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The Harbor Model A Club and the Orange County Model A Club in Solvang CA.

Great weekend with friends and family.



Upcoming Business Meetings

The **July** business meeting will be at Walteria Clubhouse on

Meeting starts at 7:30PM. The August meeting is Friday, August 31st at Walteria 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



Several car shows and swap meets coming up. Tis' car show season, you know! 'You never know you needed that 'thing' until you see it."



Check the schedules on page 7.



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

We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome.



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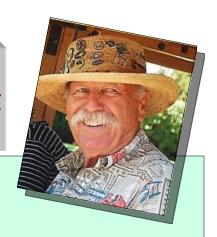


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A View From the Slow Lane



Just looking back on another memorable weekend in Solvang. This year's "Drive and Dine" had good company, good food and lots of activities for everyone. Over 30 Model A members enjoyed moderate weather and tours of wild flowers, antique shops, new culinary delights, free gambling at

the local Indian casino, and the spectacular play on a new take on the drama "As the World Turns."

Our Saturday tour to Lompoc also included the annual fly-in of piper cubs with family oriented flying skills and education.

This is always an event that members look forward to and enjoy sharing stories and time together. Don't forget next year's "Drive and Dine" will July 12-14.





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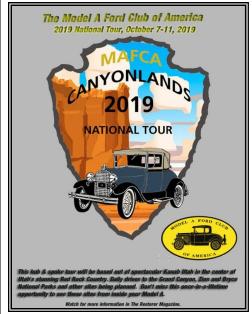
As you can imagine, by now, arrangements are set for this year's Model A Day at The Gilmore (Saturday, September 15th). This year we are pleased to announce six Model A seminars as part of the events planned. Much work has been involved in preparing material from our fellow

Model A hobbyists. Three of the seminars are focused on more technical aspects, including Model A Glass, Model A Wood and Model A Front End Alignment. We also have seminars that address other areas of interest including Shopping online for Era Fashions, Preparing Your Model A for Touring and tips and ideas regarding Buying and Selling a Model A.

Model A Day at our Model A Ford Museum at The Gilmore offers many opportunities to see a variety of unique and award winning Model A's andto learn more about the Model A through interaction with other hobbyists and through planned and organized seminars. We hope you will join by attending Model A Day on the Gilmore Museum grounds located in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

Sincerely, John Begg, President





August Birthdays

Sandy Ragon Janice Dalton

- 13 Phyllis DeCrescenzo
- 14 Greg Earhart
- 15 Marty Murphy
- 18 Linda Skinner
- 19 Michael Klyde

- 20 Jeanne Webb
- 20 Dorothy Knott
- 23 Jack Gordinier
- 24 Gwen Valot
- 25 Dick Valot
- 26 Monty Bates
- 31 Theresa LeFall

August Appiversaries



- Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs
- Steven & Weeg Thompson
- Doris & Drain Marshall
- 19 Mary & James Walker
- 22 Linda & Ed Firth
- 25 Steve & Mary Ann Friedrich

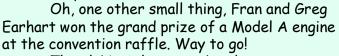


Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Wow! Has this been a busy Model A summer! To start the month off, I drove (the modern) on Saturday to Reno for the MAFCA National Meet. The 10 hour trip from LA to Reno along scenic 395 highway is always interesting. When I got there, lots of As were checking in the hotel from all over the country. I heard there were about 535 registrations.



As always, I got to renew Model A friendships and make new ones. I took in the swap meets, several seminars and food events (of course) and a boat trip on Lake Tahoe with Jack and Joan Gordinier. I had to leave early Wednesday due to commitments at home, but still enjoyed the event.



The club's Solvang weekend was great fun. Jan and I drove the Cabriolet and put close to 400 miles on it that weekend. If you So. Cal members need a long weekend get-away, try Solvang. The Harbor Club has been doing this for several years.

It's swap meet time! Don't know what I

need 'till I see it. You know how that is. . . .







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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

Good to see Steve Newton at Hof's Hut on Monday. He has been sidelined with a back problem, but is slowly recovering. Hope to see you driving the Model A again!



