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Torrance, California

December 2022

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Award of Continuing Excellence
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2020 MAFCA
Newsletter of Merit



Donnis and Monty
with Santa at the
Harbor Club's
Christmas party
2018.

A fun time was
had by all

Reminder of upcoming events:

From Pat Harrison

2022

- Dec 4th- Lunch at Marmalade Café 11:30
before *White Christmas* movie
in El Segundo at 2:30pm
- Dec 10th- Parrish's Christmas Model A
visitation in Anaheim 11-3pm
- Dec 17th- Cookie exchange and business
meeting at Hibbard's home 1-4pm

2023

- Jan 28th- Annual banquet at Blue Water
grill. See page 10

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



Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will
be Saturday,
December 10th
(Subject to change)
At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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A Note from
Harbor President
Rob Hernandez



Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas everyone.

Wow! 2022 has sped along and I was so happy to get out from behind the face mask that I didn't realize how quickly the year was moving along. Of course, just like our Model As, time moves at the same steady and sometimes slow pace, it just seems to go fast since we were having fun. Speaking of which, we have several exciting events planned in the near future including our Banquet in January. Okay, I must admit that I haven't gotten a period correct outfit yet, but there is still time. LoL

Black Friday shopping frenzy is just around the corner. It is great that we don't have to get up at 2am to stand in line to get the deals. Sure, there are the few door buster items that require you to be there when the doors open. However, for the most part we can get things on-line and often earlier in the week. I don't miss the standing in line in the chilly mornings. Unfortunately, there is also the negative side of on-line shopping with unscrupulous vendors selling inferior products or other scams.

If the product isn't what was advertised or shipping is too slow, do not delay in contacting the seller and your credit card company (PayPal or other paying service). There are time limits for you to take action and if you delay you may find yourself stuck with something you cannot use or with nothing at all.

The FBI has details of Holiday and other scams with tips on how to avoid getting tricked by the scammers. Please take a look at: <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/safety-resources/scams-and-safety/common-scams-and-crimes>.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you at the next meeting or on the road.

Rob

Welcome our new members

Modesto and Blanca Bolanos (#1088)

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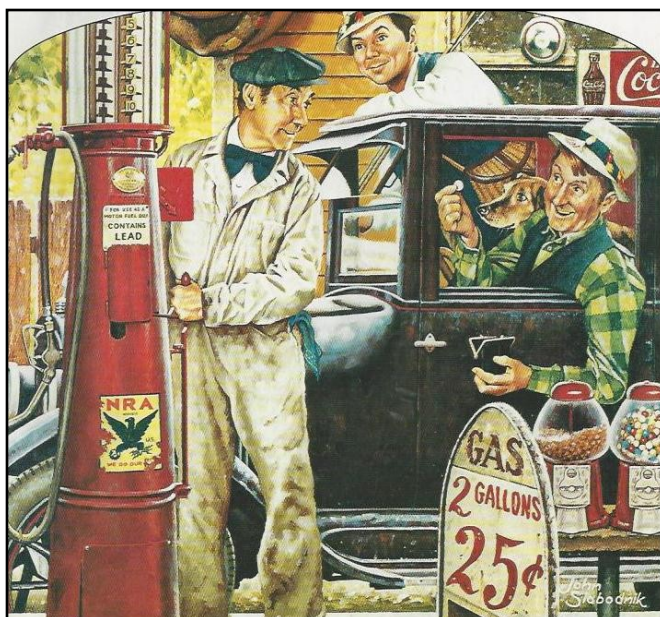
They have a 1931 Model A.

Rene and Joanne Covernrubias (#1089)

8611 Lowman Ave.
Downey, CA 90240

Email: Joannee662@yahoo.com

They have a beautiful 1930 Coupe.



December Birthdays

1	Gary Guttormson
4	Wayne Sterling
7	Dick Wenker
10	Anita Perreten
11	Sue Hankins
13	Elyse Beardsley
17	Bob DeCrescenzo

20	Ruxella Speights
21	Greg Clayton
23	Jeanne Parrish
25	Jim Valot
25	Amy Knott
29	Gary Gaffney

December Anniversaries

1	Jack & Julie Goldberg
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Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff

Thanks to Donnis Bates and her Activity committee (Henry's Helpers), there are lots of activities in the near future.

Of course we have to eat and that is what we did at the last meeting. What a feast! Lots of food selections provided by the members and wonderful desserts. Thanks, Gals, for all the effort in organizing it. We also collected items for "Food for Kids", something close to 50 shopping bags of food items. The event was organized by the committee with Pat Harrison leading the way.

