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# Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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

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# **Technical Activities**

Editor's Corner - Unusual era machines

Model A for sale - Swap meet info

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)

Rob's Words -

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Next Club Meeting Friday, July 28th, 7:30PM Walteria Clubhouse The August meeting will be Friday, August 25th

# Next Board Meeting The next Board meeting will be

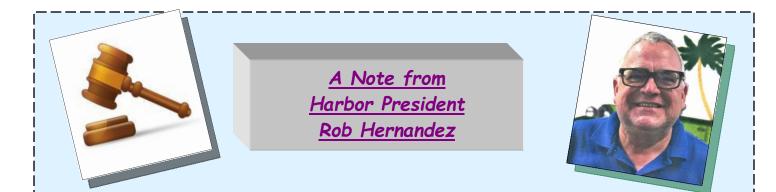
Saturday, August 5th, 2023 At Al's Garage. 9:30AM



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We cannot deny that summer HEAT is here. Although out wonderful Model As were high technology in the day, our modern cars provide a higher level of luxury. We often ignore the level of comfort we enjoy until we are reminded. A blackout is often the reminder and so is the current heat wave. My drive out to Phoenix was without drama or much thought even with the triple digit (118) temperature. (Cool compared to San Gavino...124). The drive in the Model A would have taken twice as long and would have been far less comfortable. Yet, the A would still be much better than the alternative of the day, a T or horse.

Take care of yourself while out and about. Sunblock, big brim hat, plenty of water. Most importantly, listen to your body. Out is the sun and not feeling well...get to a cool place and rest. Don't worry about sweating too much, it is when you stop sweating that is bad. Caffeine and alcohol dehydrate you so be aware of what you are drinking.

Stay safe and I will see you at the next meeting or on the road.

ROB



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff



I am a regular at the Friday afternoon car gather-

ing at the old Ruby's parking lot in Redondo Beach. We get 300+ cars of all kinds show up. A really interesting display.

This last week, a collector of old farm equipment towed one of his "treasures" in for display. It was a harvesting thing of some sort powered by a Model A engine! The fun thing was it all worked... I took some pictures and you can see the early A engine. It actually sounded pretty good!



#### HARBOR AREA MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: June 30th, 2023 LOCATION: Walteria Park Clubhouse, Torrance, CA

<u>PRESIDENT</u>: Rob Hernandez called the meeting at 7:30 PM. Rob asked for the approval of minutes from the May business meeting as appeared in the Harbor Light. Motion to approve by Weeg Thompson, second by Dick Wyckoff. All were in favor. July birthdays and anniversaries were announced. Rob said he really enjoyed the Lyon's Air Museum tour. Some concern over political attire. Rob reported the club is apolitical and does not support any candidate or parties. As such, members acting in an official capacity representing the club do not wear political attire or buttons. The club would oppose legislation which would lose our ability to enjoy and operate our model A's and other vehicles. Being a member of the club does not limit rights of members to have freedom of speech. As such, wearing of political attire by members participating as individuals is not restricted.

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

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff, Monty Bates and Leonard Funk

<u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u>: Dennis Simpson --- Reported Dick Wyckoff had a great article in the MARC magazine. Dennis received a letter from the Cancer Society thanking our club for our \$100 donation. Also thanked Weeg for organizing the trip to lunch and the play.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner --- Reported balance

<u>HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR</u>: Dick Wyckoff --- New club Historian Janet Winter sent word game, which was published in the Harbor Light. Picture of Dick and his Model A in front of a large American flag in front of a house in El Segundo will be published in the national MARC magazine. Send Dick picture and articles.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall --- Absent.

<u>TOURS</u>: Open position --- Activities committee have been organizing upcoming events. July 9<sup>th</sup> - Relay for Life July 15<sup>th</sup> - Movie July 20<sup>th</sup> - Rock Around the Block Aug 19<sup>th</sup> - El Segundo car show Aug 27<sup>th</sup> - Club Picnic Sept 16 - Progressive Lunch Sept 29<sup>th</sup> - White Elephant sale at meeting Sept 30<sup>th</sup> - Garage Sale

<u>SUNSHINE</u>: Theresa LeFall --- Absent, not feeling well tonight. --- Weeg reported club member Carla Hibbard is finishing second round of Chemo and was back in the hospital.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt --- New members, Marty Fox is attending his first club meeting. New roster for sale for \$2.

<u>TOOLS</u>: Bob DeCrescenzo --- Club tools available for club members to use. Nathan was discussing different clutches. Bob thanked Dick for putting a list of available tools for club in the Harbor Light.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson --- Website is updated.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos --- Working on updating advertisers.

<u>MERCHANDISE</u>: Ruxella Speights --- New merchandise for sale. If you have any clothing that you would like the club logo on bring to Jim Huizdos, it will cost approx. \$15/per item.

