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Picture taken at
the Harbor Club's
60th anniversary
picnic five years
ago.

About 40
Model As
showed up.
A great time was
had by all!

Some upcoming events:

Several Car shows and swap meets in the
near future:

Saturday, Sept 17th.

Torrance Elks Car show and Chili cook off.
12AM-4PM 1820 Abalone Ave., Torrance

Saturday, Sept 24th. Antique Car

Swap Meet. Little League Headquarters
6707 N. Little league Drive. San Bernardino.

Saturday, Oct. 1st.

Antique Car and Collector Swap Meet.
Elks Club Lodge. 7212 Melrose St.
Buena Park. Early Ford Club. Open 8AM.

Friday, October 28th. 6PM.

Club's Pot Luck Meeting.

Walteria Clubhouse

More to come.

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



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A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez



Summer Driving

Where did the summer go? September and kids are getting back to school. Finally, they are back in the classrooms again! If driving around in the morning, keep an eye open for kids zipping about and slow down for the school zones.

Margarita is running fine. I rebuilt the old water pump body with a leakless kit. (See article on this on page 5). However, I ended up putting it on the shelf and just refreshed the one I was using. The pump had a collar to set the end-play and it was loose. I cleaned, greased, new packing and nut, and reinstalled it.

I haven't gone to some of the local shows due to conflicts with Veterans of Foreign Wars or American Legion events. I often drive the Model A to these events as everyone likes Margarita. I invite folks to join the fun and I encourage you to do the same when people express interest. Politely tell them they can get aftermarket bodies when they mention chopping to make a hot rod. No need to destroy an original when everything they need for a hotrod is available from vendors.

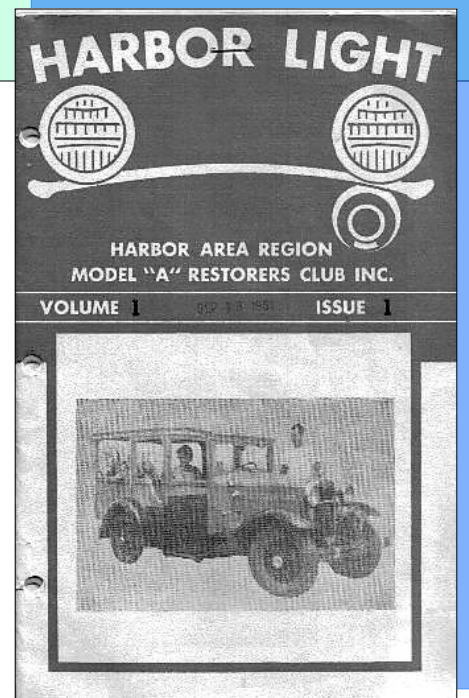
Our SoCal weather allows us to enjoy our cars all year. Okay, maybe not so much when it rains in February. Nothing like the Northern tier states or desert where it is too hot or too cold much of the year to be comfortable. I hope you are getting out and about in your car. I drove downtown recently to get a double dip and go over the new 6th street via duct bridge. Unfortunately, it is in the news due to many wild antics and dangerous stunts. No officer, I wasn't doing donuts. . . . I was eating them.

See you at the next meeting or on the road.

Rob



Some Harbor folks at Redondo Ruby's on Friday



Cover of first Harbor Light, September 1961

September Birthdays

5 Dennis Simpson
6 Darlene Funk
6 Jim Beardsley
8 Bob Olsen
8 Rob Hernandez
11 Ursula Schmidt
14 Cliff LeFall
17 Art Wagner



September Anniversaries

5 Carla & Walt Hibbard
11 Dale & Karen Barry
17 Dick & Gwen Valot



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

It's that "Driving the 'A'" time

It's that time of the year to be driving your Model A. There are lots of planned events in the works and the weather here in

So Cal has been nice enough just to take it out for a drive.

