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Torrance, California

November 2019

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Harbor Area Model A Club at the annual picnic

Upcoming Business Meetings

The **October** (Pot Luck) meeting will be on **Friday, October 25th** back at the Waleria Park meeting hall 7:30pm. Pot luck at 6:30pm. Officer nominations for 2020-21

The **November** meeting is a week earlier on **Friday, November 22.**

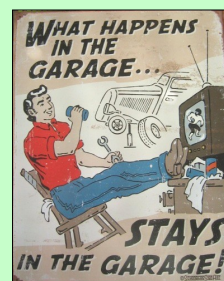
Come early and help set up and chat with your Model A friends.



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 (in the alley)



Model A Events & Local Shows

Nov. 2nd (Sun) - Car Show, 11-4pm in Costa Mesa. See Elaine's article, page 7

Dec. 2-5 (Mon-Thurs) MAFCA National Awards Banquet. Claremont, CA

Dec. 8th (Sun) - El Segundo's Annual Holiday Parade. 1pm-3pm. More to come. Contact: Dick Wyckoff

Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing, on **Tuesday, November 5th** 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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Tim's Team Talk
A Note from our President
Tim Harrison



A View From the Slow Lane

As Harbor Area MARC looks at the upcoming year, we will be selecting officers to "Create Our Future" by working hard to find ways to retain members and bring in new members. A good plan will need good leaders to help enact those plans. We all need to ask the question are you a leader or a boss. Our Club will need good leaders over the next few months to take on this mission.

- A boss drives his members; a leader will coach his team.
- A boss depends on authority; a leader on goodwill.
- A boss inspires fear; a leader inspires enthusiasm.
- A boss says "I"; a leader says "We."
- A boss assigns blame for a breakdown; a leader fixes the breakdown.
- A boss dictates how to get it done; the leader shows how to get it done.
- A boss says "Go get it done"; a leader says "Let's go get it done."

A leader comes in many forms. Our Club has great volunteers who plan tours, events, organize fundraisers, lead workshops, lead meetings, provide opportunity drawings, provide tools and educate, etc. As an officer for the last 8 years, I have been fortunate to be able to work with many talented individuals in our Club. I encourage the many dedicated leaders in our Club to not overlook the many opportunities available for them to serve. I recognize and value the efforts and leadership of current and past officers and members. Your efforts and talents are an integral part of what makes Harbor Area MARC a strong organization.

I want to challenge the membership as a whole to go forth in the coming year to continue the strength and creativity of our mission: Our Club is dedicated to the hobby of preserving, restoring, and enjoying the Model A Ford automobile, engaging in local community service projects, and socializing with friends with similar interests. *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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- Gas tank flushed and cleaned
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- **Asking \$30,000 OBO.**
- Contact Dan Fitzgerald
- (c) 310-344-2306

Palos Verdes Estates, CA
Note: Price includes approx \$4000 worth of new and refurbished original parts!

Downsizing is reason for sale.



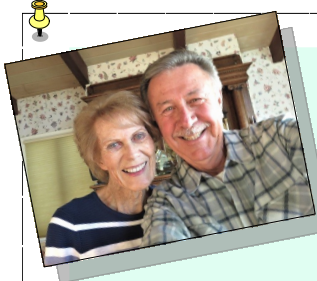
November Birthdays

- 8 Linda Simpson
- 11 Joe Jankiewicz
- 12 Steve Newton
- 14 Jim Runyon
- 26 Pat Yacklon
- 26 Warren Brayton
- 28 Jan Wyckoff



November Anniversaries

- 6 Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo
- 12 Dennis & Linda Simpson
- 23 Joe & Linda Freitag



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Lot's of things happen toward the end of the year. The Harbor Club just had it's annual anniversary picnic. 62 years as a MARC club and 22 years as a MAFCA club. The picnic was a lot of fun. Even though it sprinkled a little, we managed to complete the annual

Hubley races and enjoy some great food. We do have to eat, ya know!

