

Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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Upcoming Business Meetings

The **December** meeting 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, December 1st 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



Thoughts for the future

This has not been a fun ride these last few months. Some of us have driven our As around locally just to get outdoors during this virus lockdown thing. At least the Caffeine Cruisers on Saturday morning is still going on. Safety is the key word here.

Some of us have used this time to work on our cars. I know Steve Friedrich redid his whole braking system, new drums, linings, everything. . . . Nice going, Steve.

Hopefully this coming year we will be back in 'Al's Garage' on Saturday mornings. Sure miss that.

Not much else to say except have a great Thanksgiving & Christmas. Be safe and we will get through this.

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 questions, 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. Have a safe and healthy holiday.

Ursi

Membership Chair

December Birthdays

December Anniversaries

- 1 Gary Guttormson
- 3 Daniel Giagni
- 4 Wayne Sterling
- 7 Dick Wenker
- 10 Anita Perreten
- 11 Sue Hankins
- 13 Elyse Beardsley
- 15 Mary Walker

- 17 Bob DeCrescenzo
- 20 Ruxella Speights
- 20 David Dye
- 21 Greg Clayton
- 23 Jeanne Parrish
- 25 Jim Valot
- 25 Amy Knott
- 29 Gary Gaffney

1 Jack and Julie Goldberg







Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

This years Christmas Parade in El Segundo has been cancelled due to the virus thing. I assume the Long Beach one is also. We'll let you know.

We had a great time last year. The picture is from last year with Jan, my co-pilot, in the '29 Roadster PU. Just a bit of fun info, the Pickup Truck was my first car. I bought it in 1960 and still have it! 60 years. WOW....

The Harbor Club had been kinda dormant for the last nine months or so. The only real event was a 'Thank

You' parade a couple months back for all the local hospital first responders. We also did a birthday driveby for VP Dennis Simpson. Both were lots of fun.

Don't forget to pay your Harbor annual dues. (See Ursi's notes.) National dues are also due.

Hope everyone has a safe and healthy holiday season. This, too, shall pass. . . .

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*.



1930 Music & Movie Favorites

Music

I Can Dream, Can't I? - by Tommy Dorsey
Three Little Words - by Duke Ellington
Body and Soul - by Paul Whiteman
Embraceable You - by Red Nichols
Happy Days Are Here Again - by Benny Meroff
I'm Confessin' - by Guy Lombardo
On the Sunny Side Of the Street - by Ted Lewis
So Beats My Heart For You - by Earl Burtnett
Strike Up the Band - by Red Nichols
My Baby Just Cares For Me - by Ted Weems

Movure

- All Quiet on the Western Front Academy Award Winner
- Disraeli
- The Divorcee
- The Big House
- The Love Parade
- Bulldog Drummond

HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING November 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.





Mail was a little late in 1910 due to a small accident



1931 Model A Tudor for Sale in Southern California



Tour Ready - ex-Lee Chase

Andalusite Blue and Black with Straw stripe and 16" Ford wire wheels with ss trim rings. Twin side mounts, rear trunk. less than 1000 miles on new tires and tubes. Jay Steel tour engine, counter-balanced, full oil pressure, high compression head. Leakless water pump, light V-8 clutch, Zaninno rebuilt '39 transmission, Laycock (Volvo) overdrive, Ford F100 steering, tubular shock absorbers; Gray wool upholstery shows wear from years of touring, but is usable as-is. Paint is not perfect but presentable. YOM California license plates. Matching second spare tire and wire wheel painted to match, currently unmounted, goes with the car. This is an original car from Fargo, North Dakota with a documented history from May, 1931 to present. 11,000 tour miles since 2003 while owned by Lee Chase of Los Angeles. Offered at \$19,500 one.

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We've been told that only 6 people are allowed to meet for Thanksgiving, but 30 for a funeral. With this, I announce that we will be holding a funeral for our pet turkey that will pass away on Nov. 26. Refreshments provided.

In lieu of flowers please bring a side or dessert.



Technical Talk

FROM THE BENCH

CHRIS WICKCKERSHAM

Bead Blasting and Sand Blasting Model A Parts

When doing a project on these old cars, one of the biggest chores is cleaning the parts. If you need to clean big old rusty parts that will be painted such as front axles, wheels, frames, fenders and bumper brackets, one very good choice is to have these parts sand blasted. Sand blasting will leave the parts clean and rust free and make repairs and preparation for painting a lot easier. In recent years, bead blasting has also become very popular. A lot of old car hobbyists have a small bead blast cabinet in their shop they find very useful for cleaning small parts.

