

HARBORVIEW

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Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

Torrance, California

April 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Business

Meeting: (Note change)

Saturday, April 26, 2008,
 at 10:00AM at the home of
 Dick and Ursi, 26419
 Pineknoll Ave., Harbor City,
 CA 90710. 310-539-5391
 This will be a Business,
 Safety check, and Pot Luck
 meeting. See page 3 and
 page 9 for details.

Next Board Meeting:

Tuesday, April 15th, 2008
 7:00PM at the home of
 (TBD).

Next Technical

Seminar:

Saturday, April 19, 2008
 At 9:00AM. Tool Seminar at
 the home of Bob & Phyllis
 DeCrescenzo, 22532
 Shadycroft Ave. Torrance,
 CA. Bob will explain all of the
 club's extensive tool
 collection. See page 6.

Next Tour:

April 3-6, (Thurs-Sun)
 Laughlin Tour. The Riverside
 Hotel and Casino is the host
 hotel. Ph: 800-227-3849.
 Check with Drain Marshall
 for details. See page 9.



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Notes
from the
President

By Steve Preston



Talk about fun! Last Saturday (as I write this), Becky and I went to California Speedway with about 50 other Model As and some Ts for a fun day of getting acquainted and driving around the speedway track! Yes, we actually took the Model As up on the "high banks" of the speedway track. We followed a pace car that kept us at about 45 mph, but we found that our little Tudor handled the highest "groove" in the track run by our favorite NASCAR drivers just a couple of weeks before. Of course, their Fords went a LITTLE faster! Becky ran the video camera and I hope to show the video at the meeting sometime soon.

The reason we belong to a Model A club is for the camaraderie of hanging out and touring with other folks who love old Fords like we do. The technical expertise is nice, but most of the info can be found in the Judging Standards or the Service Bulletins. Going out to eat is OK, but we can do that with our Sunday School class. What we can't do anywhere else is drive our cars on a tour with 10 or 15 other Model As, maybe have a burger and fries along the way, and talk about 80 year old cars.

The Pancake Breakfast is coming up at the end of March. Why not make every effort to meet the rest of us at Mill's at "o-dark thirty AM" to drive our As TOGETHER on the 45 minute drive to Hart Park? Not because they have better pancakes than IHOP, or even because there are good raffle prizes. But because there is nowhere else that we can do just what we joined this club to do in the first place: To drive our Model As on a tour with a bunch of other people who respond just the way we do when we hear an "ahooga" off in the distance!

Becky and I wish you all an awesome Easter, and will look for you at Mill's the next week!

Steve

Editor's Corner: by Dick Wyckoff

As you may already know, I have taken over the duties of HarborLight editor. This is a challenge for me as I have never done this before. But, hey, it was a job that needed doing and I kinda like challenges.

There will be changes as I learn the new computer program. Fortunately, I have a basic format supplied to me by Sandy Ragon from which to build. I hope to include more car related subjects, as I frequent websites on the internet and hope to pass along information that I find worthwhile. Bear with me and maybe there will be a time when you can receive this by email (in color!) and the club can save a lot of money on printing and mailing. Also, Sue Hankins is taking a break from her '20 Years Ago' column to collect more interesting Harbor Area club history. She'll be back soon. More to come

Member's Update . . .



At the last Board meeting, our Sunshine Chair, Doris Marshall reported both **Jeff and Jeanne Webb** had accidents recently. Jeff lost his balance and fell but is doing fine. Jeanne hurt her right arm while walking her dog. She scraped it on a metal pole and tore the flesh about her wrist and arm. 5 hours in ER where doctors took very good care of her. The 12 stitches were removed a week later. We are thinking of you both. Get well quickly!

Don Miller has been under the weather a bit recently. His recent surgery is leaving him a bit weak. We are pulling for you, Don.

Paul Larquier has had cataract surgery and is recovering. In short order he will be "looking at the world through rose colored glasses". See you soon, Paul.

Special Project:

At the January Board meeting, president Steve Preston asked the Board if the club would be receptive to supporting a charity. After some discussion, the answer was yes, if it were something local and, even better, if it somehow involved cars. Steve asked for suggestions. Jan Wyckoff submitted to Steve and the Board some information on a local charity called *Cheer for Children*.

