



# Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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Torrance, California

## July 2019

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### Upcoming Business Meetings

The **June** meeting is on **Friday, June 28th** at 7:30pm at the Walteria clubhouse.

The **July** meeting will be **Friday, July 26th** at the clubhouse

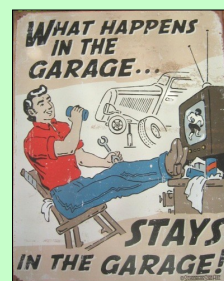
Come early and help set up and chat with your Model A friends.



### Technical Activities

Saturday mornings.  
We meet from about 10am 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**



### Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing, on **Tuesday, July 2nd** at 7pm. Exact room TBD.

We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome.



### Tours 'n Things

**July 12-14**—Annual Drive 'n Dine in Solvang  
**July 18 (Thurs)** 'Rock around the Block'  
Downtown Torrance 5pm-8pm. Info pg 7.

**July 20 (Sat)**— LB Model T Swap Meet  
Long Beach Vets Stadium. 7AM. \$5

**August 17th (Sat)**— Main Street Car Show  
El Segundo. See Dick Wyckoff for info

Please visit our awesome website  
Check it out:

**[www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com](http://www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com)**



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



**A View From the Slow Lane**

Summer is here and we just went to the Henry Ford Picnic. Our Safety check has prepared us for the many road trips and tours we enjoy at this time of year.

Many members are coming to the garage for repair and servicing of their Model A's.

This reminds me of my own plight of getting my car back on the road:

- Finishing installing engine
- New exhaust system
- Install newly painted fenders
- New direction signals
- R & R carburetor
- R & R distributor
- New plugs and wires
- Install radiator and generator
- ?
- ?

This reminds me need to redirect time and effort to my main project—my Model A. If you don't see me, you know what I will be doing!  
See you all in Solvang.

*Tim*



**Price Reduced Again!**

Long time senior club member downsizing his inventory. Selling recently restored (2015) late '31 AA Stake Bed truck.

Solid roof, indented firewall. Runs great. 6 New tires. 4-speed trans. Lots of extra parts. 12 volts, LED taillights. Current registration. This is a nice truck!

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**Price Reduced!**

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- Palos Verdes Estates, CA

**Editors note:** This is a very nice restoration. Looks great and runs great too!  
Downsizing is reason for sale.





## July Birthdays

- 1 Doris Marshall
- 1 Dr. Steve Thompson
- 5 Peggy Hopkins
- 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

The Harbor Club was well represented at the Downey Club's 'Henry Ford Picnic' in Santa Fe Springs. We had seven Model As and 21 members attend. It was great seeing our friends there. Overall, there were 73 As and Ts and 160 people attending the picnic. Always a fun event. Thanks, Downey for hosting this event!

The Club was asked again by the Little Sisters of the Poor senior facility in San Pedro to entertain residents with rides in our Model As. Five of us were able to participate on Father's Day weekend. It is fun to give the folks a chance to ride in the old cars and share their experiences. Even the Sisters enjoyed the activities! See some pictures on page 8.

Looking forward to our annual Drive 'n Dine event in Solvang in July. The 150 mile drive is an adventure in its self. We take the scenic route along the coast before we have to get on the freeway.

On a different note, my wife, Jan, had a little setback. A CT scan revealed a spot on her right lung. The doctors are working on a plan to address the situation. Hopefully it can be resolved soon. Keep your fingers crossed.

**Dick**



### Changing the Head Gasket on the Cabriolet

Last month I mentioned changing out the head gasket. It was confirmed that it blew between 3 and 4. Here are some pictures of the process. I used the club's head removal tool. Installed a 'B' head, new water pump and aluminum fan blade. Re-torqued several times.





### 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. (at Artesia Blvd.)

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) hosts a weekly Friday 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. 4—7pm

Parking is free to participating cars.  
Hope to see you there.



### 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 still have 60th anniversary items for sale at a discount. More to come.

The **2019 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1.75 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**.

### **Subject: Senior Discoveries**

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
3. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
5. If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
6. It was a whole lot easier to get older, than it was to get wiser.
7. Some days, you're the top dog, some days you're the hydrant.
8. I wish the buck really did stop here; I sure could use a few of them.
9. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
10. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
11. It is hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
12. The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
13. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
14. When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
15. It is not hard to meet expenses . . . They're everywhere.
16. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
17. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter . . . I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm "here after".



## HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

May 31, 2019 Walteria Clubhouse

**PRESIDENT:** Tim Harrison--called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Monty Bates substituting for Jack Gordinier--led the flag salute.

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

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

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Dennis Simpson--June 9 is Henry Ford Picnic. Dennis is sending two \$50 cash prizes to be added to their drawing. Signups available for the Wounded Warriors Car Show held at the performing arts center in Redondo. Be sure to use our club name "Harbor Area Model A Club" on your registration. The Club received a letter thanking us for the donation for Willie's brick which will placed in the museum walkway. The museum is one of the best in the country thanks to support of Clubs like ours. Dennis reported about the many nice prizes for the drawing tonight. Dennis and Linda were thanked for hosting the Safety Check.

**TREASURER:** Daffy Wagner--club account balance is good. Mr. Bates lacks \$165.79 in recycling to reach his \$1000 goal.

**HARBORLIGHT EDITOR:** Dick Wyckoff--City of Torrance's recognition of Al was recorded in the newsletter and the Club had a nice turnout of members. Thanks to Jim Huizdos we had a nice car tour. A write up of Safety Check is included in the HarborLight. We had 12 A's checked and 43 people attended. Peninsula Center Car show is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month from 7-9. There are some very exotic cars (not much vintage) but fancy stuff that is great to see. Next year there will be two big Model A events close to home. CCRG is in Bakersfield and there is a National event in Claremont in November or December.

**WEBMASTER:** Sue Hankins--Absent--send her if you have something for the website.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Ursi Schmidt--Absent--We have gotten another new member: Janet Blaschke. She has a '29 pickup. Al is doing better. He enjoys company, phone calls and cards.

**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:** No one won the women's prize of \$15 so next month will go to \$20 and no one won the men's prize of \$5 so will be \$10 at next meeting.

**TECHNICAL DIRECTOR:** Cliff LeFall--Shop will be open tomorrow. If you didn't make it to the Safety Check, bring your car to the shop any Saturday to have it checked out. Cliff wanted to thank Simpson's personally for hosting the Safety Check. If you didn't come, you missed four things: food, fun, friends and Fords. Al will be at shop tomorrow.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS** (badge money): Monty Bates substituting for Jack Gordinier--collected \$6.

**SUNSHINE:** Doris Marshall & Theresa LeFall--Doris says she is so blessed to have Theresa helping and taking care of Sunshine. Theresa thanked Doris for having her as her co-secretary. Theresa said it makes she and Doris feel good when they can reach out to those who have lost loved ones or are ill. Elaine couldn't be replaced so we are happy she is here with us and recovering. Linda had eye surgery and can now see. Monty is finally over the flu helped by his in-home nursing duties. Donnis is recovering from foot surgery and we are glad to have her here at the meeting. Call Theresa if there are any new reports.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** BIRTHDAYS: Joan Young 1, Gary Kuhlman 2, Michael Larquier 8, Weeg Thompson 10, Joan Gordinier 13, Larry Migliazio 13, Fran Earhart 14, Frank Young 15, Jim Huizdos 21, Andy Soto 23, Julia Duenes 24.

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank & Joan Young 2, Richard & Jeanne Parrish 4, Dan & Liz Fitzgerald 5, Diana & Marty Murphy 5, Jim & Kathy Valot 14, Greg & Fran Earhart 22, Cliff & Theresa LeFall 26, Ed & Julia Duenes 26.

**TOOLS COORDINATOR:** Bobby DeCrescenzo--Lent out two tools last month and got them back. Dick blew a head gasket and used a tool that was made by Jim Runyon and donated to the club. It worked. Mike Wright donated a tool for setting the timing. Bobby said it is a little tool that works well and makes the job so simple and quick.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Ruxella Speights substituting for Weeg Thompson--reported that Daffy & Art Wagner and Gloria Younkin brought the refreshments this evening. Thank you!

**CLOCK PRIZE:** Donnis Bates substituting for Joan Gordinier--winner of clock prize Cliff LeFall.

**ADVERTISING:** Jim Huizdos--one new vendor ad is the embroiderer in Torrance all the rest are the same. If you need something, use the vendors in the newsletter and thank them for their ad when you use their company.

