



**Dennis Simpson and Dick Wyckoff
With trophies at Car show in
Redondo beach, CA**

**This August is the Harbor Club's
65th Anniversary!**

August 27, 1957

A meeting of MARC members and future members was held at home of Dale Kilbourne, with 12 persons in attendance. Dale was appointed chairman for this meeting. He read constitution and by-laws, and these were approved by group. Next point of business was naming of club, which after much discussion was decided was HARBOR AREA REGION MARC. After this new members submitted applications and dues were collected. An election of officers were held with following officers serving until end of fiscal year March 1st 1958. Officers were elected as follows:

PRESIDENT - DALE KILBOURNE
SECRETARY - RODNEY GOTT
TREASURER - ROME HARRIS

Dues were turned over to treasurer. Meeting were established as second (2nd) Tuesday of each month, meetings being held in members home for present. Ed Montgomery volunteered to have next meeting at his home, about September 10th. Meeting was adjourned - and social hour followed.

Secretary,
Rodney Gott

This is an actual copy of the original notes taken at the first meeting of the
Harbor Area Model A Club

MAFFI Newsletter Minute-July 2022

There were some statements made at the Morgantown, PA MARC National Meet that because Model A Days had been made a 2-day event there was some additional interest in attending. Here is something for people who think along those lines. If you would be interested in a 3-day event start your visit to the Gilmore at Hickory Corners, MI on the Thursday September 15th. This is the day before Model A Days starts. The Durant Motors Automobile Clubs Central Region will have a group tour to the Gilmore campus on this day. Their group of 30-40 people will bring 15-20 Supported Cars (Durant, Star, Rugby, Flint, Frontenac, De Vaux, Dort and Durant era Locomobiles and Continentals) onto the campus. Their visit will last about 4-5 hours (10 or 11 am to 3 pm).

For information on Model A Days visit www.maffi.com and click "Model A Days".

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



Dennis Simpson



Harbor club cars



Dick Wyckoff



Harbor members at the raffle



More car show pictures

A Fun Experience With Our "Movie Star" 1931 Model A Coupe

Last Wed. after returning from a trip to Mexico, we rented an Auto Transport from U-Haul and drove to Northridge to pick-up our movie star from a movie set. Since the end of January, "Babe" has been with the filming of the TV series, Perry Mason, on HBO.

Several weeks before, we were literally crossing over the speed bumps going into Mexico with our Roadtrek camper along with 3 other Roadtreks on our way to Puerto Penasco, or Rocky Point, when we got the call that they wanted to use her as a "Hero" car for the series. That meant she could possibly have a more prominent exposure and they would use her more. We were excited about that, but they wanted to know if it was OK to spray my beautiful red wheels with a black rubber coating. While Pat was on the cell phone handling this, I hesitantly said OK, just as we were being directed by two Mexican guards with rifles to pull over in two different directions. We had to get out of our camper while two guards checked it out. We finally continued on our way.

Pat called Elaine Pisu, who once before had offered to take our Model A if we needed her, and arranged for her to deliver my car. She and her son, Angelo, came to our house in Carson, uncovered and moved the car in the driveway, clean the "stuff" off Babe, and then drive her to Los Angeles. At 10:30 pm, she sent a photo that said "Mission accomplished". They are both our "Heros".

Last Wednesday, we went to pick her up a little bit early and the movie crew was still cleaning her. They used a power washer to take the rubber stuff off the wheels. Yes, it did come off, with some work. And they must have cleaned off an inch of dirt all over her. With the car on the auto transport, we drove home the 45 miles. I was startled at first to look in the rear-view mirror and see headlights so close to us! While I backed Babe off the carrier and got her ready to drive, Pat backed the carrier into the U-Haul lot. Her first time backing-up a carrier and my second time towing one! Babe is now home and in need of a good cleaning. Oh, and the series, we don't have HBO so we don't know if she is in any of the scenes or ended up on the cutting room floor. And so far, they haven't heard if the series has been renewed. Stay tuned.



**Harbor Club at the
Torrance car show and fun fare**

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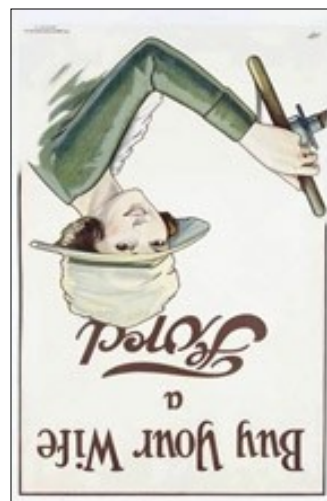
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