

Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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November 2020

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Harbor Area Model As leading the car caravan at the opening of the new Gerald Desmond bridge in Long Beach (See page 5)

Upcoming Business Meetings

The October meeting scheduled for Friday the 30th. CANCELLED

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



Technical Activities

Postponed 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.



Model A Events & Local Shows

Cancelled or rescheduled To a future date

Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing, on Tuesday, November 10th 2020 at 7pm. Exact room TBD. Postponed until (TBD)





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



Dues discussion for 2021

Hi, I have had some questions regarding the amount of the dues, when and how to pay, and the necessity of the dues.

Hopefully this clears it up.

- -The question was asked about waiving our dues for 2021 and I brought it to a vote for the voting members. The vote was 9 to keep the dues and 3 to waive, so we are paying 2021 dues.
- -The amount of our club dues are \$30 per year plus we need to be a member of MARC and their dues are \$45 per year (they are not waiving theirs).
- -Ursula Schmidt, our Membership Officer, collects both dues and forwards MARC theirs. See her column on paying Club dues for 2021.
- -Even though we have no activities we still have expenses such as insurance, publication and mailing Harbor Light (the \$10 per year we charge members to have it mailed does not cover the costs).
- We like to maintain a minimum bank balance so as to not pay monthly service charges.
- -Once we start meeting again I am sure we will have to start paying a cleaning fee so facilities are properly sanitized.

Sincerely

Wayne Sterling, President

Dues Info for 2021

Harbor Club Annual 2021 DUES

The question of dues for 2021 came up and was discussed with the board. Unfortunately this year we were not able to get together and enjoy each other's company as we have done all the years before.

Despite the lack of activities the club still has expenses, such as the club house insurance, flowers and cards for our grieving members, printing and mailing Harbor Lights and rosters. (We actually don't charge enough for these).

I think \$30 for a year is such a small amount that I hope we all can manage to continue to support our club even during the pandemic.

Please send in your dues as usual to:

Ursula Schmidt 26419 Pineknoll Ave. Harbor City, CA 90710

The MARC dues are \$45 (yes, they also kept their dues). Harbor dues are \$30. If you send me \$75 I will forward \$45 to MARC. Make check out to: **Harbor MARC** If you have guestions, please call me at 310 539 5391.

Note: If you want to receive the Harbor Light by mail, add additional \$10. (Email is free and in color!)

Stay safe and healthy and hang in there. Our cars have endured through all kinds of events for 92 years and this too shall pass.

Ursi

Membership Chair



November Birthdays

November Anniversaries

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



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



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Another month of hangin' out at home. The only relief Jan and I get is taking the Model A out for a little spin around town. We don't go too far but it breaks the routine up a little.

A couple things (car related) that helps is the Saturday morning

'Caffeine Cruisers' in Torrance. Probably 75 cars show up for coffee and car stories.

Some different cars each week. (See article).

The other event was the opening of the new Gerald Desmond bridge in Long Beach. Four Model As from the club were invited to lead a procession of 30 or so cars from a 1910 Model T to a 57 T-bird. The bridge took seven years to build and cost \$1.5 Billion dollars. Interesting event.

There was one swap meet by a Model T club in Fullerton. I didn't buy anything but it is always the 'thrill of the hunt'.

November 11th is Veterans Day. This is the day we recognize and thank all the vets for their service. I proudly fall into that group. 25 years in the US Navy. I followed after my Grandfather who was in the Navy back in 1908 aboard the USS Louisiana in Teddy Roosevelt's 'Great White Fleet' that sailed around the world. Interesting history.

Be safe.

Dick

Monday Supper

After about a year and a half due to remodeling and the corona virus shutdown, Hof's Hut is back open for supper. It is open air dining and our former



waitress, Kim, is back again. Several of us have been meeting there on Monday for a couple weeks now. The manager asked us to move our time up a little, so we have been going at about 4pm to avoid the crowds. Location is Crenshaw and 237th. Bring a jacket just in case. Wear a mask, too.



Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering is Alive and Well!

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.)

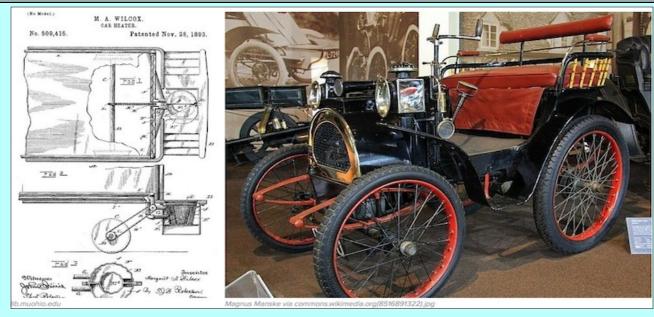
Come on by, have a cup of Starbucks, and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



2021 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. See page 2 of newsletter for membership renewal 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*.



