

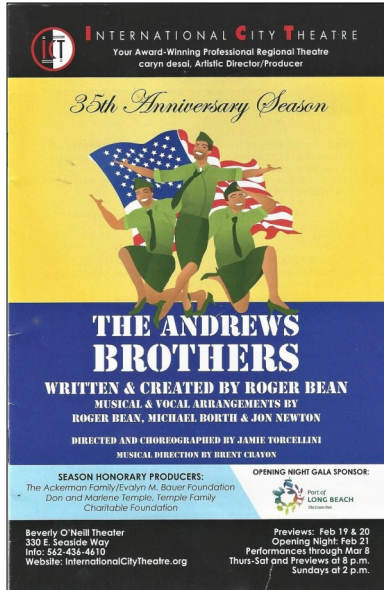
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39 Members of the Harbor Area Club attended the live performance of "The Andrews Brothers" stage play in Long Beach. This is a take-off of the Andrews Sisters performances for GI's during WWII. A fun evening! Thanks Weeg for arranging this event.

Upcoming Business Meetings

The March meeting has been **cancelled** due to the coronavirus outbreak. We will keep our members informed if there are any changes to the meeting schedule. Your health and safety is our prime concern



Model A Events & Local Shows

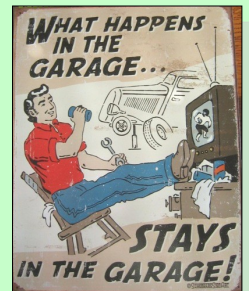
March 29th—Sun OC Pancake Breakfast.
Cancelled
April 11th—Sat. Annual Safety Check
Cancelled
April 16-18 CCRG Jamboree. Bakersfield CA.
Cancelled
May 17th—Sun Muckenthaler Annual Car Show in Fullerton. More to come

Technical Activities

Cancelled until (TBD)

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)



Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing, on Tuesday, April 7th 2020 at 7pm. Exact room TBD.

(This could change)

We will be planning upcoming events.



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



Let's Weather this Storm

First and foremost, I hope everyone is well. After speaking with all of the board members, as your new president, it was very difficult that my first email to everyone was cancelling our safety inspection and March meeting.

We started early to protect each other and the community and we will continue to do so. We can weather this storm and before you know it we will be once again starting those Model As and taking them out together (and most importantly enjoying food together).

The best part of my day is communicating via phone or email with other members. We HAVE each other's back.

If any of you are not currently doing so, please join in. Let's continue to check on each other and help when needed.

So, when you have nothing to do, here is an article from 1923 and you can practice on your tire changing skills.

Wayne



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
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- From 64 to 72 pages each issue. Excellent quality coated paper with color, and black and white photography.
- FREE 40 word Classified Ad in each issue for club members - buy and sell Model A parts and services to a target audience.



April Birthdays

- 1 James Walker
- 6 Mickey Fruchter
- 7 Walt Hibbard
- 12 Carol Olsen
- 14 Drain Marshall
- 15 Larry Sterling
- 19 Kathy Valot



April Anniversaries

- 1 Rob & Tetsuko Hernandez
- 8 Patrick & Baylee Migliazzo
- 28 Larry & Patti Migliazzo



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

This going to be a tough time for us Model A fans. Most of the local and national events have been cancelled due to the coronavirus.

This club is more than just Model As. It is a small family of folks that enjoy each others company. We share each other's fun times and join together when things aren't going well. This will be a challenge to that relationship. We will survive. This, too, will pass.

On a more pleasant note, maybe we could use this time to work on our Model As. The technical article this month mentions the many, sometimes little, maintenance chores that should be done on our cars. I have already done a couple and look forward to doing more.

Be safe. Don't put yourself in harms way. Again, this too, will pass.

Dick



Monday Supper

Our usual Monday evening gathering at a local restaurant has been postponed due to the virus epidemic. The club is monitoring the events as they unfold and will keep you posted.