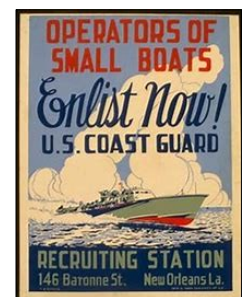
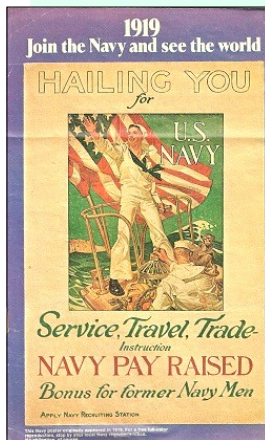
Due to health reasons, Jan and I could not go to the Kanab, UT MAFCA tour. Fortunately, we visited the National Parks on our way to the MAFCA convention in Loveland, CO a couple years ago and talked four Harbor Club couples into going to those magnificent parks this year.

Every two years, the club elects new management. The elections are in November with nominations starting in October (this upcoming meeting). Please give some consideration to joining the management team. Also, this October meeting is a Pot Luck meeting. A-L to bring the main dish and M-Z to bring salads/sides. Doors open at 6pm, food at 6:30, and meeting starts at 7:30. See you there.

November 11th is **Veteran's Day**. This is when we thank our Vets for their service and remember those that are no longer with us. "All gave some, some gave all".

THANK YOU, VETS for your service.

Dick



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. 3—7pm

Just in. . . The car show at Ruby's is over for this year. It will start again next year in April 2020. Thanks Larry, for hosting the event. . .



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*.



The Elephant Bar Restaurant

The Harbor Club has been enjoying Monday suppers for the last 6 months at the Elephant Bar restaurant located in Torrance at 21227 Hawthorne Blvd. We meet about 5PM.

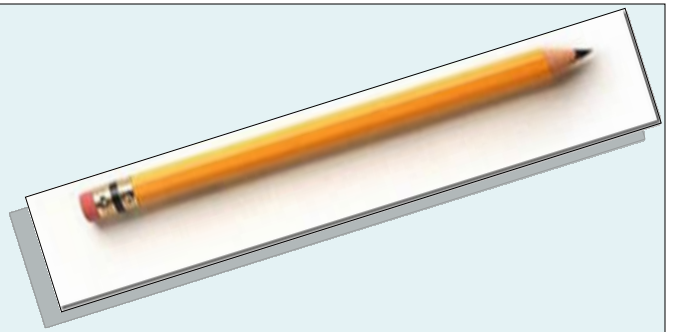
The food is quite good and the portions are generous. The back room is set up for the group with our own waiters and sports TV. We get approx. 30 folks for dinner. Come by and enjoy the food and good company.



Member Bill Kealey
towing his
Cessna Cherokee 140
with his
'31 Model A pickup
at the
Compton airport



HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING
September 28, 2019
Torrance Park



PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison--called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Dick Wyckoff, Drain Marshall, Monty Bates, Tim Harrison, Pat Yacklon.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Jack Gordinier moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the Harbor Light. The motion was seconded by Bobby DeCrescenzo. All in favor.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson—Nothing for the good of the order.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner—Reported the club account balance fine—Lots of bills from the picnic waiting to be paid.

HARBORLIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff—Took good pictures of the picnic and the cars that were there.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt—Has rosters available for sale.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall—Garage will be back to regular schedule beginning Saturday.

SUNSHINE: Doris Marshall & Theresa LeFall—Doris is back at Torrance Memorial.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: BIRTHDAYS: Lynn Waters 7, Julie Goldberg 9, Tim Harrison 25, Bob Kushner 26.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim & Ruxella Speights 1, Harcourt Hervey & Peggy Hopkins 4, Robert & Deborah Fugatt 18, Jim & Elyse Beardsley 20, Gary & Emma Gaffney 31.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson—Potluck at our next meeting October 25, at the Clubhouse. Setup begins at 6 p.m. and dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. Those with last names beginning A-L should bring a main dish and those with a last name M-Z are to bring salads/sides.

MERCHANDISE: Gloria Younkin—has hats available for sale today.

