



Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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

March 2020

2017-2018 MARC
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for Harbor Light newsletter



Linda Simpson presenting
2019 Woman of the Year award to
Theresa LeFall



Jim Huizdos presenting the
2019 Man of the Year award to
Monty Bates III

Upcoming Business Meetings

The **February** meeting
will be at the Waleria Clubhouse
Friday, February 28th at
7:30PM.

The **March** meeting will
be at the Waleria Clubhouse
Friday, March 27th at 7:30pm.

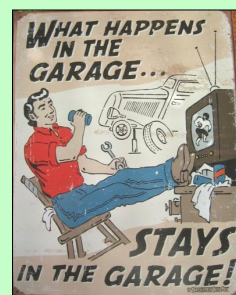
Come a little early and help set up a
meet with your Model A friends.



Technical Activities

Saturday mornings.
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 (in the alley)**



Model A Events & Local Shows

March 29th—Sun OC Pancake Breakfast.
More to come.

April 11th—Sat. Annual Safety Check
At Simpson's residence. More to come.

April 16-18 CCRG Jamboree. Bakersfield CA.

**May 17th—Sun Muckenthaler Annual Car
Show** in Fullerton. More to come

Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital,
West wing, on **Tuesday,**
March 3rd, 2020 at 7pm.
Exact room TBD.

We will be planning
upcoming events.
All are welcome.



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Wayne's Words of Wisdom
A Note from our
President
Wayne Sterling



Going forward in 2020

I have said many times what a great group of people the Harbor Club members are. I am a relatively new member and now I feel very fortunate to be your President for the next two years. I am committed to do everything I can to support and enhance the Club Mission Statement: " Our club is dedicated to the hobby of preserving, restoring, and enjoying the Model A Ford Automobile, educating the public, engaging in local community projects, and socializing with friends with similar interests".

We have a lot of exciting things to come in the next year and I will let you read about it in our award winning newsletter and hear about at our meetings from the dedicated people who volunteer their time for various important positions in our Club.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meetings and our Club's events.

My job will be easy because of the many members who are already doing so much for our Club, but we could always use more.

Please feel free to contact me,

Wayne Sterling

Join MAFCA. You will be glad you did!

Like any organization dedicated to preserving and growing the Model A Ford hobby, MAFCA needs support from all of us to continue to do so. For most of us, that support comes in the form of being members of MAFCA.

As a reminder, below are some of the many benefits of Membership in MAFCA:

- The Restorer Magazine, the best publication in the Automotive Hobby
- Help with recruiting new members through display of the Event Kits.
- The best quality club branded merchandise, including clothing items and publications.
 - Free classified ads to assist you with your Model A in the Restorer Magazine and on the MAFCA.com website
 - Fun, Fellowship, Technical Expertise.
 - Technical advice to keep your car running is available at tech@mafca.com
 - An extensive library in the area of Era Fashions on the MAFCA website
 - Local Activities through one of our nearly 300 Chapters, Regional events and Special Interest Groups
 - National Activities: Tours, Conventions, Era Fashion and Fine Point Judging, Touring Class Judging, and the Restorers Class Evaluations
 - The Best Insurance Coverage for Chapter Activities, plus Directors and Officers



Your membership costs only \$50 annually, but it truly makes a difference. **If you are currently a MAFCA member**, please check to be sure that you have renewed your membership for 2020. To renew, you can go to this link: [RENEW!!](#) or call the national office in California (562-697-2712, 10am-4pm) or send your check for \$50 to: 250 South Cypress, La Habra CA 90631-5515; be sure to mention your membership number. **If you are not a MAFCA member**, you can go to this link: [JOIN!!](#) or call the national office.

