

Harbor MARC/MAFCA Membership Handbook

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Club History

In August of 1957 Dale Kilbourne organized the Harbor Area Region of the Model "A" Restorers Club and became our "Number One" member. The club was chartered on August 27th of that year.

Dale had always owned and loved "A"s and even "T"s, but it wasn't until 1956 that he heard of a national organization dedicated to restoring the Model "A". Actually it was his wife Alice who got Dale involved! Dale had bought her a '31 sport coupe in 1953 because she told him, "That's exactly what I want!" She drove it constantly and one day a young man stopped her to tell her of a group of Model A buffs who had a club out in Glendale.

Dale took over from there! They attended a meeting and met Bill Hall who had organized the Model A Restorers Club four years earlier while living in Connecticut. Bill had moved to Glendale, met a bunch of Model A'ers and organized the Model A Restorers Club of Southern California which met at his home. Dale was so enthused with this new club, he began recruiting other Model A owners from the Long Beach area to tour to out to Glendale with them.

After Bill Hall returned east, the club met in other members' homes in Glendale. Eventually Dale felt the need for a club headquarters closer to home for the growing Long Beach group. He proposed that the National M.A.R.C. adopt a system of separate "chapters". M.A.R.C. accepted Dale's idea.

The Long Beach acted immediately and on August 12, 1957 twenty-three Model "A"ers met at the Kilbourne's to request their own chapter. They held a contest for a name and Rod Gott won with "Harbor Area Region". On August 27, 1957 they received their charter! The Charter was signed by two members.

Dale was elected President, Alan Thomas was Vice-president, Rome Harris Treasurer, Rod Gott Secretary and Bob Moser was Activities Chairman.

For the first year they met at Kilbourne's home, then at the homes of various members. Tours were sort of spontaneous affairs and arranged by phone or postcard easy to do with only 25 members. Bob Moser made up the club's first stationary which had a picture of Alice with Dale's sedan.

They had no treasury at all! Among their early fund raising events, they auctioned off a 1938 convertible Ford sedan. Dale designed a step plate with a Ford insignia on it which he made up for \$2.50, the club sold them for \$5.00.

The ladies formed an auxiliary of their own for awhile and raised money with food booths and hot dog sales in the parks. The ladies for a time even had their own membership numbers. The club members were as enthused as the Kilbournes and everyone worked to put on car shows and swap meets. One of their first trophy meets was sponsored by Ben Alexander of "Dragnet" fame.(He also had the Model "A" bug).

The club continued to grow as more Model "A" fans heard of its existence. Joint tours with the San Diego and San Gabriel clubs were held. In 1962 The clubs started the Tri-Meets. At the Tri-meets, cars were judged and trophies were awarded, the kids had pine wood derby races, and the members sat around the pool in the afternoon then enjoyed award dinners in the evening.

Traditions seem to have been established only to have been overcome by new traditions as the times have changed along with the ages and interests of the membership. The Harbor Area MARC/MAFCA hopes to continue to be a dynamic club

which promotes an interest in the Model "A" Ford through wholesome activities that appeal to its current membership.

On April ,1997 the club was granted a charter by MAFCA . By being a dual chartered club we get the best of both worlds. Elected officers must be members of MAFCA. All club members must be members of MARC. Both clubs put out a bi-monthly magazine and both publications are excellent. The Restorer is put out by MAFCA and the Model A News is put out by MARC.

Meetings

The club usually meets at 7:30 P.M. on the last Friday of the month except for the months of November, December and January. We meet at Walteria Park in Torrance. The November and December meeting dates are as announced depending on how the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays fall on the calendar. The January meeting is our installation and awards banquet which is traditionally held at a local restaurant. The date for this meeting will also be announced.