One of the changes we were making prior to the shutdowns of eating establishments was to move around to different restaurants in the area. This has been popular and will continue when the situation changes and we are safe to dine together again.

Watch your emails and the Harbor Light for the latest information.

The passing of member Ted Dalton

Janice Dalton is sorry to inform us that her husband, Ted Dalton, passed away on February 27th. He had suffered from COPD. Ted was 88 years old. They were married 58 years.

The Daltons were 35 year members of the club joining in 1985. At one time, Ted had four model As. May you rest in peace, my friend. We are thinking of you and your family.

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.



2020 Membership, Roster and Club Merchandise Items

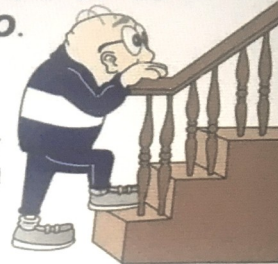
Ruxella and Jim have a selection of new **Club merchandise**. We have hats, shirts, patches, t-shirts and we still have 60th anniversary items for sale at a discount. More to come.

The **2020 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1. 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**.

This is what we, who are aged 70 or 80 years plus, can look forward to.

This is something that happened at an assisted living center. The people who lived there had small apartments but they all ate at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area.



An hour later he still hadn't arrived, so she went back up towards his room but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast. When he tried to return to his room, he was completely unable to get up even the first stair step, so they called an ambulance for him.

A couple of hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts.

I'm sending this to my children so that they don't sell the house before they know all the facts.

HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

February 28, 2020

Greenwood Park, Torrance

PRESIDENT: Wayne Sterling called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Jack Gordinier led the flag salute.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Monty Bates, Tim Harrison, Carla Hibbard, Drain Marshall, Doris Marshall, Dick Wyckoff

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

PRESIDENT: Wayne Sterling—Back table has a sign up, new club tri-fold (thanks to all who worked on the tri-fold), flyer on the Bent Axle car show in Santa Maria in July, new rosters (thanks Dick and Ursi). Thanks to Donnis for finding a new location for our meeting and for placing a sign at Walteria in case some members went there. We received a letter of thanks from Semper Fi Fund for the generous donation in memory of Vincent Migliazzo. My job as president is made easy thanks to so many members who work hard for the club.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson—Hope everyone had a good time at banquet. MAFCA membership raffle prize is only good for new members which was not known when prize was awarded. Safety check/meeting will be held on April 11 at our house. Instead of potluck we will have a taco truck and will cost \$10 per person (club is picking up part of cost). Please sign up so we have a count and give your money to the Simpson's or Weeg. Mr. Taco Catering supplies lots of food and decorations. For more info look at Mr. Taco Catering website. Will send an email so all members know the plan and Dick will remind us in the HarborLight.

TOURS: Elaine Pisu—March 7 Weeg has organized a play in Long Beach see her if interested, March 12 Model A Shuffle (thanks to Theresa, Weeg and Donnis for getting this going), March 29 Pancake Breakfast 6:45 a.m. meet up and leave at 7 a.m., sign up, there will be two groups --freeway and surface street. CCRG coming up, several members going.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall—Happy to say not a lot to report. Glad that Donnis' procedure and recovery went so well, we lost member Bruce Montgomery on January 28. Reception for Bruce is on March 2 at Light House Memorial in Gardena from 4-8 p.m., March 3 at 11 a.m. internment at Inglewood Cemetery. Dick and Jan represented the club at the Migliazzo memorial. Elaine's mom fell and went to hospital nothing broken but in pain. Darlene Funk's mother passed away about a week ago.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner—reported the club account balance. Ursi is still chasing down about 10 people for their dues.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: Linda Simpson won the women's prize of \$5. Bob De Crescenzo won the men's prize of \$5.

HARBORLIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff—When he first started doing the newsletter 121 were mailed, now only 24 go in the US mail, the rest are emailed. Thanks to Ursi for her help with the new 2020 roster. Thanks to Dr. Steve for getting the tri-fold info to Dick who then got it printed. All the info about upcoming events in newsletter.

WEBMASTER: Wayne Sterling—Sue has retired. Board approved a web-hosting company to set up and keep up with monthly monitoring, we will be on the cutting edge. Dr. Steve is the liaison between us and the web hosting company. Club's historical documents are stored at Al's garage and have been organized, put in containers, and labeled.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt—handed out the roster, 1st is free, additional are \$1. Participation awards and patches were handed out. The members with the most participation went to Dick and Jan Wyckoff. Most members have renewed but still chasing down a few.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall—April 11 is the date for the safety inspection. No projects going in the garage but will be available to work and have hot coffee and donuts.

SERGEANT AT ARMS (badge money): Jack Gordinier collected \$4.50 .

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: BIRTHDAYS: Dianne Runyon 3, Mary Ann Friedrich 4, Richard Parrish 8, Margaret Gott 12, Jay Skinner 24, Diana Murphy 25, Jack Goldberg 25, Jim Perreten 28.

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

TOOLS COORDINATOR: Bobby De Crescenzo—Let me know if you need to borrow a tool, all are in stock, Dick put a list of the available tools in the last HarborLight.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson—Wayne Sterling and the Thompson's provided the refreshments of ice cream and chocolate cake. Still a few opening for refreshments, please sign up. Little Shop of Horrors will be the play we see in Solvang, sign up and list the number of tickets you want.

CLOCK PRIZE: Joan Gordinier—Ursi Schmidt was the winner of the \$5 clock prize.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos—Everything is good.

MERCHANDISE: Ruxella Speights—In training, sale items from drive and dine and 60th anniversary are available, one XL denim shirt \$20 tonight.

TWO POSITIONS ADDED BY PRESIDENT:

Chief of staff—Jim Huizdos

Executive Director of Banquet Committee: Tim Harrison—2021 Banquet Saturday, January 23, at Bluewater Grill (the elevator will be working).

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: It was asked if we had donated to MAFFI, it will be put on the agenda for the board meeting. Monday's dinner will be at the Olive Garden. Elaine thanked Larry Sterling for his help on a car project so if you need help with your car call him.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Walteria Clubhouse, Torrance, Friday, March 27, at 7:30 pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Torrance Memorial Hospital, West Tower, Tuesday, March 3, at 7 pm.

Opportunity Drawing—Great prizes. Some free items on back table, please take.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Elaine Pisu moved that the meeting be adjourned and Dick Wyckoff seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Harrison, Substitute

Gloria Younkin, Secretary

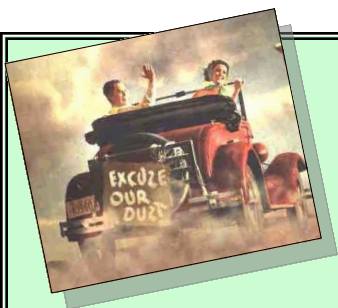
TECHNICAL REPORT: Ron Peterson

When Was the Last Time You?



