



Labor Day in the United States is a public holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, laws and well-being of the country. It is the Monday of the long weekend known as Labor

Day Weekend and it is considered the unofficial end of summer in the United States. The holiday is also a federal holiday.

For those of us Model A owners it brings cooler temperatures and possible new adventures. Our club continues to grow, new members joining in and we welcome them all to the Harbor Area Model A Club. We are looking forward to touring with our new friends, our upcoming 60th anniversary picnic on Sunday, Sept 17th and all the great fun we'll have together!!! 60 years of driving history. . . Neat slogan, eh?

Be safe out there! Keep driving those A's. . .

Monty

Harbor A's go on Tour of SPACE

A group of 30 Harbor Model A club members parked their 10 Model A's and took a trip into SPACE at Northrop Grumman in Redondo Beach. Their first exposure was to the INGENUITY CENTER where our tour guide guided us through the history of early airplane builders in Southern California. Several merged with Northrop and Grumman on the East Coast to build some of the most memorable planes from Lindburgh's "Spirit of St. Louis" to the B-2 bomber. With the mergers, TRW helped develop the rich heritage of ballistic missile technology, the Apollo program, and advanced satellites in the fields of missile warning, early space science, earth science and very advanced Astro-physics space telescopes. Included in the exhibit was a demonstration of the power of infrared sensing that will be used on the James Webb Space Telescope being built at Space Park. We learned that infrared electronics work best when they are kept cold, very, very cold.

Our next speaker was Northrop Grumman's Chief Space Physics Scientist who serves in that role on the James Webb Space Telescope. He fascinated our group with a presentation explaining the parts of the telescope, satellite, the all-important heat shield, the mission, the launch vehicle and launch that is to take place late 2018 at the Ariane 5 launch site in French Guiana, South America.

America. The Space Telescope will be 1 million miles away from earth in an orbit known as L2, a gravitationally stable spot where the telescope will point out to the cold of space and away from the heat of the sun earth and moon. Of particular interest were the mirrors which consist of 18 hexagon segments that will be individually controlled in space to maintain perfect alignment. Another fascinating part of the space telescope is the heat shield which is about the size of a tennis court. Each of the five layers is made of a material called kapton. This heat shield protects the telescope that has it's back toward the sun, earth and moon from temperatures of about +190 degrees F at the bottom layer with each successive layer getting colder and ultimately reaching -410 degrees F. The Harbor Club members had plenty of questions, all of which were answered.

The group was then divided into two groups to visit the manufacturing building where the sun shield was developed and to visit the manufacturing building where the space craft integration has started. The bus or structure containing equipment for stabilizing and adjusting the orbit, communication equipment and electrical power is controlled was having the heat shield added. In a few months the actual telescope that is now being tested at NASA facilities in Houston, will arrive for installation. Our guides were real integration engineers that were excited to talk to us about the activity that has taken place and what is ahead for them.

After that we headed to the cafeteria where the talk was about the fact that we will all be following the milestones of the JWST and looking forward to the information and infrared pictures peering back 13.6 billion years in time to just 200 million years after the big bang. Pat Hankins summed it up for the group saying, "What a great tour today. It was so interesting. We felt really privileged to be able to see something so historic."

Those attending: Al Avoian, Donnis and Monty Bates, Warren Brayton, Joe Freitag, Mary Ann and Steve Friedrich, Julie and Jack Goldberg, Sue Hankins, Jim Huizdos, Cliff LeFall, Bruce Montgomery, Judy Nunes, Elaine, Mirco, Angelo, and Angela Pisu, Sandy and Ron Ragon, Nate Sherry, Wayne Sterling, Weeg, Steve, Loralyn and Alayne Thompson, Dick Wyckoff, Pat Yacklon and guests Sara and Ralph Ford.

Joe Freitag

September Birthdays

- 1 Rhoda Larquier
- 5 Dennis Simpson
- 6 Darlene Funk
- 6 Jim Beardsley
- 8 Bob Olsen
- 11 Ursula Schmidt
- 13 Ed Duenes
- 14 Cliff LeFall
- 17 Art Wagner
- 20 Vince Migliazzo



September Anniversaries

- 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard
- 15 Michael & Teri Larguier
- 17 Dick & Gwen Valot



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Many thanks to Joe Freitag in arranging the tour at the Northrup Grumman assembly facility in Redondo Beach. Having retired from the space business 17 years ago, it brought back many happy memories of my involvement in aerospace manufacturing.



