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# September 2020

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Dick and Jan (and Tootsie) with Ford Tri-Motor in Long Beach CA, March 2015

<u>Upcoming Business</u> <u>Meetings</u>



The August meeting scheduled for Friday the 28th. CANCELLED

We will keep our members informed if there are any changes to the meeting schedule. Your health and safety is our prime concern

<u>Model A Events & Local Shows</u> (Note: These events subject to change)

Paradise Valley Model A Ford Club

Cancelled

September 26-(Sat) Antique Swap Meet

#### <u>Technical Activities</u>

**Cancelled until (TBD)** 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.



# Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing, on **Tuesday**,

September 1st 2020 at 7pm. Exact room TBD. (TBD)



We will be planning upcoming events.

Wayne's Words — Covid 19 info—Food for thought Birthdays/Anniversaries-Editor's Corner Club merchandise— Cabriolet question & answer Business meeting notes (On virus hold) Some favorite pictures 2016

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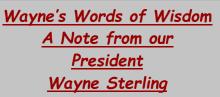
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# Something to do!

Not much has changed since last month.

This has not been a very fun time for us Model A drivers. Parks and beaches are closed, restaurants are limited (sigh), stores with lines...

We have to do what is best for us. Hopefully this will pass soon and we can back to doing what we love to do. I will keep you informed when our meeting hall reopens and we can get back to the fun stuff! Stay safe and healthy.

Wayne Sterling, President

So we're into our 6th month of COVID-19. These words made me laugh but there's a lot of truth mixed in to consider. . .

- 1. So let me get this straight, there's no cure for a virus that can be killed by sanitizer and hand soap?
- 2. Is it too early to put up the Christmas tree yet? I have run out of things to do.
- 3. When this virus thing is over with, I still want some of you to stay away from me.
- 4. If these last months have taught us anything, it's that stupidity travels faster than any virus on the planet
- 5. Just wait a second so what you're telling me is that my chance of surviving all this is directly linked to the common sense of others? You're kidding, right?
- 6. People are scared of getting fined or arrested for congregating in crowds, as if catching a deadly disease and dying a horrible death wasn't enough of a deterrent.
- 7. If you believe all this will end and we will get back to normal just because we reopen everything, raise your hand. Now slap yourself with it.
- 8. Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized the trash goes out more than me.
- 9. Whoever decided a liquor store is more essential than a hair salon is obviously a bald-headed alcoholic.
- 10. Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them. Those would be helpful right now.
- 11. The spread of Covid-19 is based on two factors: 1. How dense the population is and 2. How dense the population is.
- 12. Remember all those times when you wished the weekend would last forever? Well, wish granted. Happy now?
- 13. It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear it's going to take a whole vineyard to home school one.
- 14. Did a big load of pajamas so I would have enough clean work clothes for this week.

# September Birthdays

- 5 Dennis Simpson
- 6 Darlene Funk
- 6 Jim Beardsley
- 8 Bob Olsen
- 8 Rob Hernandez
- 11 Ursula Schmidt
- 13 Ed Duenes
- 14 Cliff LeFall
- 15 Harcourt Hervey
- 17 Art Wagner



# September Anniversaries

- 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard
- 11 Dale & Karen Barry
- 15 Michael & Teri Larguier
- 16 Rene & Anne Sandera
- 17 Dick & Gwen Valot



# Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

# Just Riding it Out. . .

Jan and I are still hanging in there with this virus thing. Too bad it has become a political thing instead of a medical thing.



My sister,  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Peggy}}$  , sent us a couple puzzles to do. We

finished them and I'm thinking the senior center in town must have some that we could trade We'll see. Had a little discussion with a couple folks at Ruby's the other day and I will pass it on. Because we

have not had any meetings to speak of this year, I propose that the club's dues for 2020 be used for 2021. That means those that were paid members for 2020 would be paid up for 2021. We have had virtually no expenses for 2020 (except for the Harbor Light). Seems fair to me... Your thoughts? (Other clubs are considering this also). National clubs dues would still be required.



Peg's Puzzle

Dick



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# (On hold) 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.

#### Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering is Going Again!

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*.

#### Dick Wyckoff - El Segundo, CA

• Hi Dick, I reached out to Tom Moniz to help with your question about the rear one piece bumper for your friends 31' 68B, and this is a perfectly acceptable option. To clarify my earlier response to you, Briggs manufactured all of the bodies for the Cabriolets, and then sent them to Ford for assembly. When they went to Ford they were all configured for a rear spare and the two-piece "fender protector" bumpers. Then Ford or the dealerships could accessorize with side mount spares, one piece bumpers, etc. In the Judging Standards, they have a list of acceptable accessories, and simply state that a Model should not have too many of them installed on one car, and should not have an accessory installed that wasn't yet available for the year and month of manufacture for each Model A. The one piece rear bumper would be acceptable any time after March 1928. If the rear spare is moved to side mount, there is also a good section in the JS on properly closing up the holes for the rear spare mount. Thanks for the question, and hope you are staying well and sane during the pandemic! Take Care!