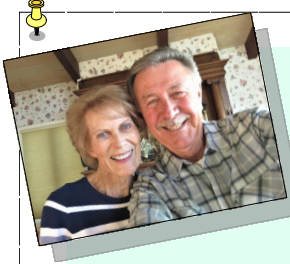
March Birthdays

3 Dianne Runyon
4 Mary Ann Friedrich
4 Bruce Montgomery
8 Richard Parrish
12 Margaret Gott
24 Jay Skinner
25 Diana Murphy
25 Jack Goldberg
28 Jim Perreten



March Anniversaries

7 Dick & Jan Wyckoff
7 Tim & Pat Harrison
10 Monty & Donnis Bates
20 Art & Daffy Wagner
24 Ted & Janice Dalton
26 Kewyn & Lilia Cardenas



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

A great big thanks to all that worked on the annual banquet. It was a giant success! The location is great and doing it during the day is perfect!

Jan and I are looking forward to the CCRG in Bakersfield.

Some fun events and tours are planned.

A little excitement in our lives. Jan's granddaughter, Hayley Erin, (of General Hospital fame), is getting married in April. It will be a kind of international event as her fiancé is from Ireland. Adam is a great guy and we wish them both all the happiness.

Been working on the Cabriolet to make it safe and reliable. We take it every year to Solvang for the club's 'Drive 'n Dine' weekend event. We put about 500 miles on it exploring (and eating) in the area around Vandenberg and the coast. Beautiful touring country.

Be safe out there. Drive carefully.

Dick



Monday Supper at Hof's Hut

We started meeting again for dinner on Mondays at Hof's Hut on 237th and Crenshaw. They finished their construction project. The food is good and the staff takes good care of us. Come on by and join in the festivities. Time: about 5:00 PM.



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Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering

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Come on by, have a cup of Starbucks, and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



2020 Membership, Roster and Club Merchandise Items

Ruxella 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 **2020 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** will be available in March. 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**.

1930s FASHION

Accessories
A woman wore gloves for both day and evening. Day gloves gathered loosely at the cuff. Evening gloves were long opera length. A simple handbag, small angular hat and shoes always matched.

Jewelry
Simple art deco designs or small plain pearls were all the jewelry a woman needed. Earrings and a bracelet were preferred over flashy necklaces and pins.

Evening Gowns
Elegant bias cut floor length gowns with sweeping flared hems was the style of the decade. Modest necklines on the front opened up to bare backs. Black, pastel and jewel tones in silk, satin or lace.

Day Dresses
Floral prints, polka dots and muted colors filled a daytime wardrobe. Dresses had modest tops, wide sleeves or cape effect and a slender bias cut body with flare at the hem. Length ranged from knee to slightly below the knee. Matching thin belt at the high waist.

Shoes
Shoes had thick heels and full coverage but with ample straps, cutouts and perforations. Two tone heels were very common as well as mixing textures. Oxfords were a daytime comfort shoe.

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HARBOR MARC/MAFCA AWARDS BANQUET

Date: January 25, 2020

Location: Bluewater Grill—Redondo Beach

11:00-12:00: Members arrived and socialized. Opportunity drawing tickets were sold and the drawing prizes were reviewed by all. 13 Model As on display in front parking lot of restaurant. Lots of interest. . . .

PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison welcomed everyone to the banquet. Donnis Bates was thanked for an outstanding job on the program and Sammy and her son Adam for their help with tickets and opportunity drawing.

PAST PRESIDENT RECOGNITION: Drain Marshall, Doris Marshall, Monty Bates, Tim Harrison, Dick Wyckoff and Carla Hibbard

VICE PRESIDENT—Dennis Simpson—Many gift items and gift baskets (thanks to Linda Simpson who put them all together) for the opportunity drawing. Gift donations arranged by color: orange donated by members, green Harbor Area Model A Club, purple businesses.

HARBORLIGHT EDITOR—Dick Wyckoff—Club continues moving forward and wants all to enjoy today's banquet.

MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIATION: Ursula Schmidt

2019 there were 83 memberships and 144 club members

New memberships—15

Membership Anniversaries

5 years: Dennis & Linda Simpson, Jim & Dianne Runyon

10 years: Jack & Julie Goldberg, Jim & Ruxella Speights

15 years: Jack & Joan Gordinier, Greg & Fran Earhart, Mirco & Elaine Pisu

20 years: Jim & Elyse Beardsley

Bill Younkin Award for most participation: Dick & Jan Wyckoff

Participation Patches - participation in two-third of the events including Club Meetings & Tours

Members earning the participation award: Monty & Donnis Bates, Jack & Joan Gordinier, Tim & Pat Harrison, Drain & Doris Marshall, Dick & Jan Wyckoff, Mirco & Elaine Pisu, Jim & Ruxella Speights, Art & Daffy Wagner, Gloria Younkin, Steve & Weeg Thompson

SAFETY AWARDS: Cliff LeFall—18 cars were safety checked this year. Reminded members that garage is open from 10-12 on Saturdays and the crew occasionally makes house calls.

TOURS & MILEAGE AWARDS: Elaine Pisu—list of events planned so far was handed out.

Road Runner Patches: Awarded to members who were safety checked and traveled at least 500 miles (in order of most miles traveled)

Gordinier 2. Thompson 3. Pisu 4. Bates 5. Wagner 6. Marshall 7. Simpson

2019 WOMAN OF THE YEAR: Linda Simpson—**Theresa LeFall** was awarded the "Woman of the Year"—Congratulations! Described as kind, caring, gracious, classy, can "bust a move" at Model A Shuffle. Reminds one of the Sun and its meaning. Theresa thanked the club for this high honor.

2019 MAN OF THE YEAR: Jim Huizdos presented the award for "**Man of the Year**" to—**Monty Bates**—Congratulations! Monty was described as an outstanding member, goes above and beyond, a guy who kicks the can right to the recycling center. Monty said the award was not anticipated and who would think his recycling would result in this award, members make the club and we are a lucky group of people to be part of Harbor Area Model A.

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President - Wayne Sterling

Vice President - Dennis Simpson (Reelected)

Secretary - Gloria Younkin

Treasurer - Daffy Wagner (Reelected)

Technical Director - Cliff LeFall (Reelected)

Tour Director - Elaine Pisu (Reelected)

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING: Dennis Simpson

CLOSING REMARKS & CENTERPIECE DISTRIBUTION: Tim Harrison thanked members for their participation in last year's events, the great turn out for the banquet and for attendees bringing their Model A's, the banquet committee comprised of Monty and Donnis Bates, Art and Daffy Wager, Dennis and Linda Simpson, Tim and Pat Harrison, and to all those who helped make the banquet a success.

Tim thanked Art and Daffy for the beautiful centerpieces and turned the mike over to Daffy for centerpiece distribution.

PRESIDENT: Wayne Sterling—Introduced as the new president and said he looked forward to an exciting 2020.

NEXT GENERAL/BUSINESS MEETING: February 28, 2020 - Walteria Club House - 7:30PM

NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 4, 2020 - Torrance Memorial-West Tower - 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted: *Pat Harrison, Secretary*

FROM THE BENCH

BY CHRIS WICKERSHAM

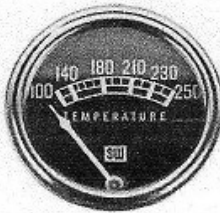
The Best Operating Temperature for Your Model A Ford

Years ago, most Model A owners did not give much thought to the temperature of their engine just as long as the radiator did not boil over. Henry did not include a temperature gauge in the Model A so unless an accessory temperature gauge had been installed, the only way the driver knew if the engine was running too hot was the appearance of steam from the radiator cap or water on the windshield when the radiator started to boil over.

Today a lot of owners have installed a temperature gauge that allows easy monitoring of the engine temperature. This is especially important for those who use their cars for long distance touring.