1. **Greased your throw-out bearing.** To do this job remove floor mats and floorboards and clutch inspection plate. Grease bearing through fitting on throw-out collar. Do not over-grease.
2. **Packed your wheel bearings.** Remove wheels and drums; wash the bearings and races thoroughly. Packing bearing with wheel bearing grease and reassemble. Do not forget the cotter pin.
3. **Flushed your crankcase.** Drain oil – refill with kerosene, or diesel oil or special flushing oil. Run engine twenty minutes or so, then drain and refill with clean fresh oil. Make sure drain plug is in tight.
4. **Greased your light switch shaft.** Remove light switch on bottom of steering column, remove fork and spring that operate light switch, pull shaft out or up as far as possible and clean grease off. Use light cup grease after you wiped shaft off. Reassemble unit.
5. **Greased your speedometer cable.** Remove dash panel and disconnect speedometer cable. Pull out the small inside cable and wash thoroughly. Pack with light cup grease and reinstall in the casing. Wipe off excess grease and replace instrument panel.
6. **Oiled your gas pedal linkage.** There are three places to oil. Behind the engine on the shafts supports there are holes drilled for oiling. Also where the rod connects from the carburetor.
7. **Tighten your lug nuts.** Use firm even pressure on all lug nuts. Be sure to see whether nuts are pressing the wheel to the drum or just bottoming on the studs. A wheel that is not properly bolted to the drum can be ruined in very short order.
8. **Checked the oil in the transmission and rear end.** Keep level up to the filler plug, use 600W (SAE160) in both. This oil can be obtained at Sears Roebuck or any big truck stop. Be sure it is non-foam.
9. **Cleaned and flushed the cooling system.** The cheapest and best products for this is Arm & Hammer washing soda into radiator and fill with water, run hot for a half hour and then drain. Flush system out several times with clean water.
10. **Tightened the fan belt.** Loosen generator mounting bolt, move generator away from block until most of the slack is taken up in the belt. Tighten belt. Then check belt to see if adjustment has changed.
11. **Rotated your tires.** Spare to right front, right front to left rear, left rear to right rear, right rear to left front, left front to spare. Follow some pattern in each rotation.
12. **Checked your radiator hoses and clamps.** Feel hose, if soft and gummy, replace them. Same with split or rotten ones. Check for tightness and watch for broken ones.
13. **Had your front wheel aligned.** Should be done on special equipment. (See A cheap and cheerful approach in Echo April 1993 page 8)..
14. **Oiled your generator.** There should be two oil holes on the generator. The rear one is easy, the front one is protected by an "L" shaped clip that has to be removed to one side.
15. **Spent an hour tightening nuts and bolts all over the car.** Self-explanatory.
16. **Adjusted your point gap in the distributor.** Ford recommends a gap of .018, .022 check the gap at least every 500 miles.
17. **Check the air in the spare tire.** Self-explanatory.
18. **Checked out your emergency tool kit.** Including a jack. To each his own, should include points, condenser, plugs, wire, tools and a fire extinguisher.
19. **Adjusted your emergency brake.** Take up the slack with the clevises on the forward end of the emergency brake rods. When there is no more adjustment left reline the bands.
20. **Filled your shock absorbers.** On all original shocks, there is a filler plug located near the top of the unit. It has a 3/8 square nut on it, use only Houdaille, Ford or Delco shock absorber fluid or use glycerin.
21. **Cleaned and tightened your battery connections.** Most corrosion and sulfate deposits can be washed off in a solution of baking soda and then flushed with warm water. Pull cables off the terminals and clean the contact surfaces with rough sandpaper or file. Flush with warm water and reattach them. The use of Vaseline or light cup grease after assembly is recommended.
22. **Polished headlight reflectors.** Use very soft cloth or cotton with silver polish, not chrome polish as it will scratch and dull the reflection. When polished, use new gaskets.
23. **Check out all your light bulbs.** Self-explanatory.

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Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



It is called . . . Touring in Place

With all of the events of the world happening right now, driving our Model As is going to take a back seat (rumble seat).

We had several driving events scheduled but (rightfully) almost all have been cancelled. Just got a notice from the Downey Chapter that the Henry Ford picnic date, June 7th, is being watched. More to come on that. We are monitoring events for our Drive 'n Dine in July also.

This is a trying time for all of us. Our club does a lot of things together. We are a family, of sorts. We party together, we dine together, we work on each other's cars together, etc. There may be a break in the action for a while, but we will come back as strong as ever.

Stay in touch. This, too, shall pass. . .

