

# Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

Dedicated to preserving and driving the 1928-1931 Model 'A' Ford since 1957 Torrance, California



Restorer's Club

# JULY 2023

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Harbor members at the Lyon Air Museum

### 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



Next Club Meeting Friday, June 30th, 7PM Walteria Clubhouse The July meeting will be Friday, July 28th

Next Board Meeting The next Board meeting will be Saturday, July 8th, 2023 At Al's Garage. 9:30AM





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(in the alley)

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# A Note from Harbor President Rob Hernandez



The June gloom cool weather is ending and the sun is starting to warm things up. It is time for me to install the "air conditioner" in my coupe (two small fans mounted on a board). LoL

School is out so keep your eyes open for the kids running about and especially look out for electric bicycles on the side walk. I had a close call the other day when turning left and almost hit an ebike rider going the opposite way on the sidewalk. As I was waiting for traffic to clear, he was approaching from my rear at nearly 20 mph on the sidewalk.

Don't forget your large brim hat and sun block. Stay safe and I hope to see you at the next meeting or on the road.

#### Rob



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Hats off to the Activity committee for setting up the tours and picture shows this last month. These tours are a lot of fun and educational, too. . . . The gals haven't quit yet! There are more events coming up.

This last month on Memorial Day, I took some time to look around my small home town at memorial offerings to our fallen service members. Check out (on page 5) one example.

At the last Board meeting, a couple things were brought up. First, Tim Harrison collects aluminum cans and turns them in for cash. Little did I know that he gives the money to the Harbor club! Tim mentioned that if you have these items, call him and he will make arrangements to pick them up. I think it would be fair to all if we just brought them to the club meeting and gave them to Tim. OK?

Another completely different item. . . . The Board requested that we don't wear political attire (hats, jackets, etc) to club meetings. This is a car club. Save the political stuff for other non-club activities. OK?

Enjoy the upcoming holiday. . . . July 4th. Lots of celebrations. Be safe!

#### Dick

HARBOR AREA MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: May 19, 2023 LOCATION: Walteria Park Clubhouse, Torrance, CA

PRESIDENT: Rob Hernandez called the meeting at 7:30 PM. Rob asked for the approval of minutes from the previous business meeting as appeared in the Harbor Light. Janet Winter made the motion to approve. Jack Gordinier seconded the motion and all were in favor. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced. Rob said the SCROC event was great. Rob had to do

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

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

<u>VICE-PRESIDENT:</u> Dennis Simpson --- Reported the Restorer Magazine by MAFCA offers the magazine for free for 1 year for new members. Dennis discovered he had a low tire when getting ready to leave the pancake breakfast. Thanks to club members and a wheel that Jim Huizdos had just won at the raffle, Dennis and passengers made it home okay. July 9<sup>th</sup> Relay For Life – Simpson's will host a continental breakfast before event.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported balance of \$5928.83. Daffy announced the Annual Installation Banquet will be Jan 27, 2024 at Blue Water Grill., Redondo Beach.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff --- Send articles and pictures of club events for Harbor Light. The technical article in the June Harbor Light was written by former member Charlie Stephens, very interesting.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- Absent. Nathan brought a clutch he had removed from his car.

TOURS: Open position --- Activities committee have been organizing upcoming events. Sign up sheet events are on the table.

Donnis reported:

June 17<sup>th</sup> - Lyon Air Museum. Will go to lunch after tour

June 25<sup>th</sup> - Long Beach Theater production of "Into the Breeches" Lunch before.

July 9<sup>th</sup> - Relay for Life

July 20<sup>th</sup> - Rock Around the Block, downtown Torrance.

September 30<sup>th</sup> – Janet Winter has volunteered her home for the club garage sale.

\*Check Harbor Light for all events\*

<u>SUNSHINE:</u> Theresa LeFall --- Absent

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- New members , Marty Fox and Jenny Vogal.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Enjoyed the SCROC event and tools are available. Bob reported he made 12 Directional Police for Model A's and they are for sale.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- Updating website information. After the meeting Steve will show a presentation of the Model A Youth Day at SCROC.

<u>ADVERTISING:</u> Jim Huizdos --- No merchandise tonight. Will be getting new items.

<u> MERCHANDISE:</u> Ruxella Speights --- Absent.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson -Janet Winter and Weeg Thompson are providing refreshments tonight.

<u>OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS:</u> Dennis Simpson is holding the "thumb" for the Fruchter's until it can be given to another club member.

NEW BUSINESS: Janet Winter has taken the position of Club Historian . The garage will be open this Saturday.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: June 30th 2023 - 7:30PM Walteria Park Club Home.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 - 9:30AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:39 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Gloria Younkin, Secretary.

## July Birthdays

# July Appiversaries

- 1 Dr. Steve Thompson
- 10 Mike Wright
- 13 Mirco Pisu
- 18 Donnis Bates
- 25 Noralene Porper
- 27 Pat Harrison
- 27 Bill Kealey



- 3 Mirco & Elaine Pisu
- 6 Jim & Dianne Runyon
- 9 Ron & Sandy Ragon
- 13 Jack & Joan Gordinier
- 23 Bob & Carol Olsen

#### 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.



#### 2023 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 2023 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 310-561-4895. 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*.