#### Tom Krueger - Co-Editor

Tom [Krueger], on page 230 of the service bulletins, March 1928 Ford says you can interchange the rear bumper to the full width bumper. On page 467 of the June 1930, Ford offers a single spare wheel guard for the rear bumper. This is using the rear spare. I like the looks of this option. On page 483 Ford offers bumper extensions to allow a trunk to be mounted to the rear and using a full width rear bumper. On page 355 of the service bulletins, June 1929, there is a photo showing a full length rear bumper on a sedan with a trunk rack. On page 364 of the July 1929 service bulletins there is a photo showing a full width bumper on a sedan. So with this information you can easily see that this option was available since March 1928. There should be no controversy on putting a full width bumper on a Cabriolet. Ford also made the plugs and bolts to cover up the holes left when the spare tire mount was removed.

Tom Moniz - 68C Record Keeper

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# HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING July 2020

Due to the Corona virus situation, the July meeting was cancelled. Folks are encouraged to follow the "Stay at Home" request and keep in contact with other members . We are a family, you know.









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# Jim's Tech Tip

#### Installing A New Fuel Line

When installing a new fuel line between the sediment bowl and the carburetor, you want to get the little brass ferrule locked down on the tubing about 1/8" from the end of the tubing. It is difficult to see where the ferrule is located on the tubing, though, when the end is inside the carburetor or the sediment bowl. Here's my little trick to getting it where you want it.

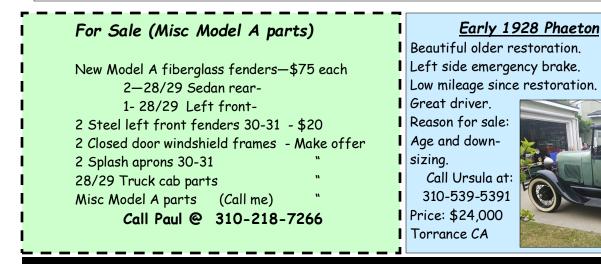
On the bench, before installing anything on the car, slip the tube nut and ferrule on the end of the fuel line like it will be installed on the car. See the photo. Place the ferrule on the tubing with 1/8" of tubing showing on the end. Gently press the nut up against the ferrule and mark that location with a little piece of masking tape.

Now when you install the tubing on the carburetor or sediment bowl, you hold the tubing in so that the tape is right at the edge of the nut while you tighten the nut. When the ferrule gets clamped down on the tubing, it will be in the right spot. You can take it apart to check.

I apply a few drops of oil to the threads of the nut and to the ferrule when tightening it all up for the first time, to help everything tum smoothly as it's being clamped in place. Teflon tape should not be needed on these tube nuts and ferrules; they are designed to seal with just the nut being tightened. It does not hurt to put a thin film on non-hardening sealant on the ferrule, though, before installing, for extra protection against weeping fuel.

I hope this helps the installation of your next fuelline easier. Have a Model A Day! Jim

#### From MAFCA's On the Road With!

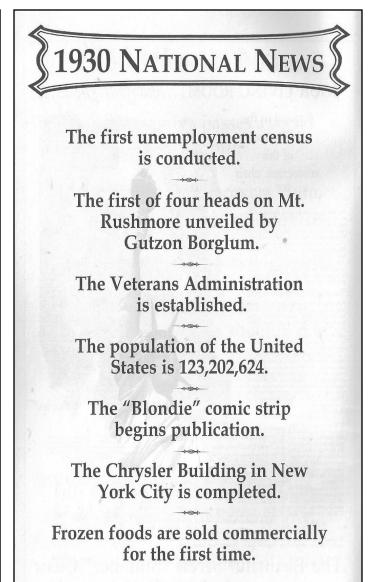






<b>1930</b> Cost of	LIVING
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New House	\$7,146.00
Average Income	\$1,973.00 per year
New Car	\$610.00
Average Rent	\$15.00 per month
Tuition to Harvard University	\$400.00 per year
Movie Ticket	25¢ each
Gasoline	10¢ per gallon
United States Postage Stamp	2¢ each
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Food	
Granulated Sugar	65¢ for 10 pounds
Vitamin D Milk	56¢ per gallon
Ground Coffee	46¢ per pound
Bacon	25¢ per pound
Eggs	15¢ per dozen
Fresh Ground Hamburger	13¢ per pound
Fresh Baked Bread	9¢ per loaf

This is what was happening 90 years ago.





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# Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club (PHSMAC) Car Raffle 2020

# By Wilbert Smith PhD, Technical Advisor

Stating the obvious, this past academic school year has students returning this fall, along with minth graders been a challenge. Without our traditional annual car raffle (COVID-19), our treasury needs major help. With entering for the first time, the Pasadena High School Students are motivated to return with what we hope to Model A Club (PHSMAC) is ready to meet its goal. be the backing of our many friends and supporters who participate in our raffle

our past four presidents and vice presidents have been female.