Cheer for Children was founded in 1985 as an all-volunteer organization to help children with special needs in the South Bay. Activities include:

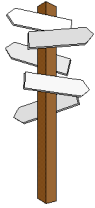
- Parties are held for acutely ill children and their siblings at Harbor UCLA Hospital.
- Hands-on art programs at schools with low income children
- They have "adopted" two Orthopedically handicapped schools where parties are given at Easter, Halloween, Christmas and a summer Luau.

These children, with their special needs, come from the South Bay from San Pedro to El Segundo. The reason these schools were picked is that a lot of these children live outside their homes and this may be their only social outlet.

It was mentioned at the Board meeting that any distribution of gifts, albeit monetary or other could be delivered in Model As.

Here is a partial list of items accepted by *Cheer for Children*. We want to collect these items at our Saturday, April 26th Business / Pot Luck / Safety meeting at Dick and Ursi's home starting at 10AM. Please support the project!

Crayola brand crayons & markers	Toothbrushes	Trikes, Big Wheels, Ride on toys
Coloring Books	Toothpaste	Socks
Puzzles	Hand lotion	Slipper Socks
3-D puzzles	Tampons/Sanitary Pads	Footballs, basketballs, soccer
Hand held games	Shampoo	Warm jackets
Stuffed toys	Conditioner	Sweatshirts & pants
Large Lego toys	Soaps	Pampers & Pull Up (all sizes)
Trucks and cars	Lip balm	Backpacks
Learning phonic toys & books	Hair brushes	Insulated lunch bags
World globes	Combs	Arts & crafts material
Learning DVDs	Barrettes	Phone calling cards
Flash cards	Nail polish	Polaroid film
Batteries – all sizes	Sunscreen	School Supplies
Colognes for men & women	Bedside lap tray	Calculators for AP classes



Terrific Tours!

By Drain Marshall



Dan Fitzgerald's speedster



A's at Point Vicente lighthouse



Elaine and Mirco Pisu looking

The whale watching tour was such a great tour. After leaving Mill's restaurant, a group of 13 Model As took a scenic tour around the back side of Palos Verdes peninsula and ended up at the Point Vicente whale watching center. Then just a couple weeks later, Dick Lusk led us on a tour to the El Segundo Automobile Driving Museum. 11 Model As made a nice showing with a total of 35 people attending. Then on to the Orange County Model A Club Pancake Breakfast. These have been fun tours and I hope to see the same participation in future events. The more, the merrier!

I hope you have made reservations for the fun trip to Laughlin the first week in April. Why not join your fellow A'ers at the CCRG (Fresno) and the NCRG in Auburn in May. I have

registration applications if you are interested.

Again, thanks to Dick Lusk for planning our tour to the car museum in El Segundo. If you have a special place you would like to share with the Club, just let me know and we will schedule it. Come and join us on our new adventures.

Drain



A's in front of El Segundo Driving Museum

Weekly Family Food Festivities:

Many of the Harbor members meet weekly at the Hot 'n Tot restaurant each Monday at about 5PM for dinner. Drain Marshall likes to call it 'Spaghetti Night' because the Monday night dinner special is all you can eat spaghetti with a salad at \$5.25. Join us for dinner. The Hot 'n Tot is located at 2347 Pacific Coast Highway in Lomita, CA. It's about a half mile East of Crenshaw Blvd., North side.



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Technical Talk

By Bill Newell



Choosing Motor Oil

What do those "something-W-something" numbers mean?

They indicate the oil's viscosity, or thickness, across a temperature range. Like pancake syrup, oil thins out in warm temperatures and congeals in cold ones. To do its job, oil needs to stay thin enough for easy starts in winter but thick enough to protect moving parts when the engine heats up.



The first number indicates thickness in cold weather (W stands for winter). The lower the number, the thinner it stays. For example, a 5W-30 oil flows more freely at lower temperatures than 10W-30 oil. The second number indicates thickness at 212 degrees Fahrenheit. In other words, 10W-40 oil remains thicker under high heat than 10W-30 oil.

In recent years, carmakers have been recommending lighter oils year-round, largely to improve fuel economy. Most late '90s model cars, for instance, require 5W-30 or 10W-30 oil; most new cars specify either 5W-30 or 5W-20. Some hybrids even need 0W-20. Remember, the hyphen indicates a range. These multigrade oils work well over a wide seasonal temperature spread.

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Distributor Cams

The distributor cams used in the "A" and the improved 4-cylinder cars are shown in Fig. 48. Mechanics and stock men should familiarize themselves with these two cams so as to readily identify them. On the cam used in the "A" distributor the radius does not blend with the flats. On the new distributor cam the flats blend with one side of the radius.

