

# Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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

## January 2019

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#### Upcoming Business Meetings

The January Business meeting will be held at the <u>Bluewater Grill, 665 North</u> Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach 90277 on Saturday, January 26th, 2019. Time: 11am to 4pm. See flyer in Dec. Harborlight.



The **February** meeting will be back Clubhouse on Friday, Feb 22nd at 7:30pm. Come early and help set up and chát with your Model A friends.

#### Tours

No planned tours, however, drive your Model A to the January meeting at the Bluewater Grill. It's a daytime event and parking had been set aside for our As.

#### See you at the Bluewater Grill!

- Tim's Team Talk Dues info
- Birthdays/Anniversaries-Editor's Corner
- Club merchandise
- Local car gatherings—For Sale
- Business meeting notes
- Tech Talk— Overlooked lube points



#### **Technical** Activities

We're back in business! We meet from about 10am to noon to work on Model A projects. Bring you're Model A by and we'll work on it.

Al's Garage, 907 Van Ness, Torrance CA

## Next Board Meeting



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It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing, On Tuesday, January 8th at 7pm. Exact room TBD. We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome.

Please visit our awesome website Check it out: www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

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## A View From the Slow Lane

While sitting on Santa's lap at our annual cookie exchange I was asked whether I had been naughty or nice and told Santa the year had been filled with nothing but nice. Santa asked, "What was so nice?" and I said, "Let me tell you."

\*Safety check at the Simpson's

\*Pancake breakfast in Orange put on by Orange County Model A Club

- \*Henry Ford Picnic at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs
- \*Saturday's at Al's garage
- \*Muckenthaler Tour in Fullerton
- \*Nethercut Museum in Sylmar
- \*Monday night dinners at Hof's Hut
- \*Dine n' drive in Solvang (and all the fun activities that go with that)
- \*Wounded Warrior's Car Show
- \*Ruby's Diner on Friday nights in Redondo Beach
- \*Annual Picnic in the park with bingo and Hubley races
- \*Christmas parades in Wilmington and El Segundo
- \*Progressive with a tour of Richard Tupper's Car museum and shop
- \*Monthly Club and Board of Director Meetings
- \*Opportunity drawings
- \*Attending CCRG and NCRG conventions
- \*Newsletter with interesting, informative and fun articles and pictures
- \*MARC & MAFCA magazines (Pat finds the fashion the most interesting)

I'm sure I've left a few out but the sugarplum fairies are dancing around in my head since it is the most wonderful time of the year (plus my wife has more chores for me to complete). Santa then said to me, "Sounds like you have been very good so no thumb for you... Only the present of driving safely in the slow lane.

#### Tim Harrison, President

PS: Don't forget our banquet on Saturday, January 26, from 11 to 4 at the Bluewater Grill in Redondo Beach. Call Daffy to sign up. It would make a great holiday gift.

#### NOTE: Annual Dues are due

Please send in your Harbor MARC membership dues for the year 2019. Make the check out to " **Harbor M.A.R.C** . " and send it to:

Ursula Schmidt 26419 Pineknoll Ave. Harbor City, CA 90710 .

The dues for Harbor M.A.R.C. are \$30.

If you would also like to pay the National MARC dues at the same time, add \$45 and make the check out for \$75. (I will then forward your \$45 to MARC).

If you are getting the Harborlight Newsletter by regular mail, please add \$10 for postage and printing costs.

Thank you for supporting your Model A Club!! *Ursula Schmidt* 



For Sale: 1929 Tudor.

Good running condition, nice interior. Located in Redondo Beach CA Asking \$15,000. Call Chuck @ 310-625-3401



## January Birthdays

- 3 Darlene Duncan
- 5 Ted Dalton
- 11 Jerry Reine
- 12 Patti Migliazzo
- 16 Anne Kealey
- 25 Ed Firth
- 29 Richard Saliture



#### Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

The So. Cal Christmas season is here. The temperature this morning was 51 deg. I had to put a sweater on! Seriously, I hope everyone is enjoying the season and wish all a



January Anniversaries

29 Gary Kuhlmann & Lynn Waters

great holiday and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The Harbor Club participated in the Holiday parades in the area. Wilmington and El Segundo had parades the same day, so we had reps in both parades. Happens every year.

This is a good time to check on the health of your Model As. Take some time to lube the moving parts that don't get much attention. I wrote a little article about it in the tech section.

Al's Garage was busy this last Saturday. Gary Kuhlmann brought his '28 Phaeton to the workshop. Bad head gasket. We got it disassembled and Gary is going to do some cleanup work before reassembly. Should be a fun car to go touring in.