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> Below students are shown performing final preparation on a newly primed (by students), 1929 Model A Murray body, Fordor Sedan.



For those who may not recall, the winners of our June 2019 drawing are pictured above. They are Steven & PHSMAFC. The Timmins family, new to the Model A the Club's signature t-shirt. They are members of MAFCA's Orange County Chapter. Our second prize winners were John & Happy Begg of Irmo, South Hayley Timmins of Costa Mesa, California, who won the 1929 Model A Ford Roadster, restored by the hobby, stand by their newly owned car while wearing Carolina

fellow admirers of our great hobby that is now a part of them. They vow to one day own their own Model A. are quite impressive. Members beginning as young as PHSMAC, founded in 2016, has a membership that has fourteen-years-old, then minth graders, are now seniors Together we rejoice as grown with confidence possessing accomplishments that who leave our club as adults.

meetings during their own after school hours. Even while Our students received no academic credit, attending club competing with other interest such as school athletics, drill team and band practice, and other extra-curricular



# MAFFI Newsletter Minute August 2020



The Gilmore is excited to have a new mobile store which is a restored 1930 Ford Model A Pick-Up. The Garage Works students did the restoration on the vehicle and their operations staff created the slat walls, awning and sliding storage drawers.

The mobile store is stocked with impulse buy items like logo'ed hats, T-Shirts, mugs, as well as books, model cars and other items as well as snacks, sodas and water. They are able to utilize the mobile store on numerous locations around our campus. This is especially valuable when there are events after hours or when the museum store is closed.

The vintage signage lettering was done by a local artist and made to look like it was done in the 1930's. On your next visit to the museum, please check out our merchandise at the Gilmore Gift Shop. This "MAFFI Liaison Letter" was sent to you <u>as your club's MAFFI Liaison</u>. It is our hope that you will share it at your club's monthly meeting. If you are no longer the MAFFI Liaison for your club, please notify me <u>at the email</u> <u>listed below</u> with the name and email address of the new Liaison.

Thank you, Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee <u>clubcontact@maffi.org</u>



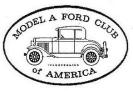
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# Model A Quiz

# 1. If the distributor rotor does not turn when cranking the engine, the most probable

#### cause is a

- a. Broken camshaft
- b. Sheared oil pump shaft
- c. Broken timing gear
- d. Broken fan belt

# 2. "End-play" of the camshaft is prevented by a

- a. Snap-ring retainer
- b. Coil spring pressed against timing gear
- c. Set of retainer bearings
- d. Gear on the oil pump drive shaft

#### 3. What prevents battery current from flowing back through the generator when the engine is not in motion

- a. Battery ground cable
- b. Cut-out
- c. Condenser
- d. Ignition switch

#### 4. A leaking "intake manifold seal" will be evident by

- a. Hard starting
- b. Engine not idling
- c. Slow acceleration
- d. All of the above

#### 5. An overheating engine while driving is usually first noticeable by the

- a. Sound of the engine
- b. Jerking of the car
- c. Engine back-firing
- d. Loss of speed

#### 6. In the event both headlights and tail light bulbs all burn out, it is most probable the

- a. Bulbs were all bad
- b. Cut-out would not open
- c. Horn button shorted the light switch
- d. Battery cables are loose

#### 7. If the horn motor works properly and adjustment screw has no effect, the

- Knob on the diaphragm is worn off
- b. Lock nut on the rotor wheel is loose
- c. Bug screen is clogged
- d. Electrical wires are reversed

#### 8. If the gas gauge stays in only one position,

- it is usually caused by the
- a. Gauge rod lodged against the filler neck screen
- Elect act retating on the
- b. Float not rotating on the gauge rod
  c. Gauge indicator pressing against the glass
- d. Pivot point binding

# 9. Pliers and baling wire will be the most help in

- a. Changing and repairing a flat
- Adjusting emergency brakes
- c. Timing engine
- Choking carburetor when cranking

# 10. The easiest way to detect a hole burned through a piston is to

a. Press a screw driver firmly against the engine block

 b. Check for blow-by through the crankcase breather

- c. Retard spark and see if engine stops
- d. See if engine backfires at high RPM
  - The Restorer January-February 1967

#### breather

- B—Check for blow-by through the crankcase
  - D—Choking carburetor when cranking
- 8. A-Gauge rod lodged against the fill neck screen
  - B—Lock nut on the rotor wheel is loose
    - D—Battery cables are loose
      - 5. A-Sound of the engine
        - 4. D-All of the above
          - 3. B-Cut-out
  - 2. B-Coil spring pressed against timing gear
    - 1. C-Broken timing gear

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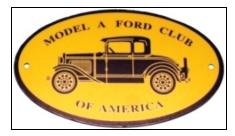
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one block south of Pacific Coast Hwy.) We'd like to invite all interested parties, even if they don't own a Model A Ford, to come and join us. Our goal is to educate the public about Model A Fords and have fun while doing it.

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