<u>REFRESHMENTS</u>: Weeg Thompson – Ruxella Speights and Linda Simpson are providing the refreshments tonight – strawberry shortcake.

<u>OLD/ON GOING BUSINESS</u>: White Elephant sale Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at the club meeting. Garage sale Sept 30<sup>th</sup> at Janet Winter's. Banquet is planned for Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 at Blue water Grill. The activities committee has been calling members to infom them of the increase of the price for the Banquet and the reason for increase.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Rob will not be able to be at the July business meeting. Dennis will conduct the meeting. We did not have a winner for the ladies drawing so next month will be \$10. Our new member Monty Fox won the \$5 men's drawing. Clock prize won by Linda Simpson, she donated the \$5 back to the club.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: July 28th 2023 - 7:30PM Walteria Park Club Home.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 - 9:30AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:25 PM

<u>RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:</u> Gloria Younkin, Secretary.

# 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.



### A Trip to the Flicks - The Sequel

On Saturday, July 15th, a dozen ladies from the Harbor A's enjoyed a matinee showing of *The Miracle Club* at the Rolling Hills 20 AMC Theater. Well, maybe 11 of us enjoyed the film. Fortunately, we actually remembered to take a picture this time. Participants included Donnis Bates, Phyllis DeCrescenzo, Pat Harrison, Dot Knott, Sandy Ragon, Ursi Schmidt, Linda Simpson, Ruxella Speights, Weeg Thompson, Daffy Wagner, Janet Winter, and Gloria Younkin. The movie follows the journey of four friends who take a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, each in search of her own miracle. Based on the preview we had seen, we expected more laughs, but it was a heartwarming story and some of us shed a few tears. The scenery and photography were also impressive. As is our new tradition, and because this was a Harbor Area Model A Club event which means it is never complete without food, following the film, several husbands (Monty, Tim, Dennis, and Steve and his dad) met the ladies at Islands for "linner," late lunch/early dinner.

Because we had another good time, we are already talking about our next outing (unless we see a good movie that comes out sooner). We are planning to go see My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 sometime after it opens on September 8. Specific date and time will be announced closer to the time. Please come and join us!



#### The Star of the Day: Bread Pudding

On Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, our theater-loving members had an outing to Long Beach to see a matinee performance of *Into the Breeches*. Before the show, we had lunch at Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que near the theater. Monty and Donnis Bates, Mickey and Bea Fruchter, Tim and Pat Harrison and a friend, Rob Hernandez, Cliff and Theresa LeFall, Dennis and Linda Simpson, Steve and Weeg Thompson, Peggy Wishon, Gloria Younkin enjoyed delicious barbecue, but the highlight of the meal, courtesy of Gloria, was a fabulous bread pudding. At the theater, Phil Bonneau and Karen, Gary Guttormson, Ursula Schmidt, Rob's son and girlfriend, and two friends of Steve and Weeg joined us for the show. The play about a play with women stepping into men's shoes during World War II was very entertaining, with lots of laughs as well as some touching moments. Definitely a feel good show.







#### August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 <u>BOARD MEETING</u> Al's Garage 9:30 am <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL</u> <u>SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
6	7 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	8	9	10	11 <u>ACTIVITY COM MTG</u> 11:00	12 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL</u> <u>SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
13	14 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	15	16	17	18	19 <u>EL SEGUNDO CAR SHOW</u> 7-3 Was Show
20	21 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	22	23	24	25 <u>CLUB MEETING</u> (Meeting will be held at Picnic 8/27)	26 <u>MODEL A TECHNICAL</u> <u>SUPPORT</u> Al's Garage 9:30-12
27 Piencpark HARBOR AREA PICNIC & BUSINESS MEETING Lomita Park 24428 Eshelman 11-3	28 <u>DINNER</u> 4:30 *Location TBD	29	30	31		

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



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 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm (5 hours) More information to follow Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – Harbor Area Model A's Annual Picnic Location: Lomita Park 24428 Eshelman Avenue, Lomita, CA 90717 Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm Setup Time: 9:00am

Boxed Lunch Orders: Weeg Thompson (Text 310-346-6409) Selections and Cost: Joey's Smokin' BBQ \$15.00 per person. Refer to flyer for selections and additional information. Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – International Ford Day and Progressive / Poker Run Coordinators: The Activities Committee

This is in the planning stages right now. Please save the date! Lots of fun ahead!

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, White Elephant Sale (Fund-raiser)

- This will be at our monthly meeting at the Walteria Club House
- Please bring your donations and label with minimum bid
- There will be a short meeting and then we will have fun bidding on the treasures that are being donated that evening.
- Anything that is left will be included in the Garage Sale the next day

#### Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Garage Sale

Location: Janet Winter's home, 1636 Nelson Avenue, Manhattan Beach 90266 Volunteers needed to make signs, price the goods, set up and clean up, and, of course; work the day of the event helping customers.