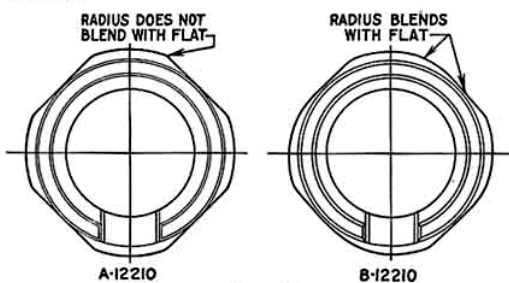
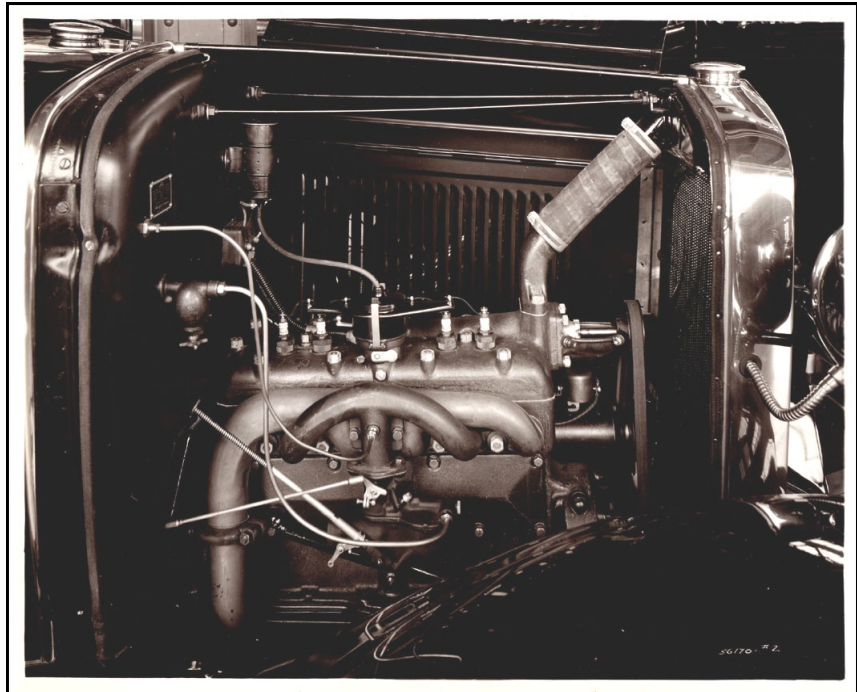


Fig. 48

The A-12210 distributor cam should never be used with the new distributor. Both A-12210 and B-12210 cams are available for service.



Ursi's Uptown Lowdown

By Ursula Schmidt



New 2008 Membership Roster info:

The new phonebooks/rosters are available and will be distributed at future get-togethers. The first booklet is free, additional copies are \$2. They are also available free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail. Please call Ursula at (310) 539-5391 to place the order. Ursi

Other Updates: Please make note

Dick Wyckoff has entered the 21st century and has a new cell phone. It is 310-292-1929.

Also, Dave Pierson has a new email address. It is DaveJoy45@cox.com.

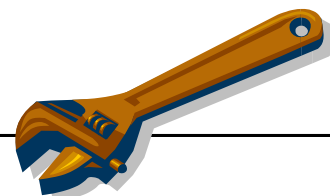
A Request from Ursi: Please give her your email address. We can use this for fast notification of event changes and possible future mailings of the HarborLight in color!

Tool News: by Bob DeCrescenzo

At the Tool Seminar on April 19th, at 9:00AM, we will visit Harbor's collection of tools available to all members. Here is a list of tools currently available from Bob:

Ratchet Nut Wrench	Model A Frame Spreader	Front Spring Spreader
Rear Spring Spreader w/ wrench	Wheel Balancer	Engine Lift Tool
Rear Axle Housing Seal Driver	Pinion Puller	Pair Pinion Nut Wrenches
Steering Lever Spring Compressor	Steering Wheel Puller	Cam Nut Wrench
Rear Hub Puller	King Pin Reamer	Brake Shoe Riveting Tool
Brake Pedal Adjusting Tool	Clutch Alignment Tool	Gas Gauge Installation Tool

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Bits and Pieces, Odds and Ends