Again, have a wonderful holiday and a great New Year....

Dick



Gary Kuhlmann's '28 Phaeton in for repairs

#### 'A' Project for Al's Garage



The 'Team' inspecting the project. Monty, Jack, Cliff, Gary, and Steve



Head removal tool installed. Tool owned by the club

#### 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.



#### 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.



### 2019 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 2019 Harbor phonebooks/rosters will be available soon. 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 Harbor Light.



 Running, stock Model A FORD Engine Asking \$2,000.
 1930 / 1931 Steering wheel (excellent Condition) \$100.00
 New set of Seat springs for 1930 / 1931 coupe. \$300.00

Please call Greg at: 562-869-0870 for details. Fob Downey, Ca





#### Price Reduced Again!

Long time club member downsizing his inventory. Selling recently restored (2015) late '**31** AA Stake Bed truck. Solid roof, indented firewall. Runs great. 6 New tires. 4speed trans. Lots of extra parts. 12 volts, LED taillights. Current registration.

Asking **\$17,500** OBO. Located in Torrance, CA. If interested, contact : Al Avoian at 310-328-3350



HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

Walteria Park, Torrance CA November 23, 2018

<u>PRESIDENT</u>: Tim Harrison--called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. <u>SALUTE TO THE FLAG:</u> Jack Gordinier—led the flag salute.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Dick Wyckoff, Doris & Drain Marshall, Carla Hibbard, Tim Harrison MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Elaine Pisu moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the December HarborLight. The motion was seconded by Jim Speights. All were in favor.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson—Thanked Elaine for a fun poker run and Joan for dessert. Elaine said it was a group effort. Last night for this year for our opportunity drawing. Hope that everyone has enjoyed the items brought by him and Linda. Dennis is still accepting gifts for the banguet.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner—reported the club account balance is fine. We have money coming in from dues. She is collecting money for the banguet. Forms for the banguet are available and were designed by Monty and Donnis Bates.

HARBORLIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff-Was pleased with the group picture on front of the December issue of the HarborLight. All could be seen very clearly. A couple of cars for sale are published in the paper this month. There are two parades on December 9. If you want to be in the El Segundo parade, call Dick and let him know. Then just show up on Main Street near Imperial at noon. Information is in the newsletter. Parade starts at 1.

WEBMASTER: Sue Hankins—Absent—In Florida celebrating Pat's birthday—If you have anything, email it to her. **MEMBERSHIP**: Ursi Schmidt—Membership dues are due. So far 35 have paid. Save the club a stamp and give her your dues. Dues are \$75 (\$30 for our club and \$45 for MARC). If you want the newsletter mailed, add \$10.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall— Took shocks apart so he could see how it works. It found it a bugger to take apart. He said that if the shock moves up and down it is good. Let him know if you have guestions. Garage is open Saturday.

SUNSHINE: Doris Marshall & Teresa LeFall—We have been a pretty healthy group for the last couple of months. Larry had an operation and he said to tell the gang hi and he is doing well. He had a toe removed. Wayne had a little bit of a setback. We are happy to see Ruxella (she thanked everyone for cards and calls). Please let us know good news and bad.

BADGE MONEY—Jack Gordinier collected \$1.80.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: BIRTHDAYS: Gary Guttormson 1, Wayne Sterling 4, Dick Wenker 7, Dan Fitzgerald 10, Anita Perreten 10, Sue Hankins 11, Mary Walker 15, Bob DeCrescenzo 17, Ruxella Speights 20, Greg Clayton 21, Jeanne Parrish 23, Jim Valot 25, Amy Knott 25, Gary Gaffney 29 ANNIVERSARIES: Jack & Julie Goldberg 1.

TOOLS COORDINATOR: Bobby DeCrescenzo—Loaned out a tool last month--member still has it. The club does not have a tool to make taking a shock apart easier. Might be something we get if available.

**REFRESHMENTS**: Weeg Thompson—Not sure who to thank but to the people who went to the progressive and didn't it eat all we appreciate your sharing the leftovers. There is an amazing selection of goodies tonight. **MEMBERSHIP** DRAWING: Carla Hibbard won the women's and Cliff LeFall won the men's.

CLOCK PRIZE: Rob Hernandez won the clock prize 7:47.

