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The Harbor Area Club was well represented at the Downey Chapter's Henry Ford Picnic

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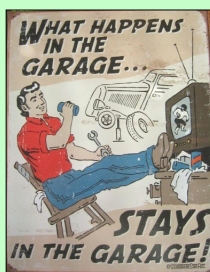
Upcoming Business Meetings

The **June** business meeting will be at Waleria Clubhouse on **Friday, June 22nd**

(a week early—MAFCA convention)
Meeting starts at 7:30PM.

The **July** meeting is **Friday, July 27th** at Waleria clubhouse.

Come a little early an help set up and meet your Model A friends.



Technical Activities

NOTICE!

Due to water leak doing damage at the garage, hold off on our Saturday meetings until further notice.

Al's Garage, 907 Van Ness, Torrance CA

Tours

Reminder:
MAFCA National Convention is next week, **June 24-29** in Reno.

See you there!

Several car shows and swap meets coming up. Tis' the season, you know!

"You never know you needed that 'thing' until you saw it."



Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing. On **Tuesday, July 10th** at 7pm. Exact room TBD.

We will be planning up-coming events. All are welcome.

Please visit our awesome website
Check it out:

www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com



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Tim's Team Talk
A Note from our President
Tim Harrison



A View From the Slow Lane

Pat and I went to Catalina this weekend and we felt like we had been transported back to the 20's and 30's. What took us to Catalina was we wanted to attend the annual silent film festival. This year's film was *Houdini in Terror Island* starring Harry Houdini and Lila Lee. The movie was partially filmed on Catalina Island in 1920.

Each year attendees are encouraged to come dressed in period attire. There was more vintage clothing than ever. Coinciding with the film was an art deco exhibition and gala this weekend with dinner, dance and vintage clothing judging. Those who were decked out in vintage clothing were representing their art deco groups from San Francisco and Los Angeles. We were told that there is a really big get together in San Francisco with cars and clothing at the *Great Gatsby* event (Elaine. . . sounds like a good tour).



We thought you might enjoy the picture of the playbill and pictures taken of two couples in their vintage clothing.

Pat and I enjoy the "hunt" for vintage clothing which we wear a couple of times a year. If you are interested in vintage clothing, let me remind you that the *Restorer* and *Model A News* have an article on vintage clothing in each issue.

Tim



MAFFI Newsletter Minute

June 2018



Model A Days are fast approaching and we are so excited for all the activities and things to see and do this year. If you haven't made your plans to attend, it's not too late!

We were just notified that our web camera is up and running again so if you haven't had a chance to see this, go to our website at <http://www.maffi.org> and click on camera.

I have attached a file for you for the Model A Day events. Please feel free to print this out and share at your next club meeting.

Thank you for your support of MAFFI!
Marsha Quesnel, Trustee
clubcontact@maffi.org

July Birthdays

- 1 Doris Marshall
- 1 Steven Thompson
- 7 Bill Kealey
- 10 Mike Wright
- 13 Mirco Pisu
- 18 Donnis Bates
- 20 Joe Freitag
- 25 Noralene Porper
- 27 Pat Harrison



July Anniversaries

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



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

This has been a busy month for the club. I think I have been to half a dozen shows and driven the Cabriolet a couple hundred miles. What is fun is that there is more to come! Three of us represented the Club at the Muckenthaller Concours in Fullerton. Great and un-

usual cars and great entertainment, too. The Edelbrock show in Torrance is always interesting with emphasis on performance. 1000 horsepower cars are pretty exciting. Wayne Sterling represented us there. All summer is the Ruby's car show in Redondo Beach on Fridays. Jan and I always take that one in. Lots of different cars with many early classics.

The most recent adventure was the Downey Club's 'Henry Ford Picnic' in Santa Fe Springs, CA. 65 mostly Model As and 160 people. Lots of food and a great raffle. Harbor came away with many raffle winners and trophy winners, too. Jan's Cabriolet took 1st prize of People's Choice, Bobby DeCrescenzo's Sedan took 2nd prize of People's Choice and Gary Guttormson's coupe took 'Most in Need of Help' (or something like that) award. Always a fun day. Thank You Downey Club for all your work.