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, 4speed 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

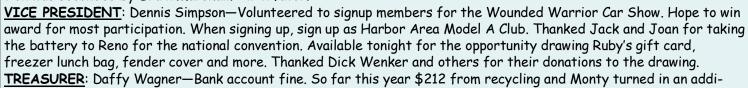
June 22, 2018 Walteria Clubhouse, Torrance CA

<u>PRESIDENT</u>: Tim Harrison--called the meeting to order at 7:30
<u>SALUTE TO THE FLAG</u>: Jack Gordinier—led the flag salute
<u>RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS</u>: Dick Wyckoff, Doris &

Drain Marshall, Monty Bates, Tim Harrison

tional \$30 tonight.

<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u>: Wayne Sterling moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the July HarborLight. The motion was seconded by Drain Marshall. All in favor.



<u>HARBORLIGHT EDITOR</u>: Dick Wyckoff—Wanted to thank Donnis for many of the pictures in the HarborLight from recent club events. Article about oil in this issue that answers questions you might have.

<u>WEBMASTER</u>: Sue Hankins—Is still gallivanting with Pat. Feel free to email items for the web site and she will make updates.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>: Ursi Schmidt—Reported that have had problems with embroidery business we have used for years. Trying to change to a company Jim knows.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: Weeg won the women's prize and Joe Jankiewicz won the men's.

<u>TECHNICAL DIRECTOR</u>: Cliff LeFall—Garage will remain closed for 2-3 more weeks. If you have car troubles, call Cliff. Two members did and were happy with the results. Said the trip to Little Sisters of the Poor was a lot of fun. **SERGEANT AT ARMS** (badge money): Jack Gordinier—collected \$3.

<u>SUNSHINE</u>: Doris Marshall & Theresa LeFall—Reported that Rhoda is in hospice and being cared for very well. Glad to have Doris and Drain back. Glad Ursi is back after having a wall fall on her and the dog taking her down. Steve Newton at Monday dinner after having surgery. Fran and Greg's grandson in hospital with doctors trying to figure out what is causing his illness. Sandy Ragon's sister is recovering from a serious reaction to a cat bite. Ed Firth's brother passed after his battle with cancer.

<u>JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:</u> <u>BIRTHDAYS:</u> Doris Marshall 1, Steven Thompson 1, Bill Kealey 7, Mike Wright 10, Mirco Pisu 13, Donnis Bates 18, Joe Freitag 20, Noralene Porper 25, Pat Harrison 27 <u>ANNIVERSARIES:</u> Vince & Beverly Migliazzo 2, Mirco & Elaine Pisu 3, Jim & Dianne Runyon 6, Ron & Sandy Ragon 9, Jack & Joan Gordinier 13, Bob & Carol Olsen 23

TOOLS COORDINATOR: Bobby DeCrescenzo—Absent

<u>REFRESHMENTS:</u> Weeg Thompson—Dennis & Linda Simpson and Tim & Pat Harrison brought the refreshments this evening. Thank you!

CLOCK PRIZE: Joan Gordinier—winner of our clock prize is Art Wagner.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos—No report.

MERCHANDISE: Gloria Younkin—She has a list for those wishing to order.

TOURS: Elaine Pisu-Solvang July 13-15, Orcutt Car Show 9/8 from 9 to 3.

Weeg Thompson—Twenty plus have signed up for the play. The play won a Tony Award and if interested, Weeg will try to get more tickets.

<u>OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS</u>: Solvang t-shirts & bags available—let Weeg know if you would like to order. We received a thank you letter from the Diamond Tread Club for our donations to the Henry Ford Picnic opportunity drawing.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Dennis presented Jim Huizdos with a can of elbow grease from the club for his birthday. Figured he could use a little help getting his fleet in order.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Friday, July 27, 2018, at Walteria Park, 7:30 pm

<u>NEXT BOARD MEETING</u>: July 10, 2018, at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, West Wing, 7 pm

<u>MEETING ADJOURNED</u>: Doris moved that the meeting be adjourned: it was seconded by Weeg at 8:20 pm. The meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted: Secretary, Pat Harrison



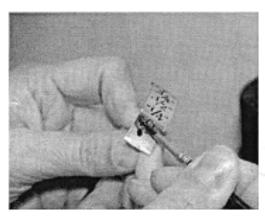
Technical Talk

Restoring Fuel Level Indicator

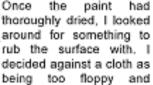
After spending over 80 years inside the gas tank of my 1930 standard coupe, the fuel indicator was looking pretty sad. Paint was missing from the numbers and the overall appearance was dingy and tarnished, I'decided to see if I could bring it back to life.