Elaine



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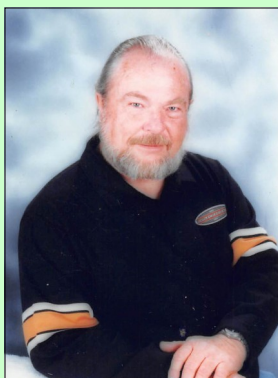
Very popular. . .

Contact: Bobby "D" @ 310 540-3690.

The Good Ol' Days



Passing of member **Bruce Montgomery**



Bruce passed away this last month of cancer. He and Judy were collectors of many different antiques from his 1930 Victoria to antique bicycles. Basically anything old. Their planned move to Arizona was cut short by Bruce's illness. His viewing was attended by several members and his gravesite ceremony brought out some Model As.

Our thoughts go out to Judy and family in this difficult time. Rest in peace, Bruce. . . .





MAFFI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message - March 2020

Dear Model A Friends,

The Model A Ford Foundation is nearing a significant milestone, and a huge Thank You is needed to the many supporters who have brought us to this point. I have decided to write this State of the Foundation article to let everyone know MAFFI's current status and the plans for the future.

We are very close to achieving our \$1 million endowment goal. This is a great achievement and it is due solely to the generous donations given by our Model A hobbyists. So, maybe it's time to reflect on the purpose of the endowment and where we go from here.

A number of years ago it was determined that to assure the perpetuity of our Museum, a fund would be required to support the long term costs associated with its running. A goal of \$1 million was eventually established in order to generate revenue (if required) from any earnings, without disturbing the principal. A conservative return of 3-4% generates about one third of our annual operating costs. To be more specific, we spend about \$100,000 per year to run the Museum. This includes our annual fee to The Gilmore, insurance, displays and exhibits, publications, vehicle maintenance, transportation and storage expenses. We have no salaries or personnel expenses. We also have no debt to service. From an income perspective, we currently take in about \$30,000 from our annual Model A Day event and about \$70,000 each year from membership dues, club support and individual donations. Therefore, our income and expenses balance out. Since we can't predict the future, we need a significant financial cushion should income decline. This is why we have an endowment.

Best Regards,
John W. Begg
President

10 Commandments for the Car Collector

1. *Thou shalt not store thy cars out-of-doors, except for thy wife's modern iron.*
2. *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's car, nor his garage, nor his battery charger.*
3. *Thou shalt not love thy cars more than thy wife and children; as much, but not more.*
4. *Thou shalt not read thy 'Restorer' on company time, lest thy employer make it impossible to continue thy car payments.*
5. *Thou shalt not despise thy neighbor's Edsel, nor his DeSoto, nor even his Packard.*
6. *Thou shalt not allow thy daughters nor thy sons to get married during the holy days of the Car Swap Meets.*
7. *Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive when, indeed, thou art going to look at another Model A.*
8. *Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of thy latest restoration, at least not all at the same time.*
9. *Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition to the house and then use it to store cars; thou shalt not store Ford parts in the attic.*
10. *Thou shalt not buy thy wife a floorjack for her birthday.*

Saturdays at Al's Garage



Monty Bates' car, Alice, has been getting a lot of attention lately. A newly rebuilt engine and steering assembly leads the list. All this exposed noises not heard before. So the Saturday crew dug into the problem and found some rusty suspension parts and a loose body bolt in the back. Much better now. . .

The team managed to correct those problems and took on the task of redoing the window guides. New parts are on order.

So far, so good. Right Alice?

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1930s Men's Sportcoat

- *Solid or Pattern Sportcoat
- *Light colored pants
- *Two Tone Shoes
- *Straw Fedora

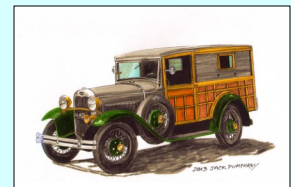
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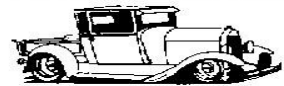
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