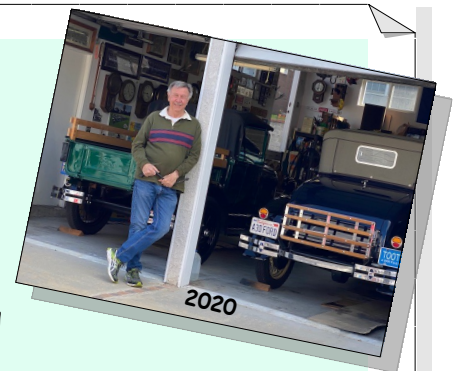
I guess I'm kinda lucky in that there are some close-by drives that are fun and refreshing. One is the Marina del Rey harbor about five miles away where I can park and watch the sailboats and motor boats go by. Lots of people like to talk about cars and boats. I guess it is the ex Navy Chief in me that brings me there.

The other place is along the coast on the Palos Verdes peninsula about 10 miles south from my home. Beautiful scenery, nice roads, and again, people like talking cars. I just take it slow and enjoy the scenery.

Of course, there is the weekly gatherings for coffee or a meal. The Friday afternoon gathering in Redondo Beach by the boat harbor always brings a nice crowd. Probably 250 or more cars with folks trading stories and experiences.

Why is it I always end up near the ocean? Maybe it's the ex Navy in me and my world travels that keeps me going. . . . That and my Model As. . . .

Dick



Just a small reminder that our Annual Picnic is coming up in next week, Saturday, August 27, 2022. We will have a short Club Meeting at the picnic so there will **not** be a meeting on Friday, August 26, 2022.

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

Water Pump Rebuild

By Rob Hernandez

First an important reminder to consider your abilities as it may be much better to buy a new water pump from one of the vendors. Considering labor time and tool purchase, getting a new pump would have cost me less, but I enjoy tinkering in the garage.

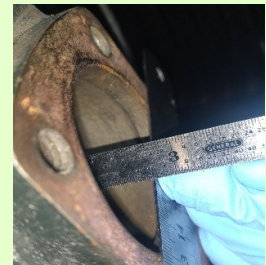
At the Santa Maria car show I heard a new rattle sound and discovered my fan had come loose. The cotter pin had rusted away and the fan nut started backing off. I also discovered the end play was far too much at nearly $\frac{1}{4}$ inch! The end play should be .006 to .010 according to the *How to Restore Your Model A* book.

I had an old water pump body and decided to build it with a leakless kit. I also ordered parts to refresh the installed pump to have as a backup. I cleaned and painted the body while waiting for parts. A new pump is already painted and pretty.

The leakless kit calls for an end size of .015 - .016. My measurements showed .011 to .015 moving around the end opening. I don't have the machines to properly cut this and I was tempted to use a Dremel tool but knew it would be nearly impossible to do a decent job. I picked up a brake master cylinder hone to clean the surface and size it. It is self-centering and with fine stones is not too aggressive in removing material. With the area cleaned up and sizing to .015 to .0155, it was ready. I installed it using Loctite green insert compound to ensure it stayed and was sealed.



Setting the new end play takes some time and requires following the old saying of measure twice, cut once. The measurement is from the face of the head to the shaft stop in the head. The new shaft is longer to make up for wear. As an option, you can get an original length shaft and use a collar to set the end play. I did both. Once it wears, the collar will then work. To minimize wear, I sanded the cut end making it much smoother than the one installed.



The leakless pump does not have a grease port for the bearings, so once it is assembled there is no greasing it. Therefore, I loaded it with marine bearing grease prior to assembly.



The installed pump did not leak, but did have a damaged packing nut. So, I decided to reinstall it after cleaning and freshening it up with new packing and nut. I found a crack in the impellor end, but it isn't critical. Surprisingly, the end threads did not look bad, but chasing them cut a good amount of material off to fit the new fan mounting nut. I didn't notice any issues when retightening the fan nut on Santa Maria tour



The newly rebuild leakless pump is on the shelf awaiting the day when it is called into service. A light coat of oil and desiccant should ensure it is ready when needed.