TOURS: Elaine Pisu—Thanked all those that helped with Art's Birthday especially Donnis. Asked if anyone is interested in hosting a progressive to let her know. Several members are going to the Hub Tour in Utah. National Awards is in Claremont from December 2-5.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS: Monday night dinner spot Elephant Bar.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Friday, October 25, 2019, Potluck at Walteria Park Club House, 6:00 p.m. setup, dinner at 6:30 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, West Tower 7 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Daffy Wagner moved that the meeting be adjourned it was seconded by Michelle Huizdos at 12:35.



Respectfully submitted: Secretary, *Pat Harrison*



Back Flush!

by Tom Endy

The cooling system on a Model A Ford can get pretty crudded up with rust, calcium, and also with grease from the water pump. If the radiator has been in service for a long time it is best to remove it and take it to a radiator shop (preferably to one that is knowledgeable of Model A radiators) and have it rodded out.

The engine block and the head are also usually crudded up, especially with rust. This is where a technique called back flushing can be affective. Back flushing of the radiator can also be affective if the cooling tubes are not hopelessly plugged up. The trick is to force water through the system backwards to the direction it normally flows.

Various cleaning solutions have been suggested for use in dislodging the cooling system crud. Some have suggested a combination of oxalic acid with a baking soda rinse. Others have suggested liquid Cascade dishwasher solution. There are also commercial cooling system cleaning agents available from most auto parts stores. Whatever cleaning agent is used, it is best to finish up by back flushing the system.

It has also been suggested that a newly overhauled engine should be back flushed before being connected up to the radiator. A considerable amount of rust can become dislodged inside the water jackets when the engine was hot tanked and in all likelihood is still inside the water jackets, as well as machining chips. If the engine is immediately connected up to the radiator all the loose particles will be dumped into the radiator.

In order to back flush the Model A cooling system some special adapters need to be fabricated. Two plugs with a hole drilled in them must be made up, one to fit the large upper radiator hose, the other to fit the smaller lower radiator hose. The holes in the plugs should be tapped with a pipe thread. The plugs are then fitted to provide garden hose connections. The two plugs can be cut from steel or aluminum round stock.

All the other hardware can be obtained from a local hardware store. Standard Model A radiator hoses and clamps are used to connect up the flushing apparatus.

To back flush the radiator, connect the adapters to the two radiator hose bibs. With a garden hose connected to the bottom hose bib adapter run water though the radiator backwards to the normal flow. Be sure to put the radiator cap on. A suggestion, connect the garden hose to your laundry machine hot water spigot and back flush with hot water. A second garden hose may be connected to the top radiator hose bib adapter to carry the exiting water to a suitable drain.

To back flush the engine, disconnect the radiator from the engine and install the two adapters to the engine. The large adapter is connected to the water outlet on top of the head. The small adapter is attached to the water inlet on the left side of the block. It is also suggested that the water pump be removed and a blanking plate be installed over the opening in the head. Connect a garden hose from the hot water spigot to the large adapter on top of the head. Connect a second hose to the smaller adapter on the side of the block and lead it off to a drain. Begin the back flushing. You can also start the engine up to add some vibration if desired. The hot water will not only aid in flushing the engine, it will also prevent the possibility of cracking the block with the use of cold water if you run the engine. ☺



Shown above are the two adapters and the water pump blanking plate. The long hose is the upper (larger diameter) hose. The short hose is the lower (smaller diameter) hose.

Note: Check with Bob DeCrescenzo, our tool manager, for flushing tools.



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



Ready or Not the Holidays are HERE!!!

This past October eight members of the Harbor A's had a BLAST at the MAFCA National Tour in Kanab, Utah. The Pisus and the Gordiniers trail-tered their Model A trucks. The Thompsons and the Bates' got the view with the top down on Steve and Weeg's Deluxe Phaeton. We thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful scenery in three of the National Parks that are all within a one or two hour drive. We drove 200 miles round trip to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, 160 Miles to and from Bryce Canyon, and 100 miles going back and forth to Zion. The weather was absolutely GORGEOUS.

