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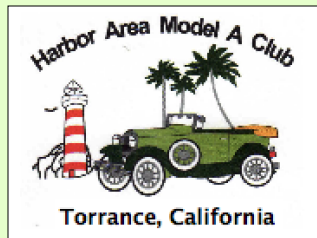
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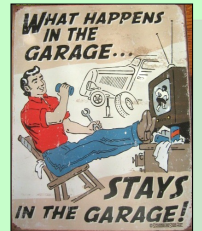
Friday, October 28th. 6PM.
Club's Pot Luck Meeting.
Walteria Clubhouse
Info on page 8.

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

The next Board meeting will
be Saturday,
November 12th
At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



HARBOR LIGHT



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A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez



Hello everyone, I hope all is well and you are avoiding the latest COVID variant. This morning I was reminded of how wonderful it is to be in SoCal when talking with a friend who was complaining about shoveling the first snow of the year. LoL All year driving means no down time for maintenance, so stay on it to ensure your car is running well.

I have a few club items to share. The first is elections of various positions so we will seek nominations at the next meeting. The tour director slot is still vacant with much support available. I know we all seem to have too much going on, but if you have a few extra hours a month you can help the club and the hobby you enjoy. Give it a think.

The next item is dues. Our club is part of the national organization and members are required to maintain their national membership in MARC. Board members are also required to maintain a MAFCA membership. If you renew directly, please let Ursula know when you pay our local dues. Keeping our national club memberships in good standing helps ensure our local Chapter / Region charters are in good standing.

For 2023, our local dues is \$40 a year, an increase of \$10, or \$0.83 a month. This increase is needed since the cost of everything is going up and we need to cover the expenses to ensure we can continue to do what we do to enjoy our cars and company.

If you have been too busy to fill your donation food bag, no worries. You can donate \$20 per bag and the volunteer center will purchase items to provide to needy families.

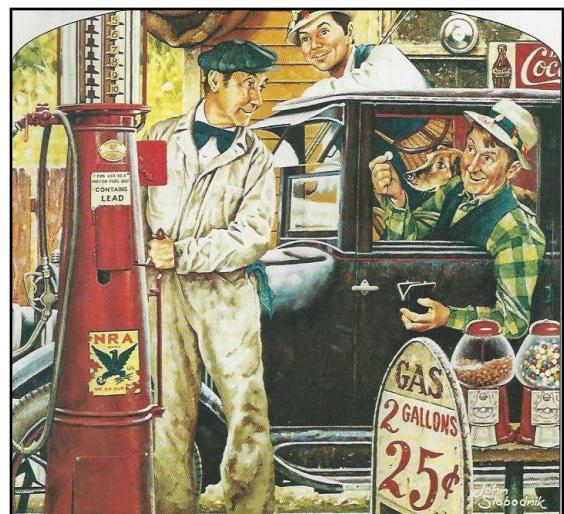
See you at the next meeting or on the road.

Rob

Welcome our new Member:

Tommy Marshall, member # 1087
1292 Acapulco Ave.
Simi Valley, CA 93065
Phone: 1-805-208-1111
Email: Thomasmarsshall@hotmail.com

Tom is the grandson of Drain Marshall and was with us on the September tour in PV. Welcome, Tom!



November Birthdays

8 Linda Simpson
14 Jim Runyon
26 Pat Yacklon



November Anniversaries

6 Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo
12 Dennis & Linda Simpson



Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff



With all the turmoil in the world today, I often think of the men and women I knew while serving in the Navy many years ago. I've seen war

(Vietnam) and I've seen peace. I've been around the world and have seen prosperity and I've seen poverty. Please spend a moment this Veteran's day and think about those who serve to help keep the peace and make America prosper.

I bought my '29 Roadster Pickup in 1960 (my first car and still have it). When I went away in the service in 1965, I tucked it away in my parent's garage for safe keeping. Many times while away, I thought about it and all the fun I had with it. I kinda hopped up the 4-banger a little and street raced it on Friday and Saturday nights and then worked on it the rest of the week getting it ready for the next weekend.

When I got off active duty, I went back to college, went to work in aerospace, got married and abandoned the car in my garage. It sat for about 30 years when I thought about selling it. My wife, Jan, said I would regret it if I did. She was so right! I dug it out in 1998 and proceeded to restore it. By 2000, I entered it in the local car show and won a trophy. Between the Roadster Pickup and my '30 Cabriolet, I drive them often and still think of the fun I am having today and the fun I had 60+ years ago. Lots of great memories. . . .

Dick



1960



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*.