Lost Words From Our Childhood



Would you recognize the word Murgatroyd? - Heavens to Murgatroyd!

The other day, a not so elderly (65) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy and he looked at her quizzically and said what the heck is a Jalopy? OMG (new phrase!) - he had never heard of the word jalopy!! She knew she was old but not that old.

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle - About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included "Don't touch that dial," "Carbon copy," "You sound like a broken record" and "Hung out to dry."

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker to straighten up and fly right - Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy moley! We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A, of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back. Kilroy was here but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap and before we can say, well I'll be a monkey's uncle! This is a fine kettle of fish! - we discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink and they're gone. Where have all those phrases gone?

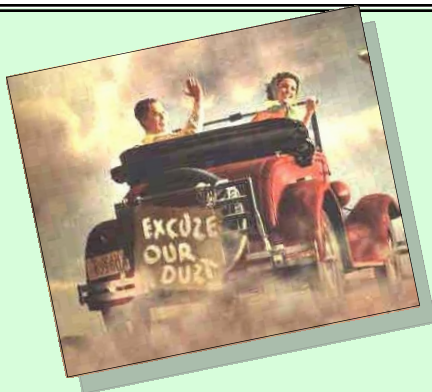
Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did I, Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain, Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff! We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeful times. For a child, each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging.

See ya later, alligator! After a while crocodile

And are you starting to feel your age now? I sure am!





Touring Events

Some possible/future events/tours

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



September 2022 HARBOR HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
4	5 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	6	7	8	9	10 <u>BOARD MEETING</u> Al's Garage 9:30 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> —following meeting
11	12 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	13	14	15	16	17 <u>PROGRESSIVE/INTERNATIONAL FORD DAY</u> Waleria Club House Parking Lot 8:15
18	19 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	20	21	22	23	24 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
25	26 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	27	28	29	30 <u>CLUB BUSINESS MEETING</u> Waleria Club House 7:30	

*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

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

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July 29, 2022

Harbor Area Region
Attn: Dennis Simpson
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Dear Harbor Area Region:

Please find enclosed the Model A Restorer's Club certificate acknowledging your regions 65 years in good standing. We appreciate all that your region does for our great hobby and your long standing membership.

If there is anything that we can do to help your region, please contact me as your regional director.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James B. Zellen".

James B. Zellen



MAFFI Newsletter Minute-August 2022

The MAFFI Board of Trustees invites you to Model A Days (September 16-17, 2022) at the Gilmore Museum next month, at Hickory Corners, Michigan. We have great programs for you and hope you visit one or both days. For more information visit www.maffi.org /Model A Days/ Schedule of Events.

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



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We will meet at Waltheria Clubhouse at
8:15 and leave for our first stop at 8:30

We will have a Poker Run, which is optional. The cost to
participate is \$10.00 per person. There will be two winners!



Era Fashions

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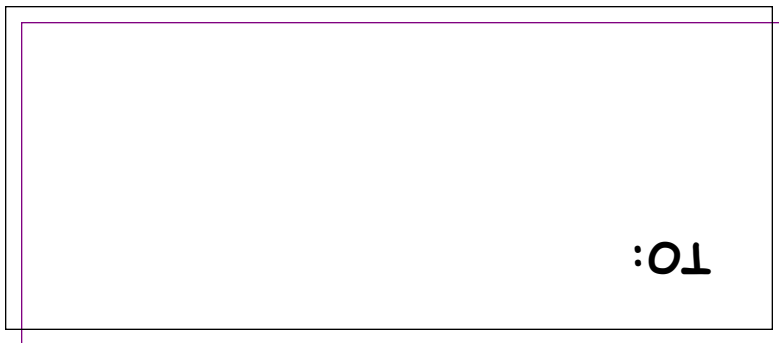
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