TOURS: Elaine Pisu—Progressive was fun hanging out at Richard Tupper's at the movie theater and then going over to the barn. He is building a gigantic jeep 175% of the original size. Two parades, sign up if you want to come. Stonefire Grill on the 14th at 4:30 and cookie exchange at the Pisu's after. A list of some of next year's events has been compiled. Malibu tour that was cancelled last year so maybe we can do this year. January 26, 2019, from 11-4 for the banguet at the Bluewater Grill. Bring your cars and meet there. There will be a reserved area for our cars. Registration forms are now available for CCRG. Let Elaine know and she will email one to you.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS: Elections: Tours—Our new officers were voted in and are as follows: Elaine Pisu— Tours, Cliff LeFall—Technical, Daffy Wagner—Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS: Fun fact: If you take the year you were born, and add your age it should come to 2018.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Friday, December 14, 2018, at 4:30 at Stonefire Grill, 25352 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance for our annual holiday dinner and cookie exchange will follow at the Pisu's.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Torrance Memorial West Tower.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**: Linda Simpson moved that the meeting be adjourned, it was seconded by Cliff LeFall. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. for the opportunity drawing and then for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted: Secretary, Pat Harrison



## <u>Technical Talk</u>

## Overlooked Model A Lube Points

By Dick Wyckoff

Like most Model A drivers, I try to lube all the fittings specified in the lube charts at the appropriate interval. However, there are several others locations that are not mentioned that I think should be visited on occasion. I have listed 12 but there are probably more depending on the body style you own, truck, sedan, convertible, etc. I use 3-in-1 oil because it is convenient, but any oil would probably work fine.

- \*Leading the list are the <u>hood hinges</u>. There are three rods inside the formed sheet metal hinges that rarely get any attention. It takes some effort to get to the openings in the hinges from the underside. You have to come from left and right sides to get all the openings.
- \*While we are working on the hood, how about a couple drops of oil in the <u>hood latches</u>. They are exposed to the weather and rarely if ever get any attention.
- \*While under the hood, a drop of oil in the spring-loaded ends of the <u>spark and throttle rods</u>. They wear too.
- \*Moving to the vehicle cab, there are some forgotten locations there too. One that comes to mind is the <u>bushing</u> where the throttle control rod and the spark control rod go down the steering column just behind the steering wheel. On the '28-'29, the bushing is very easy to locate. It is slightly hidden on the '30-'31. Just a drop of oil there and you will be surprised how easily the control rods move.
- \*Simple locations while in the cab are the <u>door hinges and door latches</u>. Perhaps a little oil on the door stop wouldn't hurt either.
- \*Also in the cab, a little graphite lube in the <u>ignition key</u> might make things work easier. No oil here.
- \*While I don't have a seat adjustment on my cars, I think some lube (your choice) on the <u>screw</u> <u>mechanism and the track</u> would be in order.
- \*The upper <u>windshield hinge</u> is tough to get at. Perhaps WD-40 or a silicone spray lube could work.

#### We have to get under the car for a couple more lube locations.

<u>\*Clutch linkage</u> needs to be lubed. A couple drops where necessary will do.

- \*How about the <u>emergency brake mechanism</u>? We have the linkage itself and the pawl mechanism, both need a drop or two.
- \*Probably one of the most used pivot points that never get attention are the <u>clevis pins</u> at the end of the brake rods. They get used every time we use the brake. A drop of heavier, engine oil would work well here.
- \*The last on my list is the seldom used <u>trunk or rumble hinge</u>. A drop wouldn't hurt.
- \*Not mentioned is the <u>window crank mechanism</u>. That would require removal of door panels thus not easily accessible.



<u>Touring with Elaine</u> By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



#### Looking Back and Looking Ahead

What a great way to end 2018! We had a good turnout at Stonefire Grill last Friday night. 32 of our best Model A friends enjoyed a fun time. Lots of great food. Right after supper, we all ended up at the Pisu residence for our traditional 'Cookie exchange'. Lots of homemade and store bought goodies to enjoy.

Santa made a surprise visit to get the gang in the holiday spirit. Lots of pictures and laughs were enjoyed by all. Thanks, Santa. I understand you visited another event after ours. I guess it is that time of year to spread the holiday cheer.

Looking ahead to next year, our annual banquet will be held at the Bluewater Grill on Saturday, January 26th. Recognition for jobs well done and the new Board is officially on board.

Sunday, March 24th is the Orange County Pancake Breakfast. About 250 Model As show up with a few other treasures on display also. Add the date to your calendar.

For those that take in the Regional Meets, March 29-31 is the CCRG in Merced and two months later on March 27-30, we have the NCRG in Santa Rosa.

Weeg is already looking into entertainment for our Solvang 'Drive 'n Dine' to Solvang July 12-14. It is a fun weekend touring, eating, shopping, eating, visiting, eating, etc. I hope the fires this last year didn't destroy the beautiful countryside.

