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2020 MAFCA
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Dick and Jan doing Christmas
(2020) Driving around in El Segundo (L) we were greeted by a huge Santa.
(2015) Participating in the Christmas parade (R) in El Segundo representing the Harbor Area Club.

Upcoming Business Meetings

The January 2021 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 your 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

Harbor's annual awards banquet at the BlueWater Inn in January has been cancelled due to the virus epidemic.

Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital, West wing, on Tuesday, January 5th 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. Masks are worn. Safety is the key word here.

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

One of our annual fun events, the Awards Banquet in January, is being cancelled this year. This is one of our premier gatherings and again this virus thing is taking over our plans. It is most important that we are safe and healthy. We will keep in touch as things progress.

Be safe and hopefully this New Year will bring a welcome change..

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.

Ursi
Membership Chair

January Birthdays

- 2 Janet Blaschke
- 3 Darlene Duncan
- 11 Jerry Reine
- 12 Patti Migliazzo
- 15 Kewyn Cardenas
- 16 Anne Kealey



January Anniversaries

- 12 Daniel & Pamela Giagni
- 29 Gary Kuhlmann & Lynn Waters



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

There is not much to report on this time. I know some of us still get the cars out and drive them. Jan and I do this on a regular basis. Not too far but around the local areas. (See picture on front page).

I ran across a pertinent article in the local newspaper. It has to do with renewing your California driver's license if you are 70 or over and your driver's license is up for renewal. Because of the virus, someone in

California finally did a smart thing! Here's the article:

How to renew your CA driver's license online during the Corona virus pandemic

(This article by Jim Radcliffe appeared in the local Daily Breeze newspaper recently)

Q: Always enjoy your column and particularly the good news about those **70 and over** being able to renew your driver's license online. When you ask the DMV for more details, can you find out if that is true even if your renewal notice says you are supposed to take the written test? It would seem the officials could easily put that test online, too, or else waive it because of COVID.

Mary Ledding, Los Angeles

A: I'm not a Rhodes scholar, but I do know that bringing good tidings increases popularity. And in this case, I can do just that.

You won't have to take the those tests this time if you renew online, over the phone or by mail, Ivette Burch, a DMV spokesman up in Sacramento told me.

As Mary suggests, I intended to get more info on the renewals, and here are some other tidbits:

The renewals will be for five years from when your license was to originally expire. If you received a one-year extension, you now can renew for the remainder of those five years.

Renewals aren't automatic. If someone has a medical situation that the DMV wants to check out, or his recent driving record is of concern, say with citations or an arrest, the driver would be told he needs to go into a DMV office to try to get the license renewed.

The DMV says it will start taking online renewal applications starting December 6th. Go to the web-site **DMV.CA.GOV** and follow the renewal instructions.

Editor's note: I did this and expect my renewed license in the mail soon. YEH!

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**.

Harbor Christmas activities from the past



HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING

December 2020

Due to the Corona virus situation, the November 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.



Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services...

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands along.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the backdoor entrance.
- The 6th formers will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double-doors at the side entrance.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - so Up Yours.'

A Temperature Gauge!

by Tom Endy

The Model A Ford did not come equipped with a temperature gauge. Knowing the water temperature is very important as you can then take steps to avoid overheating the engine. Early in the Model A era an accessory radiator cap was offered that incorporated a thermometer on the top of the cap, visible from the driver's seat. If the early attempt was inaccurate, the repos are even worse. The temperature probe associated with the thermometer is not actually immersed in water. It is located above the radiator baffle and is at best measuring only steam and an occasional splash of water.

For an accurate measurement of the water, a probe for a temperature gauge should be inserted into the water as it is leaving the engine. This is best accomplished by placing it in the water outlet casting that bolts to the top front of the head. Water is entering this casting from the head on its way to the top of the radiator. The water at this point is about as hot as it is going to get. (Water boils at 212° at sea level).

Accessory temp gauges can be either mechanical or electrical. The mechanical type is best suited for a Model A. Electrical temp gauges are only available in 12 volts. If a Model A has a 12 volt system the electrical type can be used, however you will need to figure a way to shut off power to the gauge as turning the ignition key off won't do it.

Most mechanical temp gauges on the market come with a six-foot length of mechanical cable that cannot be altered. Therefore the trick is to mount the gauge in a location on the dash that will allow for adequate routing of the cable between the gauge and the probe. A variety of temperature gauges are readily available from most auto parts dealers.