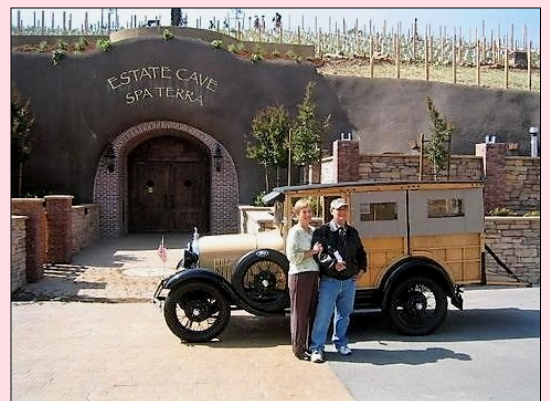
Jan and I are getting ready for MAFCA Convention in Reno. National meets are really fun. Great cars, interesting seminars, old and new friends, and great tours. Will report on it next month.

Dick



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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.



Ruby's "Cruise at the Beach"

Ruby's Diner 245 N. Harbor Drive in Redondo Beach (by the pier) is hosting 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 A's. Many Harbor Club members show their cars and enjoy a great meal in the diner. Check it out. There is a nice drawing and trophies are awarded each week.

Parking is free to participating cars.

Hope to see you there.



Monday Supper at Hof's Hut

We have been meeting for dinner on Mondays 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 4:30 PM.



2018 Membership, Roster and Club Merchandise Items

Gloria and Jim have a selection of new **Club merchandise**. We have hats, shirts, patches, t-shirts and we have added 60th anniversary items. More to come.

The **2018 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1.50 They are also available 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 **HarborLight**.

Sunshine Report by Theresa LeFall

Drain Marshall has been in and out of the hospital for check-ups. At last check, he was home. A card or a phone call would be appreciated. Thinking of you, Drain and Doris. Get well soon.



Price Reduced!

Long time club member downsizing his inventory. Selling recently restored (2015) late '31 **AA Stake Bed truck**. Solid roof, indented firewall. Runs great. New tires. 4-speed trans. Lots of extra parts. 12 volts, LED taillights. Current registration.

Asking \$20,000 OBO. Located in Torrance, CA.



HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

May 18, 2018 Walteria Clubhouse

PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison—called the meeting to order at 7:31

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Jack Gordinier—led the flag salute

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Dick Wyckoff, Doris & Drain Marshall, Monty Bates, Tim Harrison

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Elaine Pisu moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the HarborLight. The motion was seconded by Daffy. All in favor.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson—shared about items available for the opportunity drawing.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner—reported that the club has an acceptable balance. Monty submitted \$30 more from recycling for a total of \$132 for the year.

HARBORLIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff—Asked members to let him know if you didn't receive your HarborLight. Articles for the next issue are due the weekend before June 22. Reminded us that Memorial Day is coming up to remember those who gave all for their country.

WEBMASTER: Sue Hankins—Traveling. Did updates requested while traveling.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt—Requested that members trade in blue rosters for the most recent update.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:--Doris Marshall won the women's prize, and Tim Harrison won the men's

TECHNICAL & SAFETY: Cliff LeFall—Absent. Al's garage is in process of being repaired

SERGEANT AT ARMS (badge money): Jack Gordinier—collected \$3.25

SUNSHINE: Doris Marshall & Theresa LeFall—Doris thanked Theresa for doing a good with sunshine. It is terrific that Daffy is up and about. Drain is getting better a little each day. Received a call from Theresa during the meeting telling us that Steve N. is being operated on this week and is receiving a card.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: Birthdays: 1 Joan Young, 8 Michael Larquier, 10 Weeg Thompson, 13 Joan Gordinier, 13 Larry Migliazzo, 14 Fran Earhart, 15 Frank Young, 21 Jim Huizdos, 23 Andy Soto, 24 Julia Duenes Anniversaries: 2 Frank & Joan Young (67), 4 Richard & Jeanne Parrish, 5 Dan & Liz Fitzgerald, 5 Diana & Marty Murphy, 14 Jim & Kathy Valot, 22 Greg & Fran Earhart, 26 Willie & Darlene Duncan, 26 Cliff & Theresa LeFall, 26 Ed & Julia Duenes