So you can see, we are lining up some fun events for 2019. Get those Model A ready to roll.

Elaine

## Other Car Events of Interest for 2018-2019

December 30th, 2018 (Sun) - Horseless Carriage Club Holiday Tour— Great fun tour. Meet at 3100 New York Drive, Pasadena. 7:30am. Tour departs at 9:30am. 1932 and older stock vehicles.
January 26, 2019 (Sat) - Henry's "T" party at the Auto Driving Museum. Open to all As and Ts. 10am-2pm.
January 26-27, 2019— Turlock Swap Meet. Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. 7am to 5pm
February 22-24, 2019- Big 3 Swap Meet Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego CA. Must see event.
March 29-31, 2019— CCRG in Merced, CA. More info to come
June 9, 2019 (Sun) - Henry Ford Picnic in Downey. More to come.

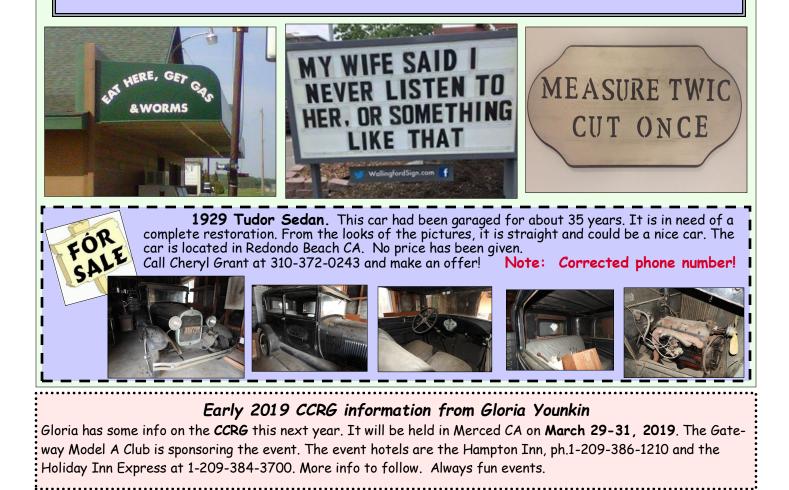
### MAFFI Newsletter Minute December 2018

This past Model A Day, we were fortunate enough to acquire Tim Kelly's Town Car and Town Car Delivery collection for a stellar display at your world class museum. The Board of Directors and trustees were sad to see the cars loaded up for their journey back to Con-



necticut at the festivities end. If only we had a Town Car of our own to display. As fate would have it, our President, John Begg, was introduced that day to Mr. Pete Walstrom of Washington who was in attendance to see Mr. Kelly's collection. It turned out that Pete owned a 1929 Town Car, and had thought of loaning it to The Foundation. He had restored it himself and wanted his efforts recognized and enjoyed by people from all over the country. The two men spoke a few more times over the weekend, and ultimately a deal was struck to ship the car from Washington to The Gilmore for display. It is a stunning car and has taken its rightful place as the focal point in the showroom entrance as the classiest model offered by Ford for 1929. A portrait of Henry himself hangs above the car with a look of approval on his face. Plan a visit to your museum soon, and see this amazing Model A in person.

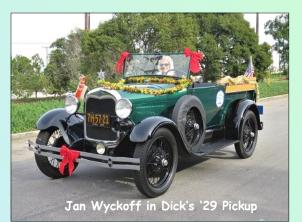
Greg Fish MAFFI Trustee



Welcome our new members

Please welcome new members **Gary Kuhlmann and Lynn Waters**. Email: SailorGary44@yahoo.com. (Note corrected email address) They have a '31 Sport Coupe, a '30 custom body truck, '29 Roadster Pickup, and a '28 Phaeton

Holiday Parades December 9, 2018 Pictures taken at the El Segundo Parade. There were 68 entrants. The Wyckoff's and Beardsley's represented the Harbor Club.





Jim Beardsley and Grandkids decorating the '31 SW Sedan



The 'Parade Princess' inspecting the Model As





The Harbor Club was well represented in the Wilmington Holiday Parade. We had seven cars in a field of 72 entrants. A Fun time! Participants were: The Thompsons, Marshalls, Wagners, Bates, Pisus, Al Avoian, Dennis Simpson, and Dot Knott





#### Cookie Exchange at Elaine and Mirco's home



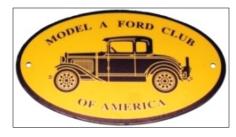
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For MAFCA info and membership, see www.MAFCA.com

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.

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