It is also a good idea to install a thermostat in the water system. Most Model A suppliers carry them. They come in 160° and 180° temperatures and mount inside the water hose just above the water outlet casting on top of the head. The thermostat will bring the water temperature up to the proper operational temperature (either 160° or 180°) quickly and will maintain it there. ☺



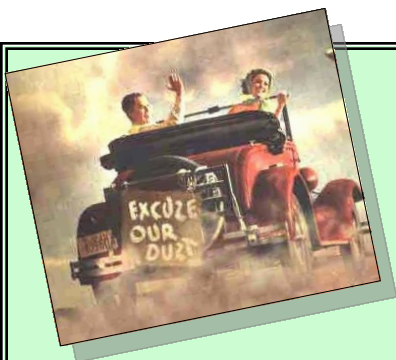
A 1½-inch SunPro mechanical temperature gauge is installed with a custom made bracket up under the dash rail of a 1931 Victoria.



The little switch in the upper right corner of the bracket is a momentary push button switch wired to the ammeter that will give you a quick peek at the gauge while driving at night.



The six-foot mechanical cable is routed from the gauge to the Dan Eubanks reproduction water outlet casting that has been cast with a temp gauge boss and has been drilled and tapped for your favorite size pipe fitting. Dan locates the fitting on the side of the casting to accommodate an overhead valve head installation. (Dan Eubanks 626-827-4004).



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



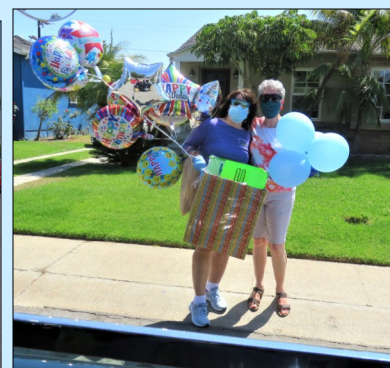
Stay Safe. We will get past this. .

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 .

Also, check out Dick's article on renewing your driver's license. If yours is due soon, this is the way to go. Renew for five years! WOW.

Elaine

Harbor Club's participation in thanking hospital workers And a drive-by for Dennis Simpson's 70th birthday





MAFFI Newsletter Minute December 2020



A Message from our MAFFI President

Closing out the year 2020, we realize many things we planned for our hobby could not take place. However, throughout this time, we also accomplished a number of good things including spending more time with our families. We also made some nice additions and improvements in our Museum. To list a few... we added an interactive chassis exhibit, the America's Sweetheart Roadster and improved our interactive start display. We brought in three First Responder vehicles and will continue to display these vehicles throughout 2021. We added to our era fashion exhibits by acquiring new mannequins complete with era fashion attire. Special collections including Ford Dealer records, Jim Beam Model A decanters, header clocks and additional tools were added to our displays. Next year we will be adding several new donations to our Museum including a 1931 Woody Station Wagon. We also created videos, which will be rolled out on our website, showcasing our museum and several displays.

Due to the cancellation of Model A Day, we had a significant shortfall in income. However, many clubs and individuals have made contributions to help offset some of this loss. For this, we extend our great appreciation!