Whatsyoumacallit Dictionary

By

Phillip R. Schwartze

I have decided that it is my civic and educational duty to finally correct a long-standing injustice. For years people have been using the terms like gizmo and widget incorrectly. This new generation of adults needs to move into the 21st Century fully armed with the correct nomenclature for small unusual objects. You can cut this article out of the paper and carry it with you to use as a guide when identifying the many and common small objects that are part of our daily lives. Now, once and for all here are the latest and most up to date definitions for unusual parts and pieces. This is the 2004 Edition of the Whatsyoumacallit Dictionary. If you correctly memorize all of these names, you can amaze and astound your friends with your knowledge of the proper nomenclature of many small things. Take for instance, Gizmos and Gadgets are things that always have moving parts and are often electronic. Doochiekeys, on the other hand, are very ornate and usually made of brass. Some Doochiekeys date back to the time of Early Man. Whatnots are porcelain or glass, and should never be confuse I with Thingamajigs which are painted wood. The later model Thingamajig is a Thinganabob and made out of cheap plastic. Doodads are aluminum and are the fancy and very long lasting version of Dealees that were originally handcrafted out of wood and leather by Old World Artisans. By the way, Dealee is often misspelled "Dealy" by the uninformed. Fake Dealees are called Thingies and sold to unsuspecting buyers. It's sad to see someone who thought he bought a Dealee and all he really has is a worthless Thingie. Widgets are very popular small objects that are manufactured on an assembly line instead of being handmade. The handcrafted version of a Widget is a Gadget. I hope my contribution to Society and the educational system will permanently rectify the injustices to the naming of small objects. In the near future I will publish the Nerd Dictionary so that citizens can easily identify Nerds and not confuse them with Geeks and Dweebs.

April Birthdays:

April

- 1 James Walker
- 7 Walt Hibbard
- 8 Bill Newell
- 12 Carol Olsen
- 14 Drain Marshall
- 14 Glenn Dean
- 19 Kathy Valot
- 28 Jack Ripley

April Anniversaries:

April

- 13 Gloria & Bill Younkin



Karen Preston had a birthday on March 24 and it was somehow missed in the HarborLight.
Happy Birthday, Karen!

Did you see the article by Dick Wyckoff about the 50th anniversary picnic in the January-February issue of the *Model A News*? Check it out!

Many Years Ago . . . By Dick Wyckoff

In looking back over some of my early issues of the *Model A News*, I found this article written by long time members, Jay and Linda Skinner in the summer of 1978. (That was 30 years ago, if you're counting).

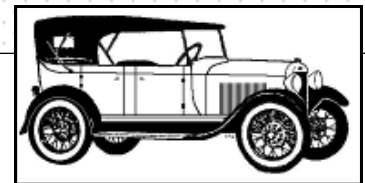


It seems Jay decided to attend the National Model A Convention in Dearborn, Michigan in June of 1978. He started preparations a year earlier by taking his 1928 Phaeton apart to restore it. Barely finishing it on time, Jay, Linda, and the three kids headed to Michigan. Allowing ten days to get there, they actually made it in seven. Except for a broken timing gear 25 miles outside St. George, Utah, Jay's hard work and preparations paid off with no further mechanical problems.

They did, however, experience some weather during the trip. There was snow in the mountains of Utah and, after passing through Wyoming, they had a chance to warm up with 108 degrees in Nebraska. After two days of warm stuff, they got their car washed in a thunder and lightning storm in Iowa. On and off rain continued right into Michigan.

Staying with friends in Michigan, the Skinners enjoyed a great convention. The kids enjoyed CB'n with the truckers while on the road. When asked if they would do it again, they replied, "You bet! The only way to vacation is in a Model A". (That was in 1978).

Some numbers that might be of interest from Jay: The trip was 6500 miles, they were gone about a month, they averaged 40-45 miles per hour, and got about 20 miles per gallon of gas. A memorable trip indeed!



The Skinners pose with their Model 'A' — on the running board are sons Donald 7, left, Doug 10, and Damon 13. Jay and Linda are in the car. Picture taken 1978.

The Skinners pose with their '28 Phaeton - on the running board are sons Donald 7, left, Doug 10, and Damon 15. Jay and Linda are in the car. Picture taken 1978.

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Calendar of Events:

Tuesday, 15th of April- Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the home of (TBD).