Just a reminder to pay your Harbor, MARC, and MAFCA dues. Check with Ursi Schmidt for all the details.

Looking forward to the club's annual banquet in January. See the flyer on page 10. Our treasurer, Daffy, is collecting money for that. Drive your Model As. The club is picking up the parking cost. We get preferred parking!

We have two parades on the same day (again) on Sunday, December 11th. One in El Segundo from 1pm to 3pm. I am leading that one. The other is in Wilmington. Details are in the business meeting notes. Check with Donnis for details.. (Sure would be nice if they were on two different days. . . .)

Several of us have lost love ones this past year. Please keep them in your prayers. It will be a different holiday this year without them.

I guess that is all for now. If you get any great pictures during these events, email them to me and maybe I can make room to publish them.

Until then, Merry Christmas and Happy New 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**.

FOOD FOR KIDS FUNDRAISER

Kudos to our members and extra kudos to Jim Huizdos for getting the collection bags, and to Donnis, Steve and Weeg for getting it together to design and print our labels. You all really came through for our Food For Kids fundraiser. We gave out 48 bags to our members, we got 42 bags back filled with the recommended items, plus a donation of \$100 cash. John at The Volunteer Center in Torrance was thrilled with our generosity!

Thanks to the Harbor Area Model A Club for making a difference in our Torrance community!

Pat Harrison



Technical Talk

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART

HOW TO INTERPRET

ANTIQUE CAR ADS

IF IT SAYS:

IT REALLY MEANS:

Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

MAFFI News

The seasons are changing. Our friends living in Hickory Corners have settled in on their winter hours. While a good portion of the country is still wondering why anybody would ever want a snow blower, these people are wearing them out trying to clear paths around the Gilmore Campus for the hearty crowd braving the ice and snow to visit the museum. There are those who have packed their Model A's away for the winter, those who barely see a change in the seasons, and those in between who continue driving our A's, but cuss them because there is no heat, or the heat is dispensed on the wrong side of the vehicle. It is the holiday season.

Let's not forget this is also a giving season. The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc draws revenue from several sources throughout the year. A popular source of this revenue is their memorial brick sales. This is a chance to preserve the memory of your club or one of its former members (current members for that matter) by having a brick cast in their memory in front of the Model A Ford Museum.

To help MAFFI grow, we are offering clubs a free brick for their help in signing up three new MAFFI Members. Three member applications, with their checks for \$25.00 each, and your FREE brick order should be sent in one envelope to:

MAFFI
PO Box 28,
Peotone, IL 60468-0028



HARBOR MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: October 28, 2022 **LOCATION:** Waleria Park Clubhouse, Torrance, CA

Prior to the meeting a pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all who attended.

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez called the meeting at 7:36 PM. He asked for approval for September Business Meeting minutes, Gloria reported a correction - Dennis introduced guest Modesto and Blanca, not Donnis. Approved as corrected.

November Birthdays: Linda Simpson, Jim Runyon and Pat Yacklon

November Anniversaries: Bob and Phyllis DeCrescenzo, Dennis and Linda Simpson.

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

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Drain Marshall, Pat Yacklon, Dick Wyckoff, and Tim Harrison.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- Absent.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported balance is good.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff --- Asked for the Honoring of our Veterans, seven were in attendance tonight. **Thank you for your service.** Calendar with upcoming events was published in the November Harbor Light. Thanks to Pat Harrison for preparing the calendar.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- Al's Garage will be open most Saturdays.

TOURS: Open position --- Donnis Bates and the activities committee have been organizing upcoming events. Pat Harrison organized a food drive for the Volunteer Center of South Bay. Our club members returned 50 bags of food plus donations for the "Feed the Kids" drive.

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 10th - Club members Jeanne and Richard Parrish are hoisting an open house from 11-3pm at a Church in Orange. More info to follow.

Dec 11th - El Segundo Christmas parade - Dick Wyckoff is the contact person.

Wilmington Christmas Parade - we will go to lunch at the Green Onion in San Pedro after the parade.

Dec 17th - Short Business meeting with Cookie exchange to follow at Carla and Walt Hibbards.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Pat Tucker is having back problems. Pat Tucker's son, Keith is cancer free. Noralene Porper doesn't drive at night but is doing okay. Monty Bates as Bronchitis and we wish him a speedy recovery.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- The board made a motion and it was approved to increase the Local Club dues to \$40 in 2023. Modesto and Blanco Bolanos, Rene and Joanne Covarrubias joined our club tonight. Welcome!