The James Web Space Telescope will be launched from South America about this time in 2018. (I have been to this launch site and it is impressive!)

Lots of car shows and swap meets this month. I will be helping out with the El Segundo Main Street show and showing the Cabriolet also. Lots of interest in Model As. Hope to see you there.

Thinking ahead: Many members have never been to a national Model A meet. Usually they are too far away. I am encouraging members to try and make the 2018 MAFCA national meet in Reno-Sparks, Nevada. It is a lot of fun and you learn a lot. More to come as we get more info. Dick





Harbor members participated in



Harbor members participated in both the El Segundo car show on Saturday and the Wounded Worriors show in Redondo Beach on Sunday. Daffy Wagner shows off her winnings while Dick Wyckoff preps the '30 Cabriolet in El Segundo.



Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering

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. Come on by, have a cup of Starbucks, and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



We have been meeting for dinner on Monday at Hof's Hut on 237th and Crenshaw for a while now. The food is good and the staff takes good care of us. Come on by and join in the festivities. Time: about 5PM.



Ruby's Diner 245 N. Harbor Drive in Redondo Beach (by the pier) will host a weekly gathering of fun cars all summer long. This event brings many cars of all types. Classics, Concours, hot rods, antiques, sports cars, motorcycles, and Model As. Many Harbor Club members show their cars and enjoy a great meal in the diner. Check it out. Times are about **3:30 to 7:00 PM every Friday**. There is a nice drawing and trophies are awarded each week.

Parking is free to participating cars. This event will continue all summer until October 27th, 2017 Hope to see you there.







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HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

Date: July 28, 2017 Location: Walteria Clubhouse

President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:39PM

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier Recognition of Past Presidents: Dick Wyckoff, Doris & Drain Marshall,

Tim Harrison & Monty Bates

Minutes of Previous 'Meeting: Elaine Pisu moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the HarborLight; the motion was seconded by Jack Gordinier

Vice <u>President</u>: Tim Harrison • Reviewed the opportunity drawing prizes • Solvang was fun this year. The play was good and the din-ners were delicious, thanks Elaine for coordinating a great event • Looking forward to seeing you all at our 60th anniversary picnic in September. The board has approved a nice size budget for the opportunity drawing at the picnic. We will be playing Model A bingo and need prizes. If you have anything to donate please see either Weeg Thompson or myself. <u>Treasurer</u>: Daffy Wagner • All bills paid. Balance does not reflect any checks received for our Anniversary picnic <u>HarborLight Editor</u>: Dick Wyckoff • We had 26 members at the Little Sisters of the Poor. A good time was had by all and we en-inved a special meal with the residents. In the Harbor Light this month on page pine we have you will find the resistention form and

joyed a special meal with the residents In the Harbor Light this month on page nine we have you will find the registration form and flyer for our 60th Anniversary picnic. Its only \$25 per person for all the fun and festivities + When the Harbor Light is received via e-mail it is published in full color, if you want to receive it via e-mail contact Dick with the best e-mail address for you + Our newsletter is circulated all over the country. Ursi received a 50 pound box of used cards for her project, because of her request in the Harbor Light. Remember if you have something to sell, trade or give-away the Harbor Light is a great place to advertise. Give Dick the information and possibly a photo and he will publish your sale item in the next month's edition. Thank you Joe Freitag for a great tour at Northrup Grumman. Joe told us that due to overhead expenses we were actually very fortunate because the people who are actually working on the satellite program gave us our tour! Joe also thanked Dick for creating a special Thank You card and Monty signed multiples for Joe. Once they assemble the satellite there is a possibility of scheduling another tour. That one should be fun to see too! He also offered to take anyone who could not do the walking that the original tour required would be welcome to join him on a personal guided tour that would cover all but with far less walking. <u>Historian/Webmaster</u>: Sue Hankins \diamond Sue will be creating the video of our 60th anniversary picnic. She is also making a video of ac-

tivities that we have participated in for the last ten years. It will run on a loop during the festivities.