**MERCHANDISE:** Gloria Younkin--60<sup>th</sup> merchandise half price. Jim might be ordering new merchandise.

**TOURS:** Elaine Pisu--Had a really bad accident on her Vespa and she is glad to be here. Henry Ford Picnic is on June 9, meet at HarborFreight at 8:30 a.m. and leave at 8:45 a.m. for both the freeway and surface street groups. June 15 Little Sisters of the Poor, a great day taking residents for drives and having lunch. If you signed up for a tour and can't make it, call Dick Wyckoff or text Elaine Pisu. July 18 is Torrance's "Rock around the Clock." Solvang is Jul 13-15. Tickets for the Solvang theatre are \$42.75 per person. Checks need to be made out to Eloise Thompson and mailed to here asap.

**OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:** Monday night dinner spot Elephant Bar. CCRG thanked us for our contribution to their raffle and for our members' attendance.

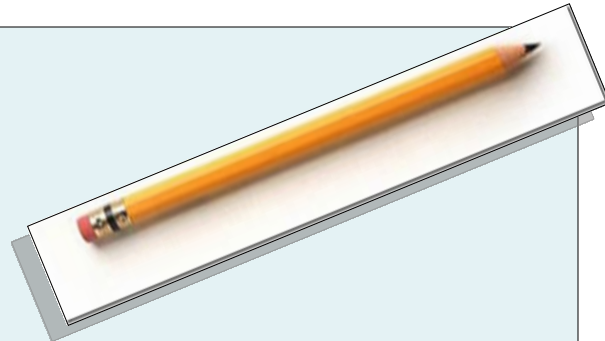
**NEW BUSINESS:** Henry Ford Picnic in Downey on June 9, Monty and Cliff are bringing popups. Wounded Warrior Car Show August 4, 2019, signup by July 5, \$35 (includes a t-shirt) after \$40 (forms available). We will try Carrows Restaurant on Redondo Beach in Gardena before Board Mtg. Tuesday, June 4, at 5 p.m. to determine if it might be an option for Monday night dinners.

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:** Friday, June 28, 2019, at Walteria Park 7:30 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, West Tower 7 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Dick Wyckoff moved that the meeting be adjourned it was seconded by Elaine Pisu. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm for the opportunity drawing and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted: Secretary, *Pat Harrison*

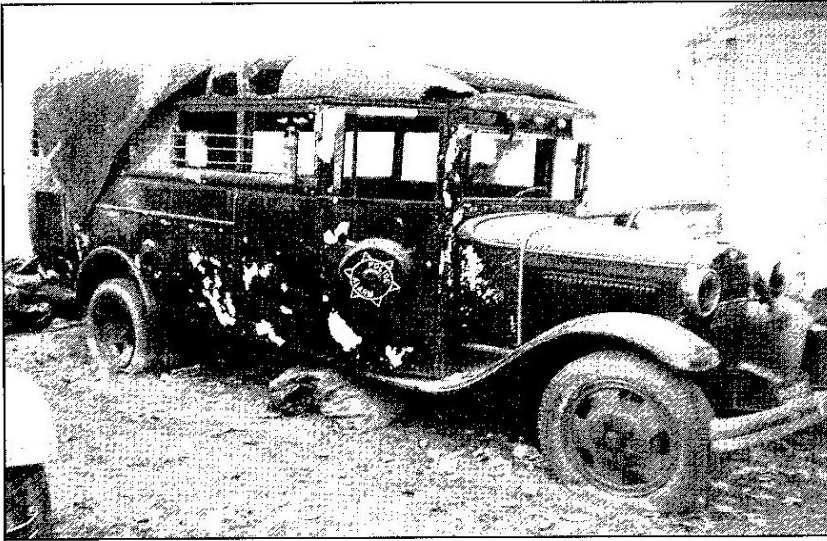




### The MAFFI Model AA Bus Restoration Project

By Jim Thomas

The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) is launching a new restoration project – centered on a rare 1931 Model AA Ford Bus.