TOOLS COORDINATOR: Bobby DeCrescenzo—Two tools were lent out to members this week. Glad to hear members are working on their cars.

MODEL A TIRES: Bruce MacIntosh from Orange County is getting together a group order for Goodyear tires. He needs an order of 20 tires to get the deal of \$155 for black walls, \$195 for white walls, \$12 per tube, and \$1 per rim liner.

Contact Bruce at 949 857-4723 for info and to order. Cash up front is required and delivery will be in a month or two.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson—Jim & Dianne Runyon and Noralene Porper brought the refreshments this evening. Thank you!

CLOCK PRIZE: Joan Gordinier—winner of our clock prize was Gloria Younkin

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos—Everything is good.

MERCHANDISE: Gloria Younkin—Nothing new to report.

TOURS: Elaine Pisu—Muckenthaller this Sunday (members going make own arrangements).

Henry Ford Picnic—be sure to send in reservation form with money for your lunch—meet at Harbor Freight at 8:30—leave at 8:45—There will be a freeway and a surface street group.

Little Sisters of the Poor—June 16—meet at club at 9:15—leave at 9:30—fun event with lunch.

Solvang--July 13-15—Weeg coordinating the play. Order forms available for t-shirts—short sleeve w/one image \$15 & two images \$20—long sleeve one image \$20 & two images \$25.

OLD BUSINESS: None

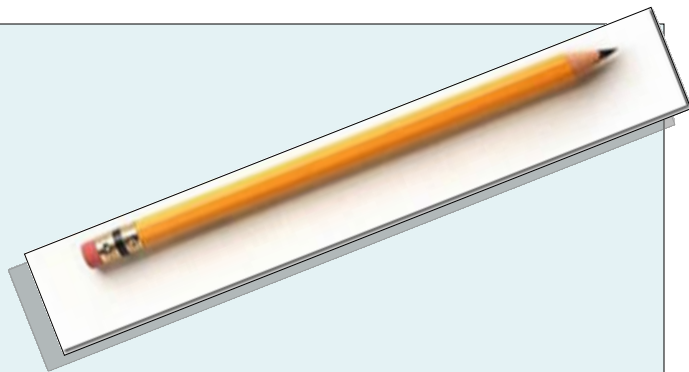
NEW BUSINESS: Rob Hernandez shared that this Veteran's Day will be the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. Don't miss The Torrance Armed Forces Parade. The city of Torrance is opening an American Legion.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, June 22 at 7:30 pm Walteria Club House, Torrance

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 5 at 7 pm at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West Wing

MEETING ADJOURNED: Jim Huizdos moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Dick Wyckoff. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 for refreshments

Respectfully submitted: Pat Harrison, Secretary



This interesting article appeared in the latest edition of the AAA magazine, *Westways*. Maybe this will answer some questions on which motor oil to use

DriveSmart

Better Motor Oil, Better Protection

Q: What's the difference between synthetic and regular motor oil? Which one should I use?

By Peter Bohr | Illustration by Michelle Fantasko



A: You might not have a choice, especially if you have a newer vehicle. Most automakers, be they American, European, or Asian, require the use of synthetic motor oil in some or all of their new cars. Using conventional oil in such vehicles may void your car's warranty, requiring you to foot the bill for any engine repairs.