Saturday, 19th of April - Technical Seminar 9:00AM. Bob DeCrescenzo will have a presentation of all of the club's tools at his house 22532 Shadycroft Ave., Torrance CA 90505. Bob has been the custodian of the tools for quite a while and is anxious to show you what we have!

Saturday the 26th of April - 10:00AM Monthly 'Everything' Meeting. This will be a combined car safety inspection, Business and pot luck meeting, all in one! Please bring some items for the 'Cheer for Children' kids (see page 3), and an item for a lunch pot luck. We will be checking your Model As for safety, so drive your 'A' to the meeting

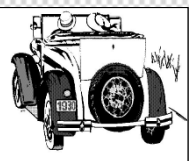


2008 Treasure Hunters Calendar

April 11-12 — 17th Annual Bakersfield Swap Meet by the Horseless Carriage Club of America and the Kern County Model T Club. Location: Bakersfield Fairgrounds. Take Ming off ramp from 99 and go east about 1 mile. Admin: \$2. 7AM-2PM.

April 13th - Long Beach Swap Meet (800) 762-9785 Long Beach Vets Stadium www.toppingevents.com; Open 6am - 1pm; Rain or Shine; \$8 admission.

April 20th - Long Beach Outdoor Antique Swap Meet Long Beach Vets Stadium "Rain or Shine"; 8am-2pm (323) 655-5703 www.longbeachantiquemarket.com



Other Happenings and Events:

April 3rd - 6th - Annual Laughlin Tour hosted by the Pomona Valley Model A Club. This years event held at the Riverside Hotel & Casino. Room rates: Thur. \$25, Fri & Sat. \$47. Fri. eve-BBQ @ Davis camp (\$12); Sat-Car show, gymkhana, Hubley Derby, Fashion Show, Awards Banquet (\$35); Registration per person \$15; Reservation deadline; March 22. Stay tuned for more.

May 2 - 4th - CCRG Jamboree hosted by the Sierra A's (MAFCA). This year's event will be held in Fresno, CA. The Piccadilly Inn Airport is the hosting hotel, where all the events will be held. Great tours are lined up and a running board swap meet is planned to name a few events. Sierra A's contact: Brad Richter at (559) 255-0121. If you are interested in attending, you can contact Harbor A member Sandy Ragon and she will make sure you have a registration form. (310) 532-7553.

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

* CD with great quality image taken at Anniversary Picnic for you to enlarge and print yourself. Absolutely free!! DVD slideshow taken at Picnic for sale. Each has about 213 photos with music. \$5. each. Sue: (310) 782-0082 (before 7:00 pm on workdays). You can email me: modelababe@dslextreme.com

* Harbor A 50th Anniversary pins. \$4 each or 3 for \$10. Dick: (310) 322-8863

* 8' Drafting Table. Good shape. Call Mirco: (310) 793-1789

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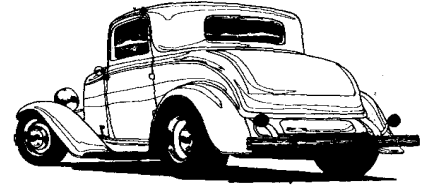
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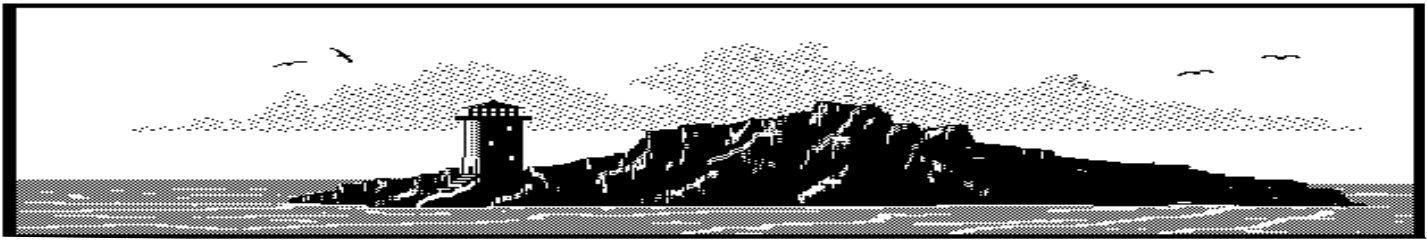


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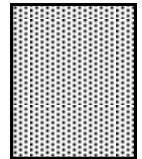
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Erica Dye and Dick Wyckoff on the last whale watching tour. Photo by: Sue Hankins