<u>Membership</u>: Ursi Schmidt \bullet 56 members here this evening \bullet Welcome again to our newest members 1.) Bruce Montgomery and Judy Nunes, 2.) Wayne and Larry Sterling. The Goldberg's middle daughter is visiting with us this evening - Welcome Sunny! <u>Membership Drawing</u>: Elaine Pisu won the women's prize, and Art Wagner won the men's <u>Technical & Safety</u>: Cliff LeFall \bullet We will be at Al's garage 907 Van Ness, Torrance) this coming Saturday. We meet from 10:00AM - 12:00PM, lots of group participation, with donuts and coffee. Currently we have one major project in residence (Steve Thompson's Maddel A), to Prince won the menion of the major that the major the saturday.

Model A). ◆ Bring your short term projects and part of the group will work on those <u>Sergeant at Arms (badge money)</u> Jack Gordinier collected \$9.25 <u>Sunshine</u>: Doris Marshall & Theresa LeFall ◆ Doris has a new assistant for Sunshine; it is Theresa LeFall. If you can't reach Doris

with any information on our members give Theresa a call. Her number is (323) 687-8718 Ruxella Speights had her knee surgery. She is doing OK, but had some additional bleeding after she got home and had to go back to the emergency room. She is home now and working on recuperating. She is bored, if you have some time give her a call or a visit Ed Firth's wife had a terrible fall and se-verely injured her back. Noralene Porper told us that Linda did not have a night light on and could not see clearly her path, causing

the fall. Ed Firth is also recuperating from Gallbladder poisoning. They are taking care of each other. <u>August Birthdays and Anniversaries</u>: <u>Birthdays</u>: 1-Sandy Ragon, 2-Janice Dalton, 13-Phyllis DeCrescenzo, 14-Greg Earhart, 15-Marty Murphy, 18-Linda Skinner, 20-Jeanne Webb & Dot Knott, 23-Jack Gordinier, 24-Gwen Valot, 26-Monty Bates, 31 Theresa LeFall <u>Anniversaries</u>: 4-Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs, Steven & Weeg Thompson, 12-Doris & Drain Marshall, 19-Mary & James Walker, 22-Linda & Ed Firth, 25-Steve & Mary Ann Friedrich Tools Comparison of the process is used by the process of the process is used by the process is used by the process of the process of the process is used by the process of the process of the process is used by the process of the process o

Tools Coordinator: Bobby DeCrescenzo + We have about 35 tools. Borrowing a tool is easy. The process is you leave a small deposit (\$20), when you return the tool you get your deposit back. Just contact Bobby and he will have it ready for you _We currently have two tools out on loan

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights (Pat Harrison acting Refreshments for Ruxella) - Bob Olsen's wife Carol send it a plate of cookies. Donnis & Monty Bates supplied the root beer floats this evening. Thank you both ♦ The menu for our picnic is: BBQ Tri-Tip, BBQ Chicken Breast (or BBQ Whole Chicken), Potato Salad, Ranch Style Beans (or Baked Beans) Dinner Rolls and a Fresh Garden Salad Clock Prize: 'Mistress of time' Joan Gordinier - winner of our clock prize is Fran Earhart

Advertising: Jim Huizdos ♦ Currently working on give-a-ways for our picnic. <u>Merchandise</u>: Gloria Younkin ♦ We are currently taking orders let me know what you want and we will get it for you <u>Tours</u>: Elaine Pisu & Co-Chair Jim Huizdos Thank you for your participation at Solvang, August 20th, Sunday - Wounded Warrior Car Show that benefits the Semper Fi Fund. Sign up by July 21st cost is \$35, after that cost is \$40, Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, 9AM - 3PM. Meet at Dennis Simpson's house at 7:30AM leave at 8:30AM. Donuts and Coffee by Dennis & Linda -Thanks in advance! • September 17th, Sunday - Harbor Area is having its 60th birthday party at Chevron Park in El Segundo • Sep-tember 24-29 MAFCA National Tour in Paso Robles, CA This tour will go from Paso Robles to San Francisco and across the Golden Gate Bridge.

<u>Old Business</u>: • Fund Raising - Bottles & Aluminum Can Drive (Ongoing) See Monty Bates with your contribution 60th Anniversary Picnic, Weeg Thompson Chairman - The event is developing with some fun games, car show and judging and Hubley races in addition to the food and friends. It will really be a great time. We are looking forward to seeing you all there. We do need a volunteer to

transport the Hubley track to the Park. Please see me or Bob DeCrescenzo. <u>New Business</u>: National Korean War Memorial Day (July 27th) was established by our government. We have several Korean War veterans in our club. Two of which were present this evening: Art Wagner and Dick Lusk.