Monthly Membership Meeting Events:

1) Sign-in Sheet and the Clock Prize:

To encourage the members to sign in upon arriving at the membership meeting, each line on the sign sheet was assigned a time from 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in one minute increments. The President sets an alarm clock at the beginning of the meeting. When the alarm clock sounds, the name on the corresponding line on the sign-in sheet is read by the Vice-President/Raffle Chairman and that person is awarded a prize. The prize has varied through the years from a gift to a \$5.00 check

2) Attendance Money Prize:

As an incentive to attend meetings, the attendance prize was begun. Each new member is assigned a membership number. That number is printed on the member's membership card, in the general club roster and on a small token. At each meeting the President draws or has drawn a token from a container he/she has for this purpose. The first drawing is for the woman's money prize and the second drawing is for the man's money prize.

In January the prize for both the men's and women's prizes starts at \$5.00. If the prize is not won \$5.00 is added the next month. This continues each month that the prize is not awarded or until December, at which time numbers are drawn until a member is present and is able to claim the prize.

To claim the membership prize, a member must be present at that meeting.

3) Raffle Prizes:

At each meeting the Vice-President/Raffle Chairman will sell tickets for a raffle. The raffle prizes are usually comprised of Model A parts, car - related items and some things intended to appeal to a non-car oriented spouse, friend or guest.

Participation in the raffle is voluntary. Tickets begin at 3 for \$1.00. At the end of each meeting (before refreshments are served) the vice-president draws raffle tickets from the squirrel cage until all of that evening's raffle prizes are awarded. The raffle prizes are on display prior to the meeting.

4) Refreshments:

After each meeting, refreshments are served. These are usually prepared or otherwise provided by members who volunteer to supply refreshments for a certain month. A sign-up sheet is circulated at the banquet so members can volunteer for the month of their choice. For the December meeting, all members are asked to bring one dozen of their favorite Christmas cookies.

Board Meetings:

The board is made up of the elected club officers and meets one evening a month. The exact day will be decided by the board and announced at regular membership meetings. The meetings are held at a member's home. The date, time, and address of the board meetings are announced at the membership meeting and printed in the club newspaper, *The Harbor Light*. Any club member is welcome at the board meetings but only elected officers, past presidents or former officers from the previous term may vote on issues brought up at the board meetings. See the section on the By-laws for the voting rights of the board.

Dues

The current dues are \$38.00 for the National Model A Restorers Club (MARC) and \$40.00 for the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). Each member family will get a bill from the National office. Members are requested to pay both their MARC National and Chapter dues to the Club Membership Chairman. *National requires that all chapter members also be National members.* The Membership Chairman forwards the members' dues on to the National office.

The current local or chapter dues are **\$15.00** per couple and **\$4.00** per associate member. Associate members are minors under 18 and related to members. Associate members cannot vote but can participate in club events and earn awards such as roadrunner patches.

MAFCA National dues should be sent directly to the national headquarters in La Habra , CA.

The chapter dues defray some of the club expenses such as the printing of the club newspaper, (The Harbor Light), raffle prizes, and club events.

Anyone joining the Harbor Area MARC/MAFCA would pay the membership chairman \$41.00. This would entitle them to:

- 1) Membership in the national Model A Restorers Club
- 2) One year subscription to the "Model A News" (the national magazine)
- 3) Membership in the Harbor Area Chapter

- 4) Eligibility for club awards, prizes and events
- 5) Monthly newsletter, "The Harbor Light"
- 6) A club roster with names and addresses of chapter members

If a replacement roster or badge is required, a charge is levied.

- 1) A club badge
- 2) One copy of the by-laws

CLUB EVENTS

Tours

The club sponsors a tour each month except January. A Tour Director is elected and his/her function is to encourage members to volunteer to lead tours and to plan tours himself/herself for those months for which no one has volunteered. The tours are led by members that volunteer. A sign-up sheet is provided at the Installation banquet so members can chose the month they desire and indicate their intended destination.

The Roadrunners of the previous year will lead one tour during the year. They indicate which month they plan to lead that tour by signing the Tour Board at the Installation Banquet.