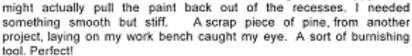
Since the numbers are actually stamped into the indicator, lower than the surrounding surface, I figured I might be able to flow some new paint into the recesses, wait until it dried, and try to rub the paint off the top surface, leaving just the numbers painted. It worked like a champ, Here's what I did,

I gathered up a small artist's brush, a tiny cup, and some <u>fuel proof</u> paint. This is the same model airplane paint recommended to repaint your carburetor. After shaking the paint up for at least a full minute, I squirted some into the small cup.

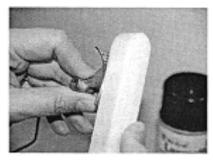


Getting just a bit of paint on the tip of the brush, I let the paint flow into the recesses of the numbers where they had been chipped or eaten away over the years.

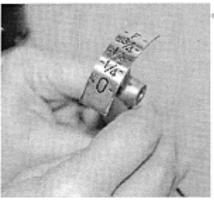








I rubbed it over the now dried paint and it not only took off the unwanted paint around the numbers but it had a sort of polishing effect on the metal as well.



Whatever the surface of the indicator is plated with, it came right back, shiny as new and the numbers looked terrific (the lovely hands belong to my wife. I'm manning the camera.)

This is going to look great, even behind the old, original bezel.

After cleaning and polishing the inner and outer rings as best I could, my gas gauge is

ready to be reinstalled in the fuel tank and give another 80 plus years of service.

Brian Amato, Kwesting@aol.com, Membership Number 53732, Traverse City, Michigan

Phoenix Model A Club "Action A" January 2017



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



If it's August, the Pisu's are heading to Italy



July has been a VERY BUSY month for the Harbor A's. We made our annual *Drive and Dine* pilgrimage to Solvang. We had 31 participants and what a great time we had. Our group even included 6 members of the Orange County A's. It was great to have such a good turnout. Thanks Weeg for organizing an evening at the Solvang theatre. It's always a fun evening.

On Saturday we toured to Lompoc and enjoyed driving thru the fields in search of flowers. We then went into the center of Lompoc and strolled in a couple of stores, saw some wonderful murals and then headed to Ernie's Grill for lunch. After lunch, the seven Model As headed to the Lompoc Airport and watched the Piper Cub Fly In. We enjoyed watching the pilots fly over a barrel in the middle of a field and drop a bag of flour in an attempt to put the bag in the barrel. No one actually made it, but several were very close. Fun Time!!. This year more of us ventured out to the Chumash Casino and found it to be a lot of fun. Some people even won although the winners shall remain nameless!

On Thursday, July 19th we participated in the City of Torrance Rock Around the Block. A really great car show and community street fair. It's fun to participate in a small town history celebration. We had a hula hoop contest, rock painting and a yo-yo demo to keep us entertained. We had 11 Model A's and 23 members participate in the show. Elaine even got to drive Art Wagner's hot rod, boy was that a blast!!

Then on Sunday, July 22nd several members went to the **Wounded Warriors Car Show** in Redondo Beach. What a great event to support. Thanks to Linda and Dennis Simpson for hosting the continental breakfast before the show. We had 9 cars and 19 members participate.

Don't forget September 8th is our picnic and September 22 we are headed to the Nethercutt Museum.

See you in six weeks. Mirco and I are visiting family in Italy and will be back in September.

Elaine

Other Car Events of Interest for 2018

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) - 21st El Segundo Car Show. 10am—3pm. Main Street. Contact Dick Wyckoff for more info.

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

October 6 (Sat) - OC Model T Club Swap Meet. 2311 E. Chapman, Fullerton CA. 7am to 1pm

Jan 26-26, 2019— Turlock Swap Meet. Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. 7am to 5pm

Some show car pictures from MAFCA National Convention in Reno/Sparks NV





































Drive and Dine Tour Solvang CA July 2018











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Harbor Model A Club at the Wounded Worriors Show, Redondo Beach CA

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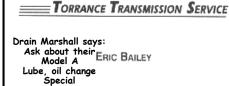










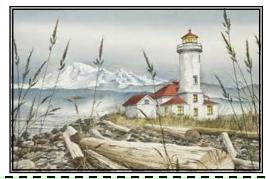


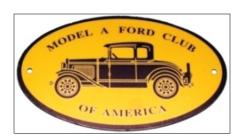
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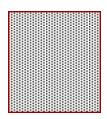
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