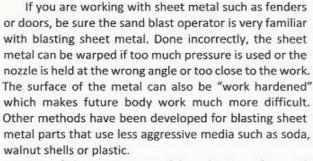
While sand blasting and bead blasting are good for cleaning a lot of the components, these processes are not really recommended for parts such as the torque tube, rear axle housings and engine or transmission internal parts. You can sand blast a torque tube but then you have the problem of how to get all the sand out of the inside. Sand will find its way to the inside the torque tube and become imbedded in the old dried up grease and oil and it is just about impossible to remove all of it. Any leftover sand can find its way into the rear end bearings or gears and ruin a fresh rebuild. This is the same for blasting engine and transmission internal parts and castings. It is easy to clean a transmission case by sand or bead blasting but the abrasive will find its way into the pores of the casting and you cannot get it out. Many a project has been ruined because loose abrasive found its way into the working components.

After blasting, you can paint the inside of a casting with Glyptal to seal the pores but this is only successful if the casting is absolutely clean and free of any old grease or oil, which is just about impossible, or the Glyptal will not completely adhere.

One particular component that should <u>never be blasted</u> is

the <u>intake manifold</u>. Almost all of these old manifolds have old dried up varnish and fuel residue in the passages that sand or beads can stick to. The new fuels that contain ethanol will dissolve this old varnish and residue and any imbedded abrasive can enter and ruin the engine. Even if you think you have the inside of the manifold clean of old fuel deposits, the sand or beads can also find its way into the pores of the casting.

Carburetors should also not be blasted. It is easy to take a carburetor apart and bead blast the inside to get rid of the old rust and grime but how do you get the beads out of all the passages? Bead blasting the bores of the butterfly shaft will leave it rough and the new shaft may not operate smoothly and will wear prematurely.



One of the most successful applications for sand blasting is Model A wheels. There is almost no other way to get these old wire wheels really clean. Sand or bead blasting can make cleaning old car parts a lot faster and easier but use caution, blasting is not the best cleaning solution for every part of your Model A.



Tech Tip - Cleaning Small Rusty Parts

An easy way to clean small rusty parts, such as carburetor castings, is to use a rust dissolving solution. Good success has been achieved by first using Metal Kleener 2014 to remove any old grease or oil and then soaking overnight in Rust 911. These 2 products are bio degradable, are available in concentrated form and can be ordered online directly from the manufacturer, rust911.com.





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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.

One more thing: Have a safe and healthy holiday season. We'll do better next year.

Elaine







Pat and Sue's latest travel news

I sent you some photos from our cell phone of some Model T "campers" that we saw at the RV Hall of Fame in Elkhart, Indiana.

We're just back from a 6 week, 7280 mile RV trip circling the U.S. We drove up the coast of CA, OR and WA to Seattle area to see some of my family and then across the upper part to Lake Erie in NY to see Pat's family. Then down to Nashville to pick up the I-40 to come across the lower part of the U.S. We saw Mt. Rushmore, Niagara Falls and Grand Canyon without the usual tourist crowds. It was great. We had great weather the whole way and got to see some fall color change that I had never seen before. We felt as safe in our "little home on wheels" as in our big home.

Thanks, Sue











Palos Verdes Tour August 2012











This image of the lighthouse is from an early stereograph. It was taken shortly after its construction, notice the absence of trees and the cleared land around the lighthouse.

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A Little Automotive History



In 1913, Gulf Refining Co. opened the nation's first drive-up gasoline service station in Pittsburgh, Pa. Although invitations were sent to all automobile owners in the neighborhood, opening-day sales on Dec. 1 amounted to just 30 gallons, at 27 cents each. By the first Saturday, however, the word had spread: Gulf sold over 350 gallons that day.

This first drive-up station changed the concept of gasoline marketing and established a style of station operation for years to come. The station was the first to offer free crankcase service, free air and water, and free installation of tires and tubes when purchased there; and it made its employee restrooms available to motorists.

A marker noting the station's historic significance was recently placed at the site where the station once stood

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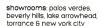


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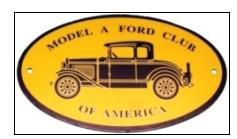
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 1242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. 1 and 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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Have a Wonderful and Safe Christmas Holiday



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