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# Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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Harbor Area Model A Club celebrating International Model A Day, Sept 17, 2022



#### Coming Soon. . .

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.

Sunday, December 4th Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo "White Christmas" movie (See page 7 for more info)

#### **Technical Activities**

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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

#### Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, October 15th At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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#### **Buyer Beware**



Wow! I am so happy the heat wave is behind us as we turn the corner heading to fall. To help control the heat, I installed "air condi-

tioning" in the car (2 USB fans mounted on a board between the seat and shifter). Keeping the air moving helped at stop lights.

I was recently asked about veteran charities and must say there are many good ones around. Unfortunately, just like with any charity group, or even some bond measures on the ballot, the marketing can be much different from the reality.

There are several web sites to help you understand how the charity spends the donation, CharityNavigator.org is one of the sites. They give the % of funds used for the target effort as well as for fund raising and other expense categories. 17% or 35% on fund raising makes a difference. More importantly, they provide a description of what they do. You may be surprised that the "veteran" charity actually is not focused on veterans. They count on a few veterans in the population.

A ballot measure a few years ago was for veteran housing according to the title. CalVets housing benefit is a loan which is paid back. The language of the bill had about 80% of the funds going for undocumented housing and the rest for homeless housing. Since there are some veterans in the homeless population, they used it to gain support.

The old saying buyer beware can be used here, some folks who want your money may not be so honest about how they use it. To ensure your donation is going toward the purpose you intend, I suggest doing a few minutes research before sending it.

See you at the next meeting or on the road

Rob





# October Birthdays

9 Julie Goldberg 25 Tim Harrison



# October Appiversaries

- 1 Jim & Ruxella Speights
- 20 Jim & Elyse Beardsley
- 31 Gary & Emma Gaffney



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

What a Fun Month!



The ladies' Activity Committee outdid themselves this last month. Not only did we celebrate 65 years as a MARC chapter, we also celebrated International Model A Day. But wait, we also recognized the birthdays of two of our war veterans, Art Wagner (Korean war) and Monty Bates (Vietnam War). Lots of things to be grateful for. This Model A group is more than just car folks, we are a family. Together, we help one another during good times and not such good times. (I know, I've been there.)

The anniversary picnic August 27th was a great event with lots of activities and a chance to see some folks we haven't seen for a while and meet new members. The location was great, the food was really tasty, and the games were fun. Thanks, Gals, for all you did.

Three weeks later, September 17th, the Club helped celebrate Interational Model A Day with a fun tour around the Palos Verdes peninsula. VP Dennis Simpson put together a tour guide map for the event. With food stops (of course) at Jim Huizdos' home, Jack and Joan Gordinier's home and finally at Art and Daffy Wagner's home, we didn't go hungry! Each location had lots of food and we got to celebrate Art's 93rd birthday. What a great day!

The summer-long weekly car show at Ruby's in Redondo has come to an end for the year. Thanks to the folks that kept it going after a break due to the virus



thing. We would get 300-400 cars of all kinds. Hope to see them again next year.

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*.

#### Minutes of Club meeting at picnic August 27, 2022

DATE: August 27, 2022 LOCATION: Lomita Park, Lomita, CA. Club's 65 Anniversary picnic.

<u>PRESIDENT</u>: Rob Hernandez called meeting to order at 11:35 at Lomita Park. Rob reported Sept 17 is the Progressive Lunch. \$10 per person to attend and \$10 per person to participate poker run. Sign-up sheets available today. All club members should belong to the MARC insurance. Next business meeting Rob will be out of town.

<u>RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS:</u> Drain Marshall, Monty Bates, Dick Wyckoff, Tim Harrison and Wayne Sterling, Leonard Funk, Pat Yacklon.

<u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u>: Dennis Simpson presented the club "Thumb" award to Mickey and Bea Fruchter. Their car broke down on the way home from Santa Maria Tour. All fixed now.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- All is well

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff --- Send pictures and articles. Writing an article for MARC. <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>: Ursi Schmidt --- Sign up new members Carol and Larry Kapuscinski, Jim Huizdos Sister and brother in law.

<u>NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:</u> September 30th, 2022, 7:30 PM at Walteria Park Club House. <u>NEXT BOARD MEETING:</u> September 10th, 2022, 9:30 AM at Al's Garage.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 11:50AM. Party time!

<u>**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**</u> Gloría Younkín, Secretary.





### The Harbor Area As did it! 65 years and Still Going Strong! By Dick Wyckoff, Harbor Light editor



The Harbor Area Model A Club located in Torrance California just passed another milestone. We are 65 years old! Research into the club's history discovered the original, first meeting notes written in August 1957 by Rodney Gott. Now, 65 years later we remember that event with a fun picnic at Lomita Park in nearby Lomita, CA. Donnis Bates and Weeg Thompson organized the fun event with the help of other Activities Committee members, Pat Harrison, Daffy Wagner, Gloria Younkin, and Ursi Schmidt.

Folks started arriving at Lomita Park at 8AM to help set up. Coffee and donuts were available to help get us to lunch. Parking spaces were roped off for Model A parking (of course) and picnic tables and chairs were organized. Interestingly enough, 65 people signed up for the 65 year event! 45 year member Leonard Funk participated also. By the time we officially started at 10AM, we had 15 Model As with most of the members and guests present. Now it was time to start the fun.

The first event on the program was the Hubley car races. Tim Harrison transported the Hubley racetrack made by Bob DeCrescenzo to the picnic. It was assembled with great care as 13 race cars were being inspected and lined up for the event. Strict official rules were enforced and the race was on. Jack Gordinier was the race starter. We had the gal's class and the guy's class. The woman's final came down to Linda Simpson's hot pink Roadster and Daffy Wagner's red hot Woodie. With a crowd looking on, the roadster pulled out the win.