1931 Ford Passenger Bus

As announced at the 2018 Model A Day festivities, MAFFI has acquired an original 1931 Model AA Passenger Bus (Ford body style 330-B) in need of a full restoration. This 21-seat bus has been a generous donation to MAFFI by long-time MAFFI supporter Ken Ehrenhofer, Woodstock, Illinois.

This bus, which was built on the Ford 157" Model AA chassis, has a body fabricated by the Union City Bus Company, Union City, Indiana. The 330-B bus had luxurious padded seats and fancy wood-grained trim. Between each window a vertical mirror was mounted so a lady could fix her hair or a man straighten his tie. This bus is quite rare and is one of only three known to still exist.

If you have visited the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village you may have taken a ride in their Model AA 330-B bus at the Village. This bus is used daily at the Village to give rides to visitors during the summer season.

Using volunteered labor and donated services and materials, the goal is to have the MAFFI bus completely restored to its original condition. It will then be put into service at the Gilmore Car Museum campus where the Model A Ford Museum is located. It will not be on display in the Museum itself. Instead, it will be loaned to the Gilmore and available to transport visitors around the Gilmore's between 90 acre car museum campus for all to enjoy.

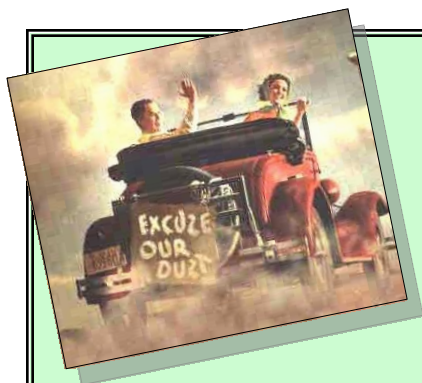
The AA bus was found in a fairly complete, but rough, condition and is currently in its original, unrestored, partially-disassembled state. Having set for 50 years in a barn that regularly flooded, the tires, wheels and brake were seriously deteriorated. However, most of the bus parts and major components were intact. The engine has now been worked on and started and the body removed from the chassis. A group of eager volunteers, headed by Ken Ehrenhofer, has begun the restoration process. It is expected that the full restoration could take as long as several years to complete, depending on the pace of volunteer assistance and donated parts and services.

This project is being coordinated at the Model A Ford Foundation by MAFFI Trustee Ross Milne. The restoration itself is being organized and managed by Ken Ehrenhofer and his volunteer "Bus-Boys" crew. You will be hearing more about the restoration process as updates are posted on the MAFFI website – [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) -- and through the planned bus project electronic monthly newsletter.

The bus project will be a Model A community-wide undertaking and extensive help – in terms of monetary donations and time, talent and parts contributions -- will be needed for its successful completion.

For questions and more information please contact Ken Ehrenhofer ([kehrenhofer@msn.com](mailto:kehrenhofer@msn.com) – 630.697.3906) or Ross Milne ([modelafordfan@gmail.com](mailto:modelafordfan@gmail.com) – 905.455.6615). If you would like to contribute to these restoration efforts mail your donations, marked "Bus Project," to:

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Peotone, IL. 60468-0028



## **Touring with Elaine** By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



### **YEA! SUMMER IS HERE & WE HAVE JUNE GLOOM**

In June we had two fun events. First was the **Henry Ford Picnic** hosted by the Diamond Tread Model A Ford Club. We had a great turn out and of course won a lot of raffle prizes. Good time was had by all. Thank you to those that brought the pop ups so that we could avoid the heat.

Our second event was **Little Sisters of the Poor**. BIG thanks to WEEG & STEVE THOMPSON for leading the group, Cliff Lefall, Drain & Doris Marshall, Dick Wyckoff & Jim Valot also brought out their cars and a lot of residents had the pleasure of riding in a Model A. Thanks again to all the participated.

July is just about here and we have 2 wonderful events planned. First event will be our annual pilgrimage to **Solvang from July 12<sup>th</sup> - July 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to come on July 11<sup>th</sup> there is usually a casino group having a blast.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** we will be going to downtown Torrance and participate in the annual 'Rock Around the Block.' Meet at **1451 Post Ave Torrance** (corner of Post Ave and Arlington St.) at **4:15 leave at 4:30**.

**AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>** we will be participating in the **Wounded Warriors Car Show** in Redondo Beach at the Performing Arts Center 1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd Redondo Beach. This show benefits the Semper Fi Fund. Cost is \$35 if registered before 7/5/2019 and \$40 after the 5<sup>th</sup>. **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SEMPER FI FUND**. It's a wonderful event and we are hoping to have a BIG turn out!!! Bring your chairs and let's have some fun. **Meet at** the Simpson's home 2402 Burritt Ave., Redondo at **7:30 leave at 8:30**. **Spectators enter for free**.

*Elaine*

### **Other Car Events of Interest for 2019**

**Sept 28-29 (Sat-Sun) - Paradise Valley Swap meet.**

Little League Headquarters, San Bernardino, CA

**October 5 (Sat) - Orange County T-Club Swap Meet**

Fullerton CA Friends in Christ Church



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## MAFFI Newsletter Minute June 2019



### What's new at the Museum?

The Museum is always striving to keep our exhibits new and exciting but also educational. We recently received a car donation of a 1930 Coupe from the Frank Corey Estate, although beautifully restored, it was a duplicate of one already on display. We wanted to use this car in some capacity so it was decided to create a "Service Bay" Display near our Part's Department. Linda Morford, our fashion coordinator, found a mannequin that would bend at the waist, a service coat was donated by Erik Kellner, and now our new display is complete! Make plans today to attend Model A Day, September 21, 2019 to see this and other great displays at the Museum.

Your membership dollars to MAFFI helps keep our Museum what it is today, the most toured of all the museums at the Gilmore Complex.

*Thank you for your continued support through membership, the purchase of memorial bricks and donations.*

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee

### Visit to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' senior facility in San Pedro



Harbor As ready to give rides



Dick Wyckoff and guests



Drain Marshall and guest



Jim Valot and guest



Cliff LeFall and guest



Steve Thompson and guest



What happens when you send old car guys to a nursing home



Sisters with hitchhiker



Ready to travel to the home



## *Some Views of the 'Henry Ford Picnic'*

The Downey Model A Club arranges a beautiful day for a picnic here in So Cal. The weather was clear and WARM. It probably got up into the 80's by early afternoon. A nice contingent from the Harbor Club made the 20 mile journey from Hawthorne to Santa Fe Springs. Most took surface streets just for a change of scenery. Total number in attendance was 160 people and 73 Model As including a half dozen Model Ts. Some really nice and unusual cars were on display.



Harbor Club ready to go to the picnic



Overall picture of cars at the picnic



Some of the Ts in attendance



Rough T restoration!



Original owner says hello



Harbor members doing what we do best!



Enjoying the BBQ in the shade



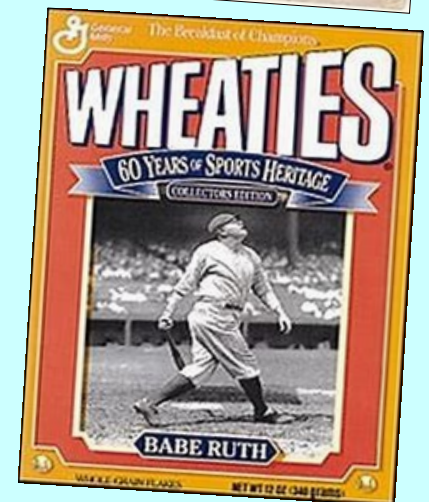
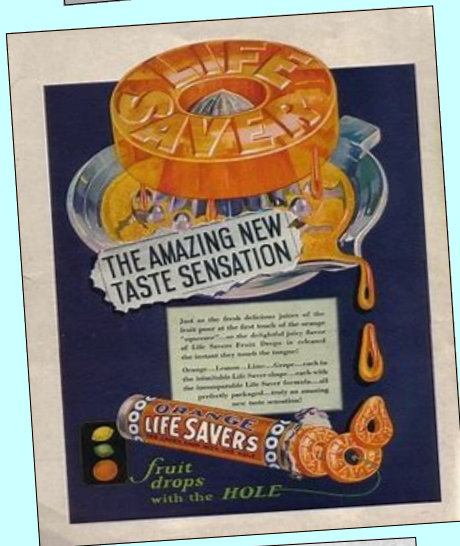
Nice Model As lined up



More As lined up on display



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