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Ground Coffee	46¢ per pound
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Fresh Ground Hamburger	13¢ per pound
Fresh Baked Bread	9¢ per loaf

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Technical Talk



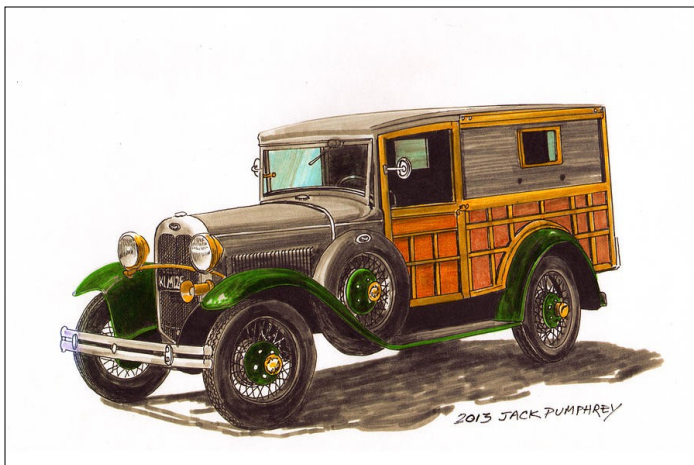
Tiny Tip: Condenser Problems? Maybe. . . .

(by Joe Fox, Western Lake Erie A's)

While driving my Model A recently, the engine abruptly shut off for a few seconds before starting back up again on its own. Weird, right! I was concerned, but everything seemed OK, so I kept going. Next time out, it happened again. I tried 'jiggling' the pop-out switch, etc... nothing. Then, after a few seconds, it started and all was OK again. I was really concerned now. I noticed that other accessories still worked, so that eliminated the fuse and wiring to the terminal box. During a subsequent brake test (very close to home) it shut off and did not restart!

Got out my Volt-Ohm Meter (always carry one!) and went through a logical test to find the problem. It boiled down to coil or condenser. So I removed the condenser and found that the ground tab had become unsoldered from the body of the condenser! I was able to pull it right off! I replaced it and it fired right back up. It's possible that it could have gotten hot enough under the hood to loosen the solder, but my guess is that it was a 'cold joint' right from the start. Either way, it's a good idea to check that tab when installing a new condenser or when experiencing ignition problems.

Also, you can check a condenser with your VOM! Some have a setting specifically for this purpose, and it will read directly in microfarads (μF). There is some question as to the acceptable reading, but somewhere between 200 and 300 μF is generally OK. You can also use the Ohm scale... check YouTube or Google to find detailed instructions for this procedure. Hopefully there is one (somewhat hidden) takeaway here... If you have a problem with your car, don't just start guessing and 'throwing parts at it'. Use a logical progression of troubleshooting steps to pinpoint the problem, THEN fix it!



**You drop something
when you were younger,
you just pick it up.**

**When you're older and
you drop something, you
stare at it for a bit
contemplating if you
actually need it
anymore.**

HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: September 30, 2022 LOCATION: Walteria Park Clubhouse, Torrance, CA

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez called the meeting at 7:30 PM.

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

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

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- We celebrated International Ford Day with a Progressive Lunch. Thanks to Donniss and the committee hosts and everyone who helped make the Progressive Lunch a fun day. Donniss introduced guests Modesto Bolanos and wife. They have a '31 Slant Window Sedan.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported balance of [REDACTED]

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff --- Thanks for the articles and pictures for the newsletter. Dick is sending an article and pictures from our Club's 65th Anniversary Picnic to the MARC National Magazine.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- Absent. Al's Garage will be open tomorrow.

TOURS: Open position --- Donniss thanked the members for attending the Progressive Lunch. Pat Harrison is conducting a food drive for the Volunteer Center, South Bay. Grocery bags and instructions will be handed out tonight. Fill bags and bring back at the Oct 28th meeting.

Oct 28th - Potluck dinner before the Business Meeting. **A-L main dish, M-Z side dish.**

Dec 4th - 11:30 AM meet for lunch before attending the El Segundo Old Town Music Hall to watch White Christmas. \$10/per person for movie entry. Please let Pat Harrison know if you are going.

Dec 11th - Two Christmas Parades, El Segundo and Wilmington. In need of a leader for the Wilmington parade. Also note we will go to lunch after the Wilmington parade.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Absent.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- Reported that we currently have 104 club members.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Tools available for club members to use.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- Application for our club membership is available on our website. A link to the National club site can also be found on our website.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- Can add club logo to any item for approx. \$15.00.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights --- Variety of club merchandise for sale.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Thanks to Ursi Schmidt and the Ragons for tonight's refreshments.

OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Tim Harrison said the Annual Banquet will be Jan 28th, 2023 at the Blue Water Grill 11-4 PM. Drain Marshall said his grandson Tom really enjoyed participating in the Progressive Lunch. Richard and Jeanne Parrish are inviting club members to their Christmas get together. More details to follow.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: October 28, 2022 6 PM. Walteria Park Club House.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 15, 2022 9:30 AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 8:10 PM Tim made a motion to adjourn, Dick Wyckoff second the motion and all were in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: *Gloria Younkin*, Secretary.



Touring Events

Some Future Harbor Happenings:

December 4th— Old Town Music Hall— Showing the classic—'White Christmas"

At 2:30PM. Senior price is \$10 per person

-Please bring your payment to the October meeting and give to Pat Harrison.
She is coordinating the event so we can all sit together.

December 10th— Richard and Jeanne Parrish Christmas Family and Friends

-Parrish Home: 909 S. Hacienda Place, Anaheim, CA

- More info to follow

December 11th— Christmas/Holiday Parades

-El Segundo— Contact Dick Wyckoff

Wilmington—Contact Activities Committee

*Lunch following Wilmington parade. (Lunch open to everyone)

*Will need to include you in the reservation so sign up for lunch only

* More info to follow

Note: There may be room in someone's rumble seat or back seat if you would like to ride along. Please let us know if you are interested.

December 17th (Saturday) - Cookie exchange & Business meeting.

*NOTE: It's a Saturday! Changes to a daytime event!

More info to follow.

SOMETHING NEW!

- Monthly technical seminar. Check calendar for time and topic. . .

- Location—Al's Garage. 3rd Saturday of the month

2023:

- January 28th Annual Banquet- Dennis Simpson is accepting donations to
Begin the fun for our first raffle of the year!

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.

NOVEMBER HARBOR HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 <u>MODEL A</u> <u>TECHNICAL</u> <u>SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
6	7 <i>DINNER</i> 4:30 *Location TBD		8	9	10	11  Happy Veterans Day <u>BOARD</u> <u>MEETING</u> Al's Garage 9:30 <u>MODEL A</u> <u>TECHNICAL</u> <u>SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
13	14 <i>DINNER</i> 4:30 *Location TBD	15	16	17	18	19 <u>MODEL A</u> <u>TECHNICAL</u> <u>SUPPORT</u> — following meeting
20	21 <i>DINNER</i> 4:30 *Location TBD	22	23	24 <i>Happy Thanksgiving Day</i> 	25 <u>CLUB BUSINESS</u> <u>MEETING</u> Walteria Club House 7:30	26 <u>MODEL A</u> <u>TECHNICAL</u> <u>SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
27	28 <i>DINNER</i> 4:30 *Location TBD	29	30			
*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.						

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

MAFFI Newsletter Minute: September-October 2022

As you will have read in the MARC Model A News and the MAFCA Restorer magazines by now the Model A Museum celebrated its 10th anniversary at Model A Days on September 16-17 on the Gilmore campus near Hickory Corners, MI. Those same magazines will have published the MAFFI Hall of Fame (HOF) inductees for the 2022 year. You, however, will probably not read any of the inductee's acceptance speeches.

Howard Minner's became the first person to make his HOF acceptance speech live at the MAFFI Annual Membership Meeting, using "ZOOM" and seen on a big screen television. Below are excerpts from his remarks that history buffs of the Model A hobby will find interesting:

"Two milestone events stand out and I'll make them very brief. Once MAFFI decided to establish a museum, two issues became an immediate focus.

'The first was the obvious question of where the museum would be located. I ended up spending time with other Board members, personally visiting a number of possible sites. Among them the AACA Museum in Hershey, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, the Petersen in California, the Gilmore, of course here in Michigan and the Early V-8 Museum outside of Auburn, Indiana. The latter had been a prime consideration. But MAFFI Board members subsequently visited the Gilmore and agreed this is where we wanted to be.

'Thereafter, the question arose, what should our museum look like. I, along with Loukie Smith and Stan Johnson, came together and brought along pictures of various Ford dealerships from the Model A Ford era. By chance, I brought along a May 1929 article from a magazine called Ford Dealer and Service Seal . This was a private magazine for dealers and edited by Mary Bronstein. (Page 40) showed a front face view of a suggested medium size Ford dealership building. That drawing eventually won the day, and that is what you now see as the facade of our MAFFI Museum here at the Gilmore."

You now know, "the rest of the story".

The "MAFFI Newsletter Minute" was sent to you as the editor of your club's newsletter. It is for you to use at your discretion. If you are no longer the editor, please notify me at the email listed below with the name and email of the new editor. If you no longer wish to receive this, please notify me as well .

Thank you,

Mike DuBreuil, MAFFI
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