Refreshments hosted by: Monty & Donnis Bates - Thank you Next General Meeting: Friday, August 25th same time same place (7:30PM @Walteria Clubhouse) Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 1st (7:00pm at the Toyota facility) Meeting adjourned: Daffy Wagner moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Weeg Thompson. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM for refreshments





<u>Technical Talk</u>

What oil should I use in my Model A?

The following discussion was on Fordbarn.com recently about what oil to use in our Model As. This subject had been discussed many times before and this is some of what has been said. Ed.

Detergent <u>oil</u>

Question. . . . Is there any problem with using modern HD crankcase oil in 1930 Model A? My engine was rebuilt in 1972 but only has about 100 test drive miles on it. It has been stored since then. I am just now completing restoration and running engine again. Should I use non detergent oil (if I can find it) or is the modern SAE 10W30 OK?

Here we go...... Again! No! I would not use non-detergent oil in your Model A! But here's what I would do. Start it on the old oil that's in it now, run it for 10-15 minutes and drain it out. Refill with any cheap oil. Run it for ten hours and dump that. Then I would refill with Shell Rotella 15/40. Why such a involved process? Simple, when the car was stored in 1972, the engine acquired moisture in places we can only guess at. Like the cam lobes, valve stems, cylinder walls, etc. Starting the engine will scrape the rust off these surfaces and it will circulate in the oil as grit. If you don't scrape it off, It will contaminate the new oil and cause wear. The Shell Rotella 15/40 is what most of us use, available from most any auto supply or Costco in four or five qt. containers. One thought to keep in mind, the worst oils of today are better than the best oils of 1930. And there really is no "Best" oil for a Model A. I'd change at 1000 miles. Remember, These cars made it through the depression when oils changes were a luxury and WW2 when there was no oil. They took their oil out, settled the dirt out and put it back in, to run another 500 miles. Good luck!

Terry

At a very high level, oil engineers when asked about antique engines, will tell you that you need detergents and additives to prevent the buildup of bad chemicals.

Really kind of a no brainer once you understand the detergents do not break up sludge. They only keep the very small stuff in suspension to prevent sludge. Additives keep things like sulfuric acid from forming.

The other thing to understand is the modern oils do not really break down. The additives get used up, but they still lubricate. You should NOT change your oil every 500 miles as that is a waste of resources. A few thousand or a few years would be better.

Now there may be something to using oils made for compression ignition (diesel). The A engine and the diesel engine share some characteristics that make logical sense.

In experience, just about any oil works well.

Engines will fail not because of the oil, but because they were not built right to begin with, so do not fret much.

Yes, I left out a bunch of details. Loose engines vs new engines vs broke in engines there are some considerations.

Editor here: Casually mentioned above is the use of oil made for diesel engines. Member Dennis Simpson, a Chevron refinery employee for 25 years, uses Chevron's Delo 400LE 15W-40 in his car. I do the same. I like the viscosity range and I change it every 1000 miles. Why? Because it is easy to keep track of! It is available in four quart containers a Costco. Very convenient size for our cars.

The real truth is today's oils are so much better than the oils of 1930 and there is probably no 'best' oil for our antique auto engines. Your choice. Hope this helps.



Touring with Elaine

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



August is Car Show and Swap Meet time



Mirco and I are going to be in Italy for six weeks during August and September. We will be back in time for the BIG 60th picnic/ party. Meanwhile, there are lots of car related things going on during this

time of the year.

A couple members attended the Rock-Ola car show last week in Torrance. Dick Wyckoff had the Cabriolet there along with Larry and Wayne Sterling in their Coupe. Jim Huizdos showed his Mopar Crossover convertible. After all, the show was sponsored by the Mopar Club...

Several members supported the Wounded Warriors program by showing their cars in Redondo on Sunday, August 20th. The club has several veterans and we support the veteran programs in the area.

As Dick mentioned in the editor's column, keep June 24th—29th of 2018 open. MAFCA is having it's National Convention in Reno. It's close enough to drive your modern, trailer your A, or drive the A, it is an event to remember. National conventions are a lot of fun and you get to meet lots of people.

Some upcoming events:

<u>Sunday, September 17th</u>— Harbor Area is having it's 60th birthday party at Chevron Park in El Segundo. Drive you Model As! We have photographers at the ready!