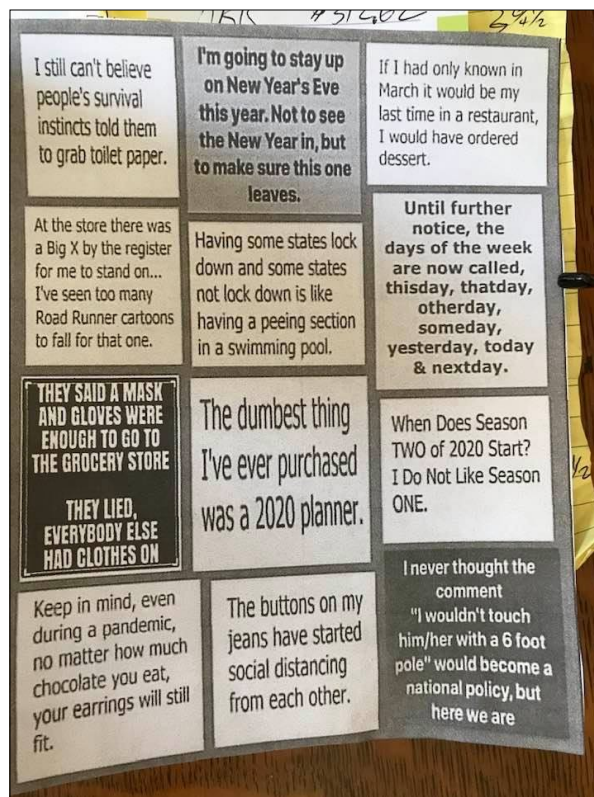
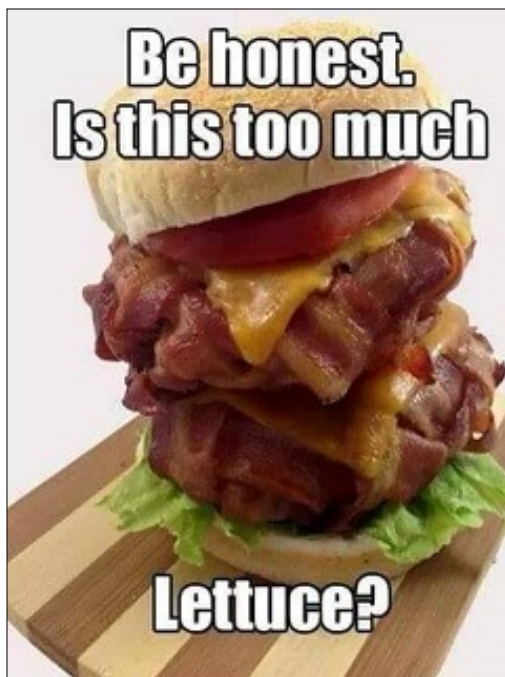
From all of the Trustees and myself, thank you for all of your support and many happy wishes for this holiday season.

Best Regards,
John Begg, President
Model A Ford Foundation



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Contact: Paul
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(Lakewood CA)



Update on member Greg Earhart

As mentioned last month, Greg is fighting a cancer in his digestive system to where any nourishment is taken by tube directly to his stomach. He is undergoing radiation and other therapy measures and is much improved. I talked with him a few days ago and he sounded much better and more optimistic. Please keep Greg in your prayers especially this time of year. Greg: We're thinking of you. Be strong, my friend.

Dick Wyckoff

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
- Voting privileges in National elections of officers and by-laws revisions
- Free classified advertising on the MAFCA web site and posting of photo of your car in the Photo Album section
- Technical advice to help restore your Model A and keep it in top shape

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- Six issues each calendar year of our award- winning, international, bi-monthly Model 'A' News magazine.
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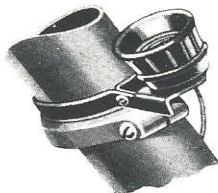
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Radiator Ornament

Represents quail in flight, symbolizing quick getaway. Unusually attractive. Ornament locks securely to radiator.

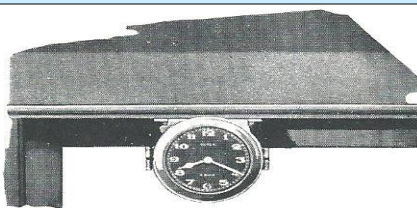
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Cigar Lighter

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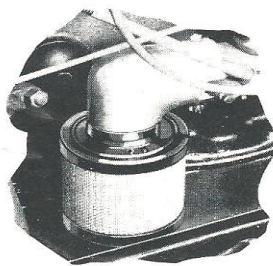
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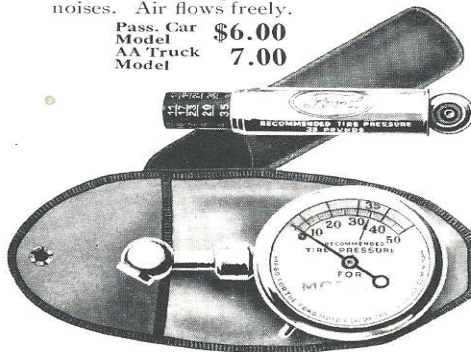
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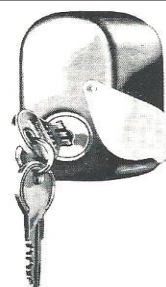
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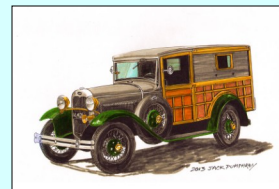
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