Other tours during the year are to various destinations and of various durations. Many are car or Model A related but most are to points of interest all over Southern California and occasionally beyond. A member is not required to drive or even own a Model A to participate in the tour events. All members, however, are required to maintain their own automobile liability insurance. Insurance for the Model "A"s are available through auto insurance agents or through such specialty insurance companies as J. C. Taylor. There are, however, awards for members that drive their Model As on tours. Those awards and the infamous "thumb" are explained below

Awards

Roadrunner Awards: Every member that signs in and participates in the tour earns the designated number of miles for that tour. A member driving or riding in a Model A on a tour earns full mileage, a member driving or riding in a modern car will earn 1/2 of miles possible for that tour. A modern car for this purpose is defined as anything other than Model A Ford.

All tours receive a 50 mile minimum. The 50 mile award is given for parades, displays, promotions, civic events etc. In which the club has been invited to participate.

At the end of the year these miles are added up and *roadrunner patches* are awarded to those members that have 1) amassed 500 tour miles, 2) 300 of those miles were in a Model A (either as a driver or a passenger) and 3) the Model 'A' has passed a safety check by the Safety Chairman. The member who satisfies these criteria and amasses the

most Harbor MARC/MAFCA tour miles will be awarded a *Roadrunner of the Year* patch.

The "Thumb": The "thumb" is awarded to the member that has the misfortune of a breakdown in his/her Model A while on a tour and cannot return from the tour on his own power. The member then retains the "thumb" until the same misfortune befalls another member. If during the course of a tour an "A" breaks down but is repaired and accompanies the tour on the return leg, the "thumb" is not awarded.

The Vic Pechjl Award is given to the member that drove his or her Model A the most miles during the year. This is determined by the delta of the beginning of-the-year and the end-of-the-year odometer readings. All members wishing to be eligible for this award must make sure the tour director has their beginning-of-the-year odometer reading. The award is a large loving cup with plaques on four sides of the base indicating past winners, their car, and miles driven.

The Stu Preston Men's Achievement Award and the Woman of the Year Awards are also given at the banquet. The three most recent previous recipients of these awards decide who in the club has significantly contributed to the well-being of the club and its members during the past year.

In addition, Safety Certificates are given to those members whose car passed a safety check during the year.

Seminars

The Technical Director sponsors several technical seminars during the year. Often a subject is chosen and the attending members share their collective knowledge on the subject. This may involve a hands-on approach on one or several cars. Sometimes a tour of a garage, engine shop, or other site of interest may be scheduled. If an authority on any subject can be obtained, he/she may be a guest instructor.

Installation and Awards Banquet

The awards and installation banquet is held each January at an area restaurant. It replaces the normal business meeting for January. It is normally held on a weekend evening. The current President is responsible for either choosing the location or appointing a committee or person to do it for him. It is here that the new officers are installed and all of the awards for the past year are awarded.

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HARBOR AREA MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1: (Purpose)

Section 1: The purpose of this club, as a nonprofit public benefit corporation for the exclusive benefit of the general public, is the location, preservation, restoration, maintenance and exhibition of the 1928-1931 Model "A" Ford automobile and its accessories, history and memorabilia. In carrying out the club activities, exclusive benefit of the general public welfare shall always be a primary consideration, and incidental benefits to members a secondary consideration.

Section 2: The emblem and seal of Harbor Area Region of M.A.R.C. shall have a common seal consisting of a radiator and headlights of the Model "A" Ford, having on its circumference, the words HARBOR AREA REGION - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

ARTICLE 2: (Principal Office)

Section 1: The principal office for the transaction of business is hereby fixed and located at the residence of the Regional Director, hereinafter referred to as the President.

Section 2: Other officers may at any time be established by the Board of Directors at any place qualified to do business.

ARTICLE 3: (Dues)

Section 1: Dues are payable annually on January 1st of each year. Active National dues shall be established by the National organization. Region dues shall be fixed by a majority vote of the Harbor Area Board of Directors.

Section 2: Members failure to remit his renewal application and dues before February 1st shall be considered delinquent.

Section 3: Any service man on active duty shall be entitled to FREE membership in Harbor Area M.A.R.C. upon receipt of application for membership and payment per year for National dues.