<u>September 24-29</u> MAFCA National Tour in Paso Robles, CA. This tour will go from Paso Robles to San Francisco and across the Golden Gate Bridge. Sounds like a lot of fun.

See you in September.....

Ciao! Mama Pisu

Ruxella Speights sends a big **THANK YOU** to all who called and sent cards after her knee replacement surgery. She is getting better and hopes to see us at the club meeting and the 60th picnic. Again, **Thank You**!

Other Car Events of Interest for 2017

Sept 9th (Sat) - Westchester Elks Lodge Car Show. 10am -4pm. 8025 Manchester Ave. Playa del Rey CA

Sept 24th (Sun) - Swap Meet- Paradise Valley MAC. Western Little League Headquarters, San Bernardino, CA

Sept 24th (Sun) - Redondo Pier Car Show. 10AM-3PM. On the Redondo Horseshoe Pier

Oct 1st (Sun) - Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance. Louis Zamperini Field in Torrance CA.

Oct 7th (Sat) - Swap Meet- OC Model T Club. Friends in Christ Lutheran Church, Fullerton

Oct 14th (Sat) - Redondo Union High School Car Show. 9AM to 3PM. 1 Sea Hawk Way, Redondo Beach CA

Oct 14th (Sat) - Torrance High School Car Show. 10AM to 2PM. 2200 Carson St., Torrance CA

April 8-10, 2018 - CCRG Cambria Pines hosted by Cuesta Crankers, San Luis Obispo. Host hotel Cambria Pines Lodge. 805-927-4200

A Word From Our MAFCA President

We are fortunate that in four short years, the Ford Motor Company produced close to 5 million Model A's. There were many improvements and new features to the New Ford over the Model T. This was especially exciting for ladies! Imagine the independence of not having to ask a man to come crank the car for you!



In July, I made a trip to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan, home of The Model A Museum. The Model A Museum continues to get better and better. A new exhibit is being worked on at this time. An unusual and rare 1931 Model A Two Door Right Hand Drive Phaeton (Great Britain manufactured) has arrived on loan as the spotlight vehicle for the new "Model A 'Round the World" exhibit. This exhibit will tell the story of Model A's manufactured and assembled all over the world.

On Friday, September 15, the MAFCA Board of Directors will hold the next Board meeting in the Board Room of the Gilmore Car Museum. This coincides with Model A Days at the Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. On Saturday, September 16, all of the MAFCA Board members will be at the Museum to spend the day with members new and old. Also, on Saturday, Jim Cannon, MAFCA's 2017 Technical Director, will be presenting a seminar on troubleshooting the Model A. This should be very interesting and all are invited to come.

I hope you have registered for the National Tour coming up next month! The Bakersfield Chapter has worked hard to provide a safe and fun tour from central California up to the San Francisco Bay area. The tour will have you driving along the beautiful coastline and through parts of the farmlands of the central valley. This is going to be a great tour and you aren't going to want to miss it! Registration material can be found on the MAFCA website .

You will be receiving your membership renewal notice in the next few weeks. Please return it promptly, as you don't want to miss out on any issues of The Restorer Magazine or your other membership benefits. This year, you will not be receiving a ballot for the nominees for the Board of Directors. That is because there will be no election this year as the number of nominees equaled the number of positions to be filled. Per the MAFCA By Laws, Article 5 Section (c) (7) Waiver of Election: "If, after the close of nominations, the number of people nominated for election to the Board of Directors is not more than the number of the Directors to be elected, the Board of Directors may, without further action, declare that those nominated and qualified to be elected have been elected." The Board declared the nominees to be elected during a conference call on June 27, 2017.

The newly elected Board members should be familiar to you, as they each have served our membership in years past. They are Alex Janke from California, Doug Clayton from California, Dan Foulk from California, and Doug Linden from Massachusetts. All of these men will be installed to the Board in December at the National Awards Banquet in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. I look forward to seeing you there to celebrate their election to the Board and to honor those who have worked hard this year to promote the hobby and the Model A Ford Club of America.

I hope you will get out and take your A for a drive. It will put a smile on your face and all you pass by along the way.

Happy Begg 2017 MAFCA President





Happenings at Al's Garage







Dick, Monty and Bruce discussing Jack's truck

Jack Goldberg and his AA truck

Jim installing AA floorboards





Willie Duncan working on Bruce's Vicky



Bruce Montgomery and Willie doing wiring









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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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