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

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- Application for our club membership is available on our website. We will also be putting the club calendar of events on the website. **HarborAreaModelAClub.com**

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- Nothing to report.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights --- Nothing to report.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Thanks to everyone for helping to set up and bringing the food for a very successful pot luck. The dessert was furnished by the club tonight.

OLD/ON-GOING BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for Treasurer, Technical Director and Tour Director. Tim Harrison nominated Daffy Wagner for Treasurer. Jack Gordinier nominated Cliff LeFall for Technical Director. No one accepted nomination for Tour Director. Nominations will be open at our November Business meeting and a vote taken. Dennis Simpson is collecting donations for the Annual Installation Banquets raffle in January.

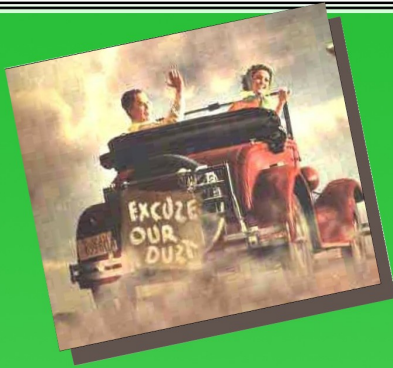
NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: November 25, 2022 7:30 PM. Waleria Park Club House.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Saturday, November 12, 2022, 9:30 AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 8:15 PM Tim made a motion to adjourn, Dick Wyckoff second the motion and all were in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: *Gloria Younkin, Secretary.*





Touring Events

Save the Date

**Saturday, January 28th - Annual Banquet,
Blue Water Grill, 665 North Harbor Drive,
Redondo Beach 90277
11:00 - 4:00**

**Saturday, February 11th - Nethercutt Museum
15151 Bledsoe Street, Sylmar, 91342
\$10.00 per person
More information to follow**

**Sunday, June 25th - Long Beach Theater Production
'Into The Breeches' - Comedy - 2:00 Matinee
More information to follow**

Events in the works

**Lyons Air Museum - Planes, Cars, Motorcycles
Santa Ana, \$11.00 per person
More information to follow**

**CCRG Jamboree (Santa Maria A's)
April 20-23
More information to follow**

December 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 <u>MARMALADE CAFÉ</u> -- Brunch/Lunch @11:30 <u>OLD TOWN MUSIC HALL</u> --White Christmas to follow 	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 ** <u>PARRISH'S</u> Christmas Family & Friends Celebration 11-3
11 <u>CHRISTMAS PARADES</u> El Segundo Wilmington/Lunch to follow 	12 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	13	14	15	16	17 <u>The shop will be closed today. There will be no MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT at Al's Garage 9:30-12</u> *** <u>COOKIE EXCHANGE</u> Hibbard's 1-4 & short See below for additional information and fun! <u>December Business Mtg</u>
18 <u>HAPPY HANUKKAH</u> 	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 <u>MERRY CHRISTMAS</u> 	26 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	27	28	29	30	31 <u>NEW YEAR'S EVE</u> 

*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.

**PARRISH'S Christmas Celebration

Richard & Jeanne's Friends and Family Christmas Party details:

Location: First Christian Church of Orange, 1130 E. Walnut Avenue, Orange, CA 92867

Party Time: 11:00AM – 3:00PM

Brunch Served: 11:00AM - 2:00PM

PLEASE RSVP: Text Richard at (714) 393-8582 or Email PARRICH1937@GMAIL.COM

*** COOKIE EXCHANGE

Do you want to add to the fun at the cookie exchange? If you do, join the gift exchange. To participate, bring a wrapped gift (\$20 limit). Each participant will draw a number. The person who draws number 1 will choose the first gift. The person who draws number 2 can either choose a new gift or steal the gift that has already been opened. If the first gift is stolen the person who lost their gift chooses a new gift. As the exchange goes along and there are more open gifts, a person whose gift is stolen can either open a new gift or steal an opened gift. The limit on steals is two per gift, which means that the third person to hold the gift gets to keep it. That gift is frozen and can no longer be stolen. It will be a lot of fun and a lot of laughs, too. Remember, the gift exchange is optional; participate only if you want to. The exchange will start at 2:00pm.