ARTICLE 4: (Membership)

Section 1: Restrictions: Membership in this club is limited to persons of good character who are interested in the preservation, and restoration of the Model "A" Ford as set forth in Article 1, Section 1.

Section 2: New Members: (a) Any new member joining the club on/or after November 1st of any given year, shall be entitled to membership the following year, (b) Upon receipt of the annual dues, a new member shall receive a current roster, membership card, and by-laws.

Section 3: Classes: There shall be two types of membership in this club to wit:

ACTIVE - Any persons desiring to take part in the activities of the club may apply for membership providing they fulfill the requirements of Section 1 of this Article, and tender the yearly dues with their application for membership.

ASSOCIATE - Any person under 18 years of age whose parents, or guardians, are club members may apply for membership by paying a fee as determined by a majority vote of the Harbor Area Region Board of Directors.

Section 4: In order to facilitate the general purposes, Model "A" Fords shall have two (2) categories. (a) Restored or Model "A" Fords in the process of restoration to original. (b) Modified Model "A" Fords having a four cylinder Ford engine.

Section 5: Privileges: Active members and spouses are entitled to all club privileges, and shall have the right to vote and hold office. Associate members are entitled to all club privileges except the right to vote and hold office.

Section 6: Alcoholic beverages in an open container of any type shall not be carried in any vehicle participating in any event or meet conducted in the club interest.

Section 7: Insurance: All members must be insured individually. The club is not responsible for the acts of members or members vehicles and action cannot be brought against the club for any members' careless acts for any reason.

Section 8: Suspension, Expulsion, Reinstatement: Any member may be suspended by the treasury for non-payment of dues on the expiration of thirty (30) days after mailing said member a delinquent notice for said dues. Suspension by the Treasurer should *be* at the discretion of the entire Board. Upon payment of back dues a member suspended for non-payment shall automatically be reinstated providing he pays any additional dues that he accumulated during the suspension period together with the delinquent amount that caused the suspension.

Section 9: Suspension, Expulsion, Reinstatement by the Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall have the power to recommend for a vote of the members for conduct which in its opinion disturbs the order, dignity, business or harmony, or impairs the good name, popularity, good will, or prosperity of the organization; or which is likely to endanger the welfare, interest, or character of the organization; for non-payment of dues, or of the rules and regulations of the club which are made from time to time. Such action by the Board of Directors may be taken at any meeting of the Board. The proceedings of the Board of Directors in such matters shall be final and conclusive; after the expiration of time set forth in any suspension by the Board of Directors, the member shall automatically be reinstated. Two - thirds affirmative of the Board at any Board Meeting, shall be required for reinstatement following expulsion by the Board.

Section 10: Generally upon resignation, suspension, expulsion, or death of a member, his/her rights and privileges as a member of the club shall cease.

ARTICLE 5: (Officers and Duties)

Section 1: The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tour Director, and Technical Director. Officers shall serve two (2) years or until the successors are elected, except the Tour Director and Technical Director which shall serve one (1) year in office.



Section 2: Duties of the President shall be to preside over all meetings of members and Board of Directors: call special meetings when deemed necessary, and appoint committee members and their responsibilities as he/she deems necessary.

Section 3: Duties of the Vice-President shall be to act in the absence, resignation, or death of the President, and to perform the duties of the President; and to act as Special Activities Director.

Section 4: Duties of the Secretary shall be to attend all meetings of the members and Board of Directors, and to record an accurate record of these meetings; and to be responsible for any club correspondence pertaining to business. In the absence of the Secretary, a secretary pro-temporary may be appointed by the presiding officer.

Section 5: Duties of the Treasurer shall be to countersign checks and contracts, in the name of the club, or other notes of payment as approved by the Board of Directors; to give a financial report at all meetings of members, and Board of Directors and to file the necessary fiscal reports.

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Section 8: Any officer may be removed for cause by two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at a general business meeting. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, or to the Secretary, or to the organization. Any such resignation shall take effect upon the date of the receipt of such notice.

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