A temperature gauge is also very useful for knowing if your Model A is running too cold. On a cold day, especially when using a heavy duty radiator, the engine may not come up to a good operating temperature. Now, you may ask "What is the problem with the engine running too cold? As long as the radiator is not boiling over, that should be good enough." Model A engines run best if the coolant temperature is between approximately 160 and 180 degrees. The carburetor can be run a little leaner which promotes more complete combustion and a cleaner more efficient engine. It is also very important, the oil will get completely warmed up so the accumulated moisture within the engine will be evaporated. Allowing moisture to accumulate inside the engine will promote the formation of sludge and cause corrosion.

Along with a temperature gauge, a thermostat is strongly recommended. Good quality 160 deg. thermostats are available from most parts suppliers. Now, some people say that the addition of a thermostat will make the engine overheat. This is not true. If there is a problem with your Model A running too hot, adding a thermostat will not make the problem worse. The problem is with the cooling system itself and not because a thermostat had been installed.



Temperature gauge with "short sweep" dial



Thermostat for installation in the upper radiator hose

A thermostat will help maintain a more even coolant temperature, especially on a cool day. When going uphill, the engine has to work harder and the coolant temperature will increase. When going downhill with little load on the engine, the coolant temperature will go down. A thermostat in the system will help even out these changes in the coolant temperature.

You will find that installing a 160 degree thermostat and a good temperature gauge will allow your Model A engine to warm up quicker after a cold start and operate more efficiently. A good quality temperature gauge will allow you to monitor the temperature of the coolant.

Happy motoring in your Model A.



Water outlet with "boss" for installing water temperature sensor

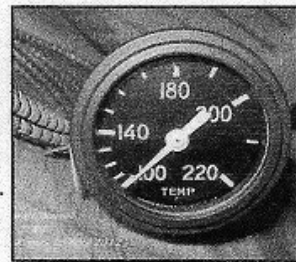
Tech Tip

The best temperature gauge to use

A good quality mechanical gauge is preferred for your Model A. Mechanical gauges are more accurate and have better resolution than most electric gauges. Temperature gauges with a full 270 Deg. sweep of the dial offer a longer scale which makes it a lot easier to see the actual gauge reading. Some gauges have such a short scale you cannot tell if the temperature has changed by just a little or a lot.

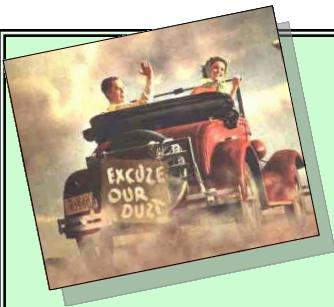
Thermo gauges in the radiator cap (Moto-Meters or Thermo Quails) are not of much use. To operate correctly, the sensing bulb must be in the coolant, not just positioned above it. Most of the time, when these devices indicate the engine is running hot it is too late as the coolant is already boiling.

Knowing the temperature of your engine is a good thing. If you do not already have one, install a temperature gauge in your Model A.



Mechanical temperature gauge with a 270 degree "sweep" dial

Thanks to Santa Anita A's Spoken Wheels
For this Article



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



MARCH IS HERE SO WE ARE CRUISING

Once again we had a great banquet thanks to Tim, Pat, Dennis, Linda, Daffy and Ursi among others. Thanks to all that made it happen. The opportunity drawing was a big success and I won some great things!!! Bobby D was like a kid in a candy store with all his wins!

Lots is going on!!

March 7th Weeg has organized a night at the theatre so if you haven't signed up please get in touch with Weeg. It should be a fun time.

March 12th is the Model A Shuffle at the Waleria Clubhouse from 5:30-7 PM. \$5 per person and come for a good laugh.

Sunday, March 29th is the **Orange County Pancake Breakfast**. We will meet at Harbor Freight on Hawthorne and Artesia at **6:45 and leave at 7:00**. I will take the freeway in the morning and Tim will lead anyone that would prefer to go on surface streets. The surface streets group will meet at Spires on Sepulveda & Western also **meeting at 6:45 and leaving at 7:00**. Daffy has requested that we go to Katella Deli for lunch so if you are interested in joining us plan to caravan after the breakfast, we will take surface streets.