I had two favorite experiences on this trip. In the past when I have been to the Grand Canyon, I went to the South Rim. I've ridden the mules down into the Canyon and always enjoyed looking down into the Canyon. But the North Rim and the GOLDEN ASPENS BLOWING IN THE BREEZE was absolutely breathtaking. It looked like pom-poms were being shaken in the breeze welcoming us to the North Rim. My second favorite part of the trip was going on a 3.5 mile hike into a slot canyon called Wire Pass. I've seen pictures but never experienced being in a slot canyon and it felt like we were in a post card. AMAZING!!!

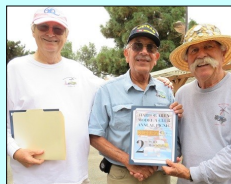
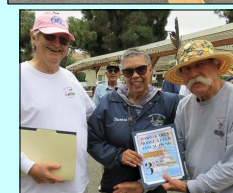
Locally, on Saturday, November 2nd there is a classic car show at St. John the Baptist Church, 1021 Baker St. Costa Mesa from 11-4. It is a total of 31.24 miles from Torrance and they are trying to get as many Model A's as possible for this event. It is being hosted by the Knights of Columbus and will include a Chili cook-off, Live Music, Craft Booth and much more. There will be free food and drinks for all car show participants as well as prizes. Let's see how many cars we can get to go and support this event. Further details are available at (714) 809-4925

We are planning our Christmas dinner and Cookie Exchange for December 12th so mark your calendar. There will be more details to come.

Elaine

Our Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic was a success even tho it sprinkled a little during the day. Thanks to Bobby D. and his crew, the Hubley track was assembled and worked just fine. Thanks to Weeg Thompson and friends, the catered sub sandwiches were terrific. There were 52 members at the Torrance Park and we had 12 Model As and one '36 Ford coupe in the line up.





MAFFI Newsletter Minute October 2019

Model A Day 2019 was a success with many Unique and Original vehicles depicting our theme for this year. We had over 250 cars that came for the day and all enjoyed the Model A Museum as well as the many other museums on the Gilmore Campus.

Our Board of Directors had their annual meeting on Thursday prior to Model A Day and have laid the groundwork for a Strategic Plan to keep the museum interesting and entertaining for years to come. Our wish is for each and every one of you to come visit the museum. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you have not already done it, please renew your membership today and consider a year end monetary gift to our Endowment Fund which will ensure our museum will be there for generations to come.

Visit our website: www.maffi.org and follow the link to Membership. We now offer PayPal for your convenience.



Benefits of National Club Memberships

Membership in MAFCA includes the following:

- A one year subscription to *The Restorer*, our award winning bi-monthly magazine including free classified ads.
- The right to register and participate in all National and Regional MAFCA meets
- Voting privileges in National elections of officers and by-laws revisions
- Free classified advertising on the MAFCA web site and posting of photo of your car in the Photo Album section
- Technical advice to help restore your Model A and keep it in top shape

National MARC Membership Includes:

- Six issues each calendar year of our award- winning, international, bi-monthly *Model 'A' News* magazine.
- Includes detailed technical and Era fashion articles, Model A historical articles, coverage of National Meets and Region News, classified ads, and vendor ads - a great source of information for parts and services.
- From 64 to 72 pages each issue. Excellent quality coated paper with color, and black and white photography.
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Adjusting Daniel Giagni's new wagon



Daniel's '31 Station Wagon



Moving Al's cars around
(The truck is for sale!)



Teaching Al's grandson to drive an A



All the A's are on the road



Dick Wyckoff adjusting something

MAFCA National Tour 2019 by Weeg Thompson

Eight intrepid travelers from the Harbor A's were among the more than 700 Model A's from all over the country who took part in the MAFCA Canyonlands National Tour from October 6-10. Monty and Donnis Bates, Jack and Joan Gordinier, Mirco and Elaine Pisu and Steve and Weeg Thompson thoroughly enjoyed themselves on this tour. This was a "hub and spoke" tour with Kanab, Utah as our hub. The 350 Model A's were quite a sight as they basically took over this town of about 5,000 people.