#### For Sale

#### 1930 Ford Model A 4 door sedan.

Mileage 3,355 since restoration. Looks great, runs great, with Borg Warner overdrive. Clean upholstery and carpeting. Many spare parts: engine, transmission, additional rim & tire, plus much more that go with car.

\$20,000 For more information, Email: psouth1185@att.net







#### Celebrating Memorial Day in a Big Way! By: Dick Wyckoff

As a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer, I give Memorial Day my deepest respect. My service included a year in Vietnam in 1965 and 1966. I have seen what war can do. This last Memorial Day, I took my 1930 Cabriolet out for a drive around town here in El Segundo to think about those that gave all for the country. Many people waved as I slowly drove the residential streets. (Of course, I replied with an 'ahooga'.)

On one of the side streets, I was taken by surprise by a huge American flag flying in the front yard of a classic home. This was not any large flag, it was huge! Supported between two trees, the 15' by 35' flag took up the entire front yard. A parking space was roped off in front of the flag so anyone driving by could see it in all its beauty. I stopped nearby and got out to see the display. While admiring the flag, an elderly gentleman came out to greet me. I asked if I could park the Model A in front of the flag and he agreed. We took several wonderful pictures.

While talking, we found out that we were both retired veterans. He was in the Army about the same time as I was in the Navy. He explained that this was his way of thanking those that gave all on Memorial Day. We chatted for a while, took a few more pictures, and I drove away with a new respect for the fallen. Thanks for your awesome display, my friend.



#### The latest happenings from the Activities Committee

#### **JULY 2023** HARBOR A HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT Al's Garage 9:30-12
2	3 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	4	5	6	7	BOARD MEETING AI'S Garage 9:30 am  MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT AI'S Garage 9:30-12
LAY 4 LIFE	10 DINNER 4:30 *Location TBD	11	ACTIVITY COM MTG 10:30	13	14	MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT Al's Garage 9:30-12  THE MIRACLE CLUB— LADIES Movie & Lunch
	17 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	18	19	ROCK AROUND THE BLOCK 3:15	21	MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT Al's Garage 9:30-12
23	24 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	25	26	27	28 CLUB MEETING Walteria Club House 7 pm MEETING NOTICEI	29 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL</u> <u>SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
30	31 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD					

\*Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkin for dinner location.



day, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Relay for Life Car Show (American Cancer Society)

rdinator: Dennis Simpson

tion: Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, 1953 Manhattan Beach Blvd., ondo Beach 90278

e: 9:00am-3:00pm

t at the Simpson's home (2402 Burritt Ave., Redondo Beach, 90278) at 7:00am for a inental breakfast and leave for the event at 7:45am

usually bring food to share during the event. Coordinate with Weeg Thompson, so we will have a nice variety.

lay, July 16 – Ladies Movie Day – The Miracle Club the Date! More information to follow

Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – Rock Around the Block

A 1950's-style family event celebrating Torrance's 'All America City Award'

Coordinator: Jim Huizdos

Location: Torrance Historical Society & Museum, 1345 Post \Avenue, Torrance 90501

Time: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Cost: Free

We will meet at 3:15pm on the corner of Post and Arlington. We park on Arlington and drive into the event together.

Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – El Segundo Car Show (25<sup>th</sup> Annual)

Coordinator: Dick Wyckoff

Location: Main Street El Segundo (El Segundo Blvd to Mariposa Avenue, 90245)

Registration: \$30.00

Registration closes for the event on August 14th at 5:00pm

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm (5 hours) More information to follow

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Sunday, August 27th - Harbor Area Model A's Annual Picnic

# A Trip to the Flicks By Weeg Thompson

On Sunday, June 4th, nine ladies from the Harbor As enjoyed a matinee showing of Book Club: The Next Chapter at the Rolling Hills 20 AMC Theater. Unfortunately, none of us was smart enough to snap a photo, but participants included Donnis Bates, Joanne Covarrubias, Pat Harrison, Dot Knott, Ursi Schmidt, Linda Simpson, Weeg Thompson, Daffy Wagner, and Gloria Younkin. Trust us...if we had taken a picture you would see what a good time we had. The movie follows the journey of four best friends of a certain age who take their book club to Italy for a fun girls trip. We laughed a lot and even shed a few tears. Because this was a Harbor Area Model A Club event, you know there had to be food. Following the film, several husbands, plus Cliff and Theresa LeFall, met the ladies at Islands for "linner," (late lunch/early dinner). Once again, we failed to get a photo, but most all of you have seen us after a meal out, so we're sure you can picture exactly how satisfied we all looked.

The good news is, we have another ladies movie opportunity planned for July, and we promise there will be photographic evidence this time. Our next movie is *The Miracle Club*, starring Laura Linney, Maggie Smith, and Kathy Bates. The story takes place in 1960s small town Ireland where the close friends win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes at their riotous local raffle night (think opportunity drawing!). We saw the preview for this movie on our last outing, and it looked like a sweet film with both humor and pathos. We will be going to see this movie on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. The time will be determined once the theater posts them, but we will be shooting for early afternoon. Once again, no Harbor As activity would be complete without food, so linner will follow. Husbands and others who can't or don't want to see the show, are welcome to join us then. We are going to try the AMC Theater at the South Bay Galleria this time because Weeg says the seats are more comfortable because they recline! Fortunately, there's an Islands near this theater, too, so that will be our linner location.