April 16-18 is CCRG in Bakersfield. Harbor A's always have a great turnout for this event. It's always a lot of fun. We will try to buddy up at the next meeting and organize some caravans for this trip.

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Harbor Area Club's 2020 Installation of Officers

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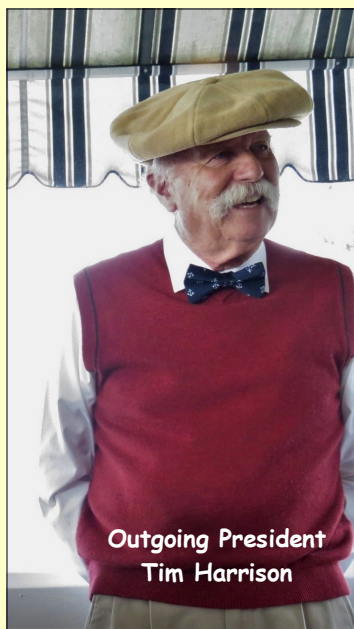
Club's Model As at the Installation banquet



Incoming President
Wayne Sterling



2020 Incoming Board
Gloria Younkin, Wayne Sterling, Dennis Simpson,
Elaine Pisu, Daffy Wagner, and Cliff LeFall



Outgoing President
Tim Harrison



Outgoing Board
Tim Harrison, Pat Harrison, Dennis Simpson,
Elaine Pisu, Daffy Wagner, and Cliff LeFall



Weeg and Steve Thompson
Dressed for the occasion

MAFFI Newsletter Minute

March 2020



Buy a Brick!

Since 2011, when we first started raising money for the construction of the Model A Museum, about 1550 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of your favorite Model A's, Model A clubs and regions. We have limited room left under the gas canopy at the Museum. It would be a wonderful thing if we could finish off that area by Model A Day 2020! So how about ordering a brick for a loved one for Father's Day, Mother's Day, Anniversary or just because. A personalized brick would make a great gift for that parent or grandparent who really doesn't 'need' anything and of course, it would benefit the Model A Museum as well. If your Model A region or club doesn't yet have a brick at the Museum, now would be a good time to do that as well. Use the brick order form on our website to order your engraved brick or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.maffi.org/WSContent/Download/BuyABrickDonation.pdf>

It will be in place at the Museum by September 19, 2020. ,

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee

clubcontact@maffi.org



Price Reduced Again!



Al's Avoian's truck is being sold. Selling recently restored (2015) late '31 AA Stake Bed truck.

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(Owner passed away and truck is being sold)

Saturdays at Al's Garage



Cliff and Monty working under watchful eyes of 5 pros



Donuts and coffee. See what you are missing at Al's Garage!

More 2020 Installation of Officers



Presidents Wayne Sterling (L)
and Tim Harrison



View of Redondo Harbor
From restaurant



Treasurer Daffy Wagner



VP Dennis and Secretary
Pat working the raffle

WEBSITE ENDING

Last month, I received a Certificate of Merit from MAFCA for 2019 Webmaster. I was really pleased about that.

Next month, I'm sorry to say, our website will be ending. Boy, what timing! The reason the company is cancelling the website is because Adobe Flash will no longer be updated or supported. So visitors will no longer be able to view the website. It takes a lot of time to set up a new website and unfortunately I don't have the time now to work on it. We are going to be gone most of March into April and we are planning an RV trip to Alaska for May, June and July. I would have been able to keep up the calendar section from on the road but not work on a new website. So if anyone has experience with setting up websites and would like to take over as Webmaster, let our new president Wayne know. **Sue Hankins**

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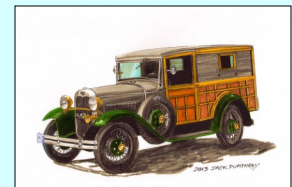
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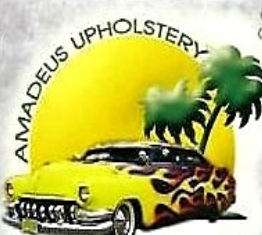
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