The men's final elimination race was between two Roadsters. One owned by Andy Soto and the other by Bob DeCrescenzo. Andy's car crossed the line first and was the men's winner. The final race for the Grand Champion was between the winning car from each group. Linda's Roadster won the race and is the new Grand Champion. Go Linda! A fun side note: Several other park visitors enjoyed the event, too.

While waiting for our picnic lunch from Joey's Smokin' BBQ in nearby Torrance, folks enjoyed snacks and conversation with other members and park visitors interested in our cars. The weather was beautiful (no tornados or floods). The BBQ arrived about noon and it was great. People had a choice of tri-tip, chicken, or pork sandwiches, or a salad with all the trimmings. No one left hungry!

Bingo always seems to be one of the most popular games at these events. This time was no exception. Lots of interest here with VP Dennis Simpson calling the numbers. Meanwhile, the 'girls' went to the nearby bakery and picked up the preordered anniversary cake(s). The large one was the 65 year anniversary cake and the smaller one was for the birthday of our Vietnam vet, Monty Bates. With all the folks present, we organized a photo shoot of the gang with the cakes (before we served them up). Weeg Thompson was the official cake cutter and made sure everyone got at least one piece. The group sang Happy Birthday to Monty. Thanks for your service, Monty.

Games continued with 'Left, Center, Right', a dice game. This was our largest game of LCR ever with over 25 players joining in the fun and laughter. Pat Yacklon was the big winner here. With all hands on deck (Navy term), cleanup after the games ensued. Throughout the day, there were lots of smiling faces and renewed friendships happening.

It was great to see all the members from near and far in one place again. It's amazing what things can happen when you own and drive a 92 year old car! Let's not let this feeling go away. . . .



# Era Model A pictures





Ford factory photo . . . 1928

Dust bowl era. . 1930

#### A Note from Pat Harrison

Mark your calendar for **Sunday**, **December 4**, to get in the holiday spirit. The day will start with brunch at a local restaurant at 11:30 and then on to the **Old Town Music Hall** in El Segundo for a showing of "White Christmas" at 2:30. Tickets for the movie are \$10 for seniors. Checks made out to Harbor Area Model A Club will be due 10/28 at our October meeting or you can mail them to Pat Harrison by that date.

#### International Model A Day 2022 Tour



# **Technical Talk**

## **Jim's Tech Tips**

#### **Check Your Rear Axle Nuts**

Every time I have a rear wheel off of a Model A, I use the opportunity to check the tightness of the rear axle nut for that wheel. They are supposed to be quite tight, and yet I find many with at least one axle nut that is loose. This is not good. If the hub is able to move on the axle, it will cause excess wear to the end of the axle and can damage it to the point where the axle will need to be replaced.



To check it, first remove the cotter key. With the transmission in 1<sup>st</sup> or Reverse gear, and the opposite rear tire on the ground, you can apply a wrench to the axle nut and confirm it is tight.

Ford did not publish torque values for nuts and bolts; he counted on the experience and "feel" of expert mechanics to know how tight to make things. Les Andrews has a value of 125 ft-lbs. in his book for this nut, and I feel that is a good target to shoot for. Watch the position of the cotter pin hole relative to the slots in the axle nut. If the pin will not line up on the nut, keep tightening the nut until the cotter pin goes in. Bend the ears over. I use a new cotter pin every time.

This simple maintenance step will help you avoid bigger problems down the road.

Until next time, Have a Model A Day! Jim

#### Food for Kids Food Drive

As part of our community service, we are going to help put food in the pantry for **Food for Kids** sponsored by The Volunteer Center in Torrance. Hopefully we can all provide at least one bag (more would be great). Each bag should include the items indicated by the bullets on the sample below or you can pack your bag with the contents from Example 1 or 2. The bags are then ready to distribute. Or if you don't want to shop, you can give me a check made out to The Volunteer Center and put FFK in the memo line. This is the time of year where their food inventory can get low. Let's help stock the shelves and help feed those in need.

All donations should be brought to the 10/28 meeting. If you can't make the meeting and would like to donate, contact Pat Harrison.

See attached flyer

Pat Harrison

Upcoming Events								
September 9/30	Pat Harri- 1(310) 218- son to Lead 9014		Trader Joe's supplied 49 bags. Our club will sup- ply labels with our logo			Jim Huizdos to supply labels and will be reimbursed.	<i>'Feed the Chil- dren'</i> Food Drive to be pre- sented at Sep- tember busi- ness meeting.	
October Potluck 10/28	on an event on an event that will either happen in Oc- tober or No- vember Potluck Weeg Thomp-		(310) 346- 6409	Activities Committee				10/28 Bags to be collected for the 'Feed the Chidren' Food Drive, activities committee to de- liver. Annual Potluck
November OPEN								
December 1. Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> 2. & 3. Sunday the 11 <sup>th</sup> 4. Friday 16	1. Pat Harri son 2. Dick Wyckoff Activities Committee		1. 1(310) 21 9014 cell 2. 1(310)32 8863 Home	22-		for Ser <i>Christr</i> Brunch 2. El S 3. Wilr	<ol> <li>Old Town Music Hall \$10 per person for Seniors. Entertainment - <i>White</i> <i>Christmas</i> (Movie) ++ at 2:30pm Brunch at 11:30am at Marmalades</li> <li>El Segundo Holiday Parade</li> <li>Wilmington Holiday Parade</li> <li>Cookie Exchange</li> </ol>	







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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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