Moreover, recent tests by AAA Automotive Engineering revealed that synthetic oil gives 47 percent better engine protection than conventional oil for all cars, older ones included. AAA found that synthetic oil is especially beneficial for vehicles that are used for towing, that operate in very cold or hot climates, or that frequently encounter stop-and-go traffic—situations not unfamiliar to Southern California drivers.

Engines have become more demanding of their lubricants. The internals of modern engines have to be kept clean because tolerances between their moving parts are tight. If motor oil deteriorates, it can cause a buildup of engine-killing sludge—something that plagued certain Chrysler, Toyota, and Volkswagen engines, among others, in the early 2000s.

In addition, engine turbocharging is now common, and oils must withstand the heat generated by turbos. And automaker-recommended intervals between oil changes have lengthened. Synthetic oil is better at handling these demands.

Synthetic motor oil isn't made from corn husks, recycled cardboard, or some such thing. According to Mobil, makers of Mobil 1 synthetic oil, both conventional and synthetic motor oil have their origin underground.

But motor oils don't just squirt out of the earth and straight into plastic bottles with colorful labels. Conventional motor oil is refined from crude oil, a relatively easy process compared with the manufacture of synthetic oil. The latter is

broken down into basic molecules, which are then tailored to give specific quality-enhancing properties—designer oil, if you will.

Automakers have become so picky that some not only require synthetic oil but also call for synthetic oil of their own unique blend: Dexos-licensed oils for General Motors cars and "Twin-Power Turbo" oil for BMWs are two examples.

The upshot? You won't go wrong if you use the motor oil specified in your owner's manual. You don't necessarily have to use an automaker's own brand, but you should use an oil that complies with the automaker's requirements. If the manual recommends a conventional oil—typical of older cars—you won't damage the engine by using it. But it won't offer the same long-term protection that a synthetic oil provides, AAA says.

You can safely switch to synthetic motor oil with an older engine, too. The only caveat: If the engine has high mileage or has had infrequent oil changes, you may have to change the oil a couple of times within the first 5,000 miles of switching. Synthetic oil is really good at ridding the engine of built-up deposits and sludge, and the oil will quickly become dirty. After that, you can return to the change intervals prescribed by the automaker.

Some people believe that if you switch to synthetic oil with an older engine, you can never go back to regular oil. That's one of several myths about synthetic oil, according to Pennzoil. To learn about more myths, type "Pennzoil synthetic oil myths" into your Internet search engine.

The downside of synthetic oil is that it costs between \$2 and \$4 more per quart. Since engines typically hold 5 to 8 quarts, that's as much as 30 bucks or so more per oil change. But if it saves you from costly engine repairs down the road, that's a small price to pay.

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Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



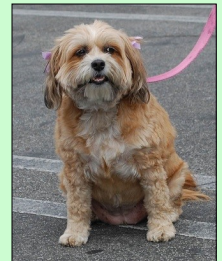
Harbor As are Keeping Busy

On June 16th we had 7 Model A's go to the Little Sisters of the Poor in San Pedro and offered rides to residents, sisters and visitors as they celebrated Fathers Day. Thanks to Monty & Donniss for leading the group and to Steve Freidrich, Jim Huizdos, Gary Guttormson, Cliff LeFall, Steve & Weeg Thompson and Dick Wyckoff for making this a special event.

July 13, 14 & 15 we head to our drive and dine event in Solvang. It is always a great event so please be sure and sign up at the upcoming meeting. Weeg has organized Friday night at the Theater in Solvang. We will have a tour on Saturday and head home on Sunday.

July 22nd is the Wounded Warriors Car Show in Redondo Beach. Dennis Simpson has organized this event so please confirm with Dennis if you will be attending. Once again Dennis & Linda have offered to have everyone meet at their home before the show and caravan over together. Let Dennis know if you will be joining on this show. Last year we won the Most Participants at the show for having a great group of Harbor A's in attendance.

Don't forget to put September 22nd on your calendar to attend the tour to The Nethercutt Museum. Details to follow.