<u>New Added Fund-raiser:</u> Bake Sale (please let us know if you would like to donate any delicious baked goods.)

Since both of these events are fund-raisers for our club, we will be using the money to offset the increased costs of our activities. Thank you all in advance!

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 11™, FEED THE FIREMEN, SAN PEDRO FIREBOAT. POTLUCKI

# Relay for Life Car Show

The Harbor Area Model A Club is not just a car club, but a community orientated club that likes to help others. On July 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 we had 9 Model A's and 21 members attend the Relay for Life Car Show. Relay for Life events benefit the American Cancer Society.

We started bright and early, meeting at Linda Simpson's house at 7 am where she provided a fantastic continental breakfast. With full bellies, we proceeded to the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center at ~8 am for the car show. The volunteers at the show had "our" usual parking row ready for us.

After setting up, we all had a great time, enjoying the other cars, visiting with others and of course eating shared snacks brought by each attending member. We even met our new member, Steve Adams. All this while other show attendees enjoyed looking and learning about our 90+ year old cars.

To close the day, there was an opportunity drawing. We had some lucky members. Bobby D won 1 prize, Dick won 3 and the Thompsons won 2. In the end we were all winners by supporting a worthy cause fighting cancer. Everybody knows someone who has had cancer and we have many cancer survivors in our club.

#### **Dennis Simpson**



August MAFFI Minute

## MAFFI MUSEUM EXPANSION

After several months of planning the word is finally out. The following information was posted on the MAFCA web page on July 15, 2023.

"The Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI) museum at the Gilmore Auto Museum complex in Hickory Corners Michigan is planning an expansion of the existing Model A museum. The museum opened in 2013 and is filled to the brim with Model A vehicles, exhibits, and interactive displays. More room is needed for additional vehicles and exhibits."

Please visit the MAFCA web page to read the remainder of this article. Do not skip the link information.

This expansion will be paid in its entirety by donations. More on this will reach MAFCA and MARC membership in the coming months.

Happy motoring, Mike DuBreuil MAFFI Board of Trustees Secretary





<u>August Birthdays</u>

- 1 Sandy Ragon
- 13 Phyllis DeCrescenzo
- 18 Julie Hernandez
- 20 Dorothy Knott
- 23 Jack Gordinier
- 24 Gwen Valot
- 25 Dick Valot
- 26 Monty Bates
- 31 Theresa LeFall

# August Appiversaries

4 Dr. Steven & Weeg Thompson

Mickey & Bea Fruchter



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Once upon a time! When Window was just a square hole in a room and Application was something written on a paper. When Keyboard was a Piano and Mouse just an animal. When File was an important office material and Hard Drive just an uncomfortable road trip. When Cut was done with knife and Paste with glue. When Web was a spider's home and Virus was flu. When Apple and Blackberry were just fruits - that's when we had a lot of time for family and friends.

Technical Talk

# Clutch pedal freeplay

Have you checked your clutch pedal free-play lately? This is the first movement of the pedal where there is only a little resistance. According to Ford this is supposed to be 3/4" to 7/8" and can readily be adjusted by screwing the clutch link in or out of the trunnion.

The important thing is that you have 3/4" free-play, for without any, it has the same effect on the clutch and engine as riding the clutch pedal with your foot. You should not have your foot on the clutch pedal except when you are in the act of shifting gears.

What does riding the clutch pedal do to your clutch and engine you may ask? Simply this: riding the clutch pedal keeps a constant pressure on the clutch assembly and on the engine crankshaft as well as unnecessarily spinning the throw-out bearing. This could result in premature wear on the clutch faces and throw-out bearing. Even more serious, it may force the lubrication out of the rear main bearing babbitt thrust face causing the premature wear of the babbitt, resulting in end play of the crankshaft and damage to pistons, rings and other critical parts

Contributed by Technical Editor, Jim Broadhead

Wichita As Technical Editor



<u>COULD YOU BE OF ASSISTANCE?</u>

Our progressive is coming up soon. We are looking for members who would open their home to us. Would you be available? The date is September 16<sup>th</sup>. We usually have three (3) stops; Breakfast, Lunch and Dessert (we supply everything). If you would be interested in hosting any of these stops, please give me a call, text or email. (310) 713-5830 donnisbates@gmail.com,



Era photo of Model A engines ready for installation at the Ford factory



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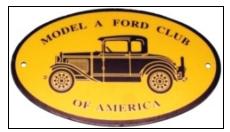
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For MAFCA info and membership, see www.MAFCA.com

**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.

#### 2023 Board of Directors:

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