Kanab is in southern Utah, not far from the Arizona border, making it a perfect hub for day trips to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion Canyon. These national parks were the heart of our Canyonlands tour, but Kanab is also near a number of national monuments and state parks. In addition, Kanab, also known as "Little Hollywood," is a well-known site for filming Western movies and television shows starting in 1924 with *Deadwood Coach* starring Tom Mix.



On Sunday, the Bates, Pisu and Gordiniers started with a visit to the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary with nearly 1,600 homeless animals. Later, the Thompsons joined the group for lunch and several of us took a trip to a nearby area of the Grand Staircase. The rugged and rocky landscape was quite beautiful. The MAFCA event kicked off that evening with a dinner at a local park. This was the first time we had a sense of just how many Model A's and tour participants were in town.

On Monday, the Pisu in their Model A pick-up and the Thompsons and Bates in the Thompson's phaeton headed out to drive about 80 miles through the Kaibab National Forest to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. The fall colors of the quaking aspens and other trees were simply fantastic: yellows, oranges, golds and reds. The trip also included a chance to see bison, first at a distance on our way in and again, closer to the road, on our way out. The views of the canyon from behind the Grand Canyon Lodge were breathtaking. The photographs do not do the sights justice.

Tuesday, the gang of six left again in their Model A's to drive to Bryce Canyon National Park, also about 80 miles from Kanab. The landscape in Bryce is so totally different from the Grand Canyon but equally amazing, filled with the hoodoos and natural arches the park is famous for.

Wednesday was a day to spend around Kanab, and we certainly took advantage of that time. Pisu took their modern to Wire Pass Trailhead where they were able to hike a riverbed to Buckskin Gulch, a slot canyon that was absolutely spectacular. Bates and Thompsons took a modern to see Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park and Pipe Spring National Monument. The dunes and their flora were very interesting. A highlight was watching some young people who had climbed one of the highest dunes and were "sand boarding" down the hill. Pipe Spring included a fort that was built by Mormons in 1870. The visitors' center compared the lifestyles of the Kaibab Paiute Indians and the white settlers.

Thursday, the Bates, Pisu, and Thompsons chose a modern for the trip to Zion Canyon National Park. We were glad we did because the drive to the bottom of the canyon was quite steep and coming back up might have been quite a challenge. Once in the canyon, visitors have to take a shuttle bus to see the various sights, so it made sense to take a modern. As we had noted between the Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon, Zion was totally different from the other two, but magnificent in its own way. One of the stops along the bus route was a viewpoint to look through telescopes to view a male, female and baby California condor high above on a ledge. Pisu got to see something special because they were there when the female flew away. Besides the spectacular views throughout the park, we enjoyed the wildlife we saw. In addition to the condors, we saw squirrels, several deer and, as we were leaving the park, big horn sheep right on the side of the road.

The Gordiniers had already visited the national parks, so they stayed closer to Kanab but still managed to see and do lots. In addition to catching up with friends from other clubs, they visited the Heritage House, took a walking house tour, went to the Moqui Cave, stopped in at Little Hollywood Museum, and wandered along the Kanab Walk of Fame. They are big fans of Westerns, so it was fun for them to read all the Walk of Fame markers about the actors and television shows and movies made in the area. Joan enjoyed the quilt trunk show that MAFCA presented. In addition, they took a virtual helicopter tour of several parks in the area. Based on their recommendation, Thompsons and Bates took that trip, too. The "trip" was really cool and so realistic that motion sickness-prone Donnis viewed it on a screen rather than from the "helicopter."

When all was said and done, we each had favorite memories of the trip. Monty noted that he loved riding through the parks in the phaeton with the top down. Steve, Weeg and Donnis seconded that. Steve also mentioned visiting with friends and the fall colors. Donnis recalled the beautiful changing colors of the trees at the Grand Canyon, describing that day as starting the trip with the grand finale. Mirco and Elaine loved their hike to Buckskin Gulch. It was something Elaine had really wanted to do, and they were so glad they were able to get there. Jack and Joan enjoyed the local history, making new friends and visiting with old ones, and appreciated the beautiful surroundings. We all agree it was a fabulous trip.

The Harbor Model A gang touring the National Parks in Utah



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