Benefits of National Club Memberships

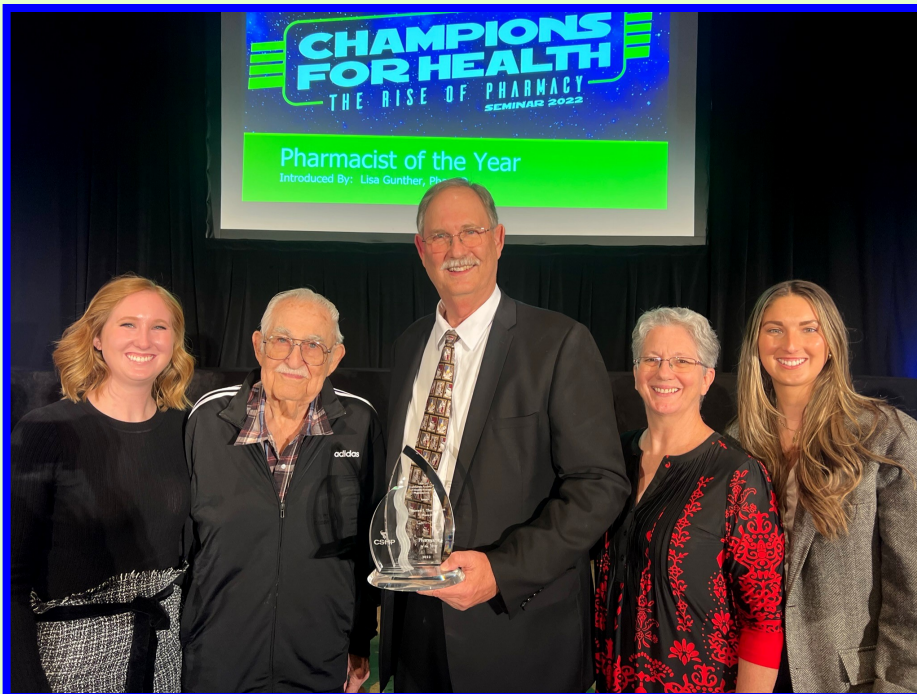
Membership in **MAFCA** includes the following:

- A one year subscription to The Restorer, our award winning bi-monthly magazine including free classified ads.
- The right to register and participate in all National and Regional MAFCA meets
- Voting privileges in National elections of officers and by-laws revisions
- Free classified advertising on the MAFCA web site and posting of photo of your car in the Photo Album section
- Technical advice to help restore your Model A and keep it in top shape



National **MARC** Membership Includes:

- Six issues each calendar year of our award- winning, international, bi-monthly Model 'A' News magazine.
- Includes detailed technical and Era fashion articles, Model A historical articles, coverage of National Meets and Region News, classified ads, and vendor ads - a great source of information for parts and services.
- From 64 to 72 pages each issue. Excellent quality coated paper with color, and black and white photography.
- FREE 40 word Classified Ad in each issue for club members - buy and sell Model A parts and services to a target audience.



On November 12, 2022, our own Dr. Steve Thompson received the **Pharmacist of the Year Award** from the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP). His family, Weeg, Loralyn, Laynie and Gerry were all present for the ceremony. Steve served as president of CSHP in 2019. He was also honored recently for 45 years of service at Torrance Memorial Medical Center. Congratulations, Steve!

Harbor Area Model A Club

2023 Installation Banquet



ON THE ROAD AGAIN, CAN'T WAIT TO GET ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

Gas up so you can drive your Model A to our Harbor Area Banquet!

Saturday, January 28, 2022 from 11:00am-4:00pm

Bluewater Grill – 665 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

This year we will be enjoying the following **entree choices with a garden salad and two choices of salad dressings:**

Boneless Breast of Chicken

Norwegian Salmon

New York Steak

Vegetarian Entry

We will conclude the meal with Oreo Cheese Cake & Coffee

Order Form – Cut Here

Name: _____ Entree Selection _____ Price \$55.00

Name: _____ Entree Selection _____ Price \$55.00

For additional orders, please use the back of this form

Total: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: HARBOR MARC & indicate your entrée selection on your check as well – thank you

Send checks to Daffy Wagner, 2705 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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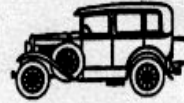
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one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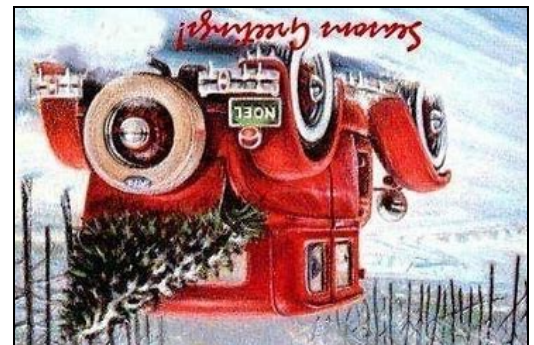
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