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They say a movie out with friends is never a bad idea, so please come join us!

Not everything at the Hickory Corners Model A Museum is about preparing for Model A Days. During the second week of May, a crew consisting of MAFFI Trustees and volunteers worked hard for four days moving and parking Model A's around the Gilmore complex and the local area for multiple photos. During that time, Model A's were carefully removed from the museum building and the "C Barn" to be positioned around the Gilmore campus. Additionally, some of the cars were taken off-site and parked at other country setting locations that included a hops farm, an old church, and a lake. At the end of each day the cars were returned to their homes only to be taken out the following morning to repeat the process.

July MAFFI Minute

While the MAFFI Trustees and volunteers were doing this, a photographer, John Lacko, from *Hemmings Motor News*, was taking pictures. By all accounts there were probably more than 2500 pictures taken.

This flurry of activity was for the purpose of helping *Hemmings Motor News* create their Model A calendars for 2024 and 2025. These calendars will be on sale in October of this year and next year. They will be available through *Hemmings Motor News*. This calendar,

News sells each year.

Happy motoring, Mike DuBreuil MAFFI Board of Trustees Secretary

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# Model A Word Search

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#### (Page 8) Word search... Model A related items

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From an unidentified author

Note: Words can be found horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

It's great fun to go through Dick's old Harbor Light newsletters, treasure hunting and learning along the way. This word puzzle was found in a 1987 issue and was previously typed by hand! I also had to look up some of the items-I had no idea what a Clevis, Perch, or Pawl was. So now I know. Enjoy!

Janet Winter, Harbor Historian

#### Lyon Air Museum - The Greatest Generation in Aviation

By Weeg Thompson

On Saturday, June 17, fifteen Club members and friends visited the Lyon Air Museum in Santa Ana, on the back side of John Wayne Airport. Those in attendance for the museum were Donnis and Monty Bates, Rob Hernandez and Brenda, Mirco and Elaine Pisu, Dennis and Linda Simpson, Andy Soto and Arlene, Steve and Weeg Thompson, Art and Daffy Wagner, and Gloria Younkin. Exhibits in the museum feature authentic aircraft, rare vehicles and related memorabilia, with an emphasis on World War II, the defining event of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Planes on display include a DC-3, a Douglas C-47, and a Boeing B-17G. Vehicles include a 1931 Model A Phaeton, a 1930 Model A Roadster/Pickup, a 1929 Lincoln Model L Dual Cowl Sport Phaeton (which has a windshield for the riders in the back seat), and a Shelby Cobra 427 SC. Several motorcycles are also included in the museum, including Steve McQueen's 1931 Panther with sidecar. Perhaps the vehicle with the most historical significance is the 1939 Mercedes-Benz Model G4 Offener Touring Wagon which carried Adolph Hitler into Poland just after the start of World War II and again into Paris in 1940. Less historically significant, but highly culturally significant for our group, is the Helms Bakery Truck. Donnis even got to sound the compressed air whistle that used to call kids (and others) to get doughnuts and other baked goods. In addition to describing the planes, cars, motorcycles and other vehicles on exhibit, our docent Steve shared a bit about the life of the man who founded the museum, Major General William Lyon, US Air Force. Lyon had a remarkable and decorated military career, including active duty in World War II and Korea, as well as a stint at the Pentagon where he served as Commander of the US Air Force Reserve Command. He became a leader in the homebuilding business and was responsible for building over 100,000 homes in Orange County. The General, as he was called throughout his business career, was also a generous philanthropist and active supporter of the community.

Following our tour at the museum, the group moved on to Plums Café in Costa Mesa because no Club event is complete without an opportunity to eat. In the move to lunch, we lost Rob and Brenda and Andy and Arlene, but we picked up Ursi Schmidt and Gary Guttormson. We had a lovely meal on the patio, with a waiter who was gracious enough to provide us with separate checks, saving us all from having to "do the math." The good food and good company, and a little post-lunch shopping, made for a pleasant end to a fun day.

#### MODEL "A" RESTORER'S CLUB- HARBOR AREA

#### LIABILITY RELEASE

User assumes all risk of personal injury and damage to property in use of tools. All tools to remain the property of HARBOR M.A.R.C., and will be returned in 5 (five) consecutive days from the time of check out and in good condition as user (member) will be responsible for damage to tools. A \$20.00 dollar per tool deposit is required and refunded when tools are returned in good condition.

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16. ☐ BRAKE PEDAL ADJ. TOOL Note: Two new tools have been added to the	32.□ DOOR HINGE PULLER ne club's inventory:								
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2. Cylinder head removal tool (Thai	nks to Jim Runyon)								
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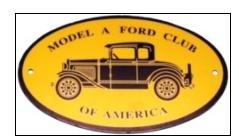
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