We all owe our thanks to Margaret A Wilcox who invented the car heater in 1893! (Margaret also invented a combined clothes and dishwasher)

HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING October 2020

Due to the Corona virus situation, the October 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.



Opening of New Gerald Desmond Bridge

Four Model As were invited to lead the opening parade of the new Gerald Desmond bridge in Long Beach CA. We represented the club well with four different body styles from 1930 and 1931. Dick Wyckoff drove Jan's '30 Cabriolet, Mirco and Elaine Pisu drove their '31 Fordor Blindback Sedan, Steve Friedrich drove his '31 Roadster, and Jim Huizdos drove his '31 Victoria Sedan. All together there were about 30 era cars from the 30's to the 50's that paraded over the bridge. Here are some pictures from the event:





The new Gerald Desmond bridge





Steve Friedrich and Jim Huizdos



Dick Wyckoff



Harbor As leading car parade over the bridge



Jim Huizdos' Vicky leading the As

Technical Talk

Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

Rattles Under the Hood

at rattle is

driving me CRAZY! Very few things are as annoying as a persistent rattle under the hood while you drive your Model A. Of course it stops when you pull over and look under there!

Here are some things that I have found over the years can sound like a rattle under the hood:

The radiator support rods. They come loose at the radiator or at the firewall.

The engine pans. Just one loose bolt/nut can rattle like crazy (hard to find).

Hood support/prop brackets. The ones that "fold in" will rattle if closed all the way; open it back up $\frac{1}{2}$ " to separate the halves from touching.

Brake rods. Jiggle them by hand. You may need to install some of the oversize clevis pins to tighten things back up, or replace the return/anti-rattle springs.

Tools and things under the seat. (I found a large screwdriver once in my side curtain pan, way in the back, that was causing a rattle that I chased for 2 years!)

I hope this helps you track down that annoying rattle. In a future Tech Tip, I will cover potential sources of other annoying noises in your car. Until then, "Have a Model A Day!" Jim



Progressive tour stop at Mirco and Elaine Pisu's home in October 2015



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

Stay Safe. We will get past this. .



Don't have much to offer this month. We don't have any planned activities, but that doesn't mean you can't drive your car! Follow the rules for face masking and socializing and you should be just fine. Again.... Stay safe.

Elaine





For several years in a row, the
Harbor Club sponsored a
'Feed the Firemen'
Tour with the fire station in Long
Beach. The station is located in the
harbor right next to the
USS Iowa BB-61 exhibit.
After a feast with the firefighters,
they took us on a 1 hour tour of the
harbor on their fireboat.
Always a fun gathering and a way to
show our thanks to the firefighters.

Picture taken November 2012

SENIOR CITIZEN JOKE

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle.

She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says,

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble

these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh

(scroll down)

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."



Sign over a Gynecologist's Office:

"Dr.. Jones, at your cervix."

In a Podiatrist's office:

"Time wounds all heels." (read it again)

On a Septic Tank Truck:

Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

At a Proctologist's door:

"To expedite your visit, please back in."

At an Optometrist's Office:

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The Model A Ford Museum is pleased to announce the newest pin for your collection.

Since we were unable to have an official Model A Day this year, it was decided that we would create a pin as a fund raiser to help us raise money that would have normally come from our event. To keep with the First Responder theme we have decided to feature our Fire Truck that is on permanent display at the museum and is featured in our First Responder Display. This vehicle was donated to the museum by Jerry Austin.

If you or your club would like to purchase these pins, the cost is \$7.00 per pin which includes postage. Remember that it is more cost effective for us to ship them in larger quantities although we will honor individual requests. Also remember that this is a tax deductible donation!

Send your requested number of pins and a check payable to MAFFI to:

Suzan O'Neal 477 Beaver Pond Way Mineral, VA 23117

Thank you for your continued support of the Model A Ford Museum and to MAFFI.

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee





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E-mail: info@mafca.com Website: www.mafca.com

Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.









Greg Earhart needs your good thoughts

Greg has been fighting a cancerous growth in his esophagus where it enters the stomach. His ability to eat is greatly impaired and he has lost 50+ pounds. He is being treated at the USC medical facilities specializing in this type of cancer. Greg is a fighter and is giving it all to beat this thing. He needs our thoughts and prayers in this fight. Keep Fran in your prayers, also. Keep fighting, Greg. We're with you.

Passing of Linda Skinner

The Harbor Club mourns the passing of long time member Linda Skinner. Linda, wife of Jay Skinner, had been ill for several months before her death. She was cared for by Jay and their two sons 'till the end. She was cremated and her ashes were spread at sea in a beautiful ceremony officiated by former member and past club president, Steve Preston. It was attended by many neighbors and friends. Our thoughts are with Jay and his family at this time. Rest in Peace, Linda.

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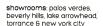


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