Photos by Donniss Bates

Other Car Events of Interest for 2018

June 23 (Sat) - Fountain Valley **Car Show**. FV Sports Park, 16400 Brookhurst St, FV, CA 92708. 7am -3pm.

June 24-29 - MAFCA **National Convention** in Reno/Sparks, NV.

July 13-15 — Solvang **Drive and Dine**. Always a fun club event. Orange County to join us this year!

July 21 (Sat) - Long Beach Model T Club **Swap Meet**. Long Beach Vet Stadium. Info: Jeff Hood 562-597-5936

July 22 (Sun) - Wounded Warriors **Car Show** in Redondo Beach. 310-343-9634

Aug 5 (Sun) - WALTERIA Business Men's Club **car show**. 10am—2pm. 22939 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance. 310-791-8255

Aug 11 (Sat) - Rock 'n Roll **car show**. Rock-ola Jukebox Factory 2335 208th St Torrance CA. Free

Aug 18 (Sat) - El Segundo **Car Show**. ESPOA and Chamber of Commerce sponsors. See Dick Wyckoff for info.

Aug 19 (Sun) - SFV Model A Club **Swap meet**. Rancho San Antonio, 21000 Plummer St., Chatsworth CA 91311

Muckenthaller Car Show

May 20th, 2018

Three Harbor members took the 25 mile freeway ride to Fullerton for the annual Muckenthaller Concours. We met up with 30 other As and Ts and caravanned to the museum a couple miles away. There we joined up with the concours cars already on display. Steve and Weeg Thompson, Dick Wyckoff, Wayne and Larry Sterling met up with Jim and Dianne Runyon and others from Orange County. Together we represented the Model A community very well.



Model "A" ccessories

Traffic Signal Finders

These handy little gadgets were quite popular in the early days of automobiles. For the Model A, the design with the visor sticking out over the windshield made seeing the overhead traffic signals difficult to see without scrunching down and twisting your neck. These little reflectors worked similar to our modern side mirrors that say "objects in mirror are closer than they seem". The concave shape makes objects look smaller and closer. It also shows a wider angle view, like a fish eye lens. All in all, they seemed to work quite well as they remained popular throughout the 50's.

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Eggs	15¢ per dozen
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Fresh Baked Bread	9¢ per loaf

2018 Henry Ford Picnic Santa Fe Springs CA

The Harbor Area club had a great time at the Henry Ford Picnic sponsored by the Downey Model A Club. This annual affair draws an average of 65 autos and 160 people. Good food, good prizes, nice people and warm weather are the norm for this event. This year, Harbor had 26 members attend the event with seven cars.

Harbor came away with some nice raffle items and trophies. Probably the most surprising event was Harbor won all the car trophies! First People's Choice trophy went to Dick and Jan Wyckoff and their Cabriolet, second place People's Choice went to Bobby DeCrescenzo and his Tudor Sedan and 'Most in need of TLC' (or something) went to Gary Guttormson and his Coupe. The 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 cash drawing was shared by Cliff and Theresa LeFall. Nice job, folks!



Harbor cars (with Al's AA truck)



Overall view of picnic



Happy Birthday to Weeg Thompson



Cash winners Cliff and Theresa LeFall



Trophy winners Bobby DeCrescenzo,
Gary Guttormson, and Dick Wyckoff



Harbor Area Model A Club
2018 Henry Ford Picnic

Harbor Club Visits Little Sisters of the Poor

This is our third visit to Little Sisters bringing some excitement to the residents. Seven Model A's caravanned from Torrance to San Pedro. The group consisted of Steve and Weeg Thompson, Monty and Donnis Bates, Gary Guttormson, Cliff LeFall, Jim Huizdos, Steve Freidrich and Dick Wyckoff. Once at the facility, several Sisters and their guests greeted us and pretty soon we were off and giving rides. We were treated to lunch and snacks. Everything went smoothly and everyone had a good time.



Ready for the journey



Spreading a little cheer to the folks at Little Sisters of the Poor



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Friday afternoon at Ruby's in Redondo Beach CA

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