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Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

Torrance, California

May 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Business Meeting:

Friday, May 30, 2008, at 7:30PM at the WALTERIA Clubhouse. Come early and visit with friends and swap/sell Model A car parts at the table -top swap meet.

Next Tour:

May 2-4, 2008, (Fri-Sun) CCRG Jamboree in Fresno. Headquarters at the Piccadilly Inn Airport. Questions: Call Brad Richter at 559-255-0121. Sierra Model A Club. Always a fun time!

Next Board Meeting:

Tuesday, May 6th, 2008 7:00PM at the home of the Wyckoff's, 337 Lomita St., El Segundo, CA 90245. PH: 310-322-8863 or 310-292-1929.

Next Technical Seminar:

Saturday, May 24th, 2008 at 10:00AM. This will be a hands-on, working seminar to replace the head gasket on Monty Bates' car. It will be held at Bill Newell's garage, 2769 Monterey St, Torrance, CA. Bill's number is 310-328-5560.



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Notes
from the
President
By Steve Preston



As I sit here I can see my Tudor sitting just outside my office window. It is under a car cover, but it entices me nevertheless. There is a new Aries muffler in my shop and Vellio's has my new manifold set up surfaced and ready to be installed. I have a brand new manifold gasket already sitting on the studs, and the nuts and washers are laying there on the hood shelf just waiting.

Isn't it the PITS that everything is in place for an enjoyable day working on my A, but I have to WORK?!? It is even "stink-ier" that today, I am working in my office so every time I look up from the computer screen, I see my A sitting there begging me to come outside and play. They call this FAIR??

I can't think of anything more enjoyable than spending a day tinkering with my '29. Unless it is planning the next project. After the new exhaust, I plan to do new brakes. I have new cast iron drums from Mel Gross picked out, and plan to order Flathead Ted's floaters from Snyder's. New shoes, arced and fitted to the new drums. New front brake pins, the whole load!

You know just what I mean, whether yours is a driver, a fine point car, or a pile of parts there is always a project and never enough time or funding to do all you want. So, you plan, save, hoard and finally carve out the time to work on your old Ford. Maybe it is the "cost" that makes the time we spend working on our cars so much FUN!

Speaking of working on our A's, on Saturday the 19th we are heading off to Bob DeCrescenzo's to see the club's tool collection. I hope to see you there...the only thing more fun than working on our cars is hanging out with our Harbor Model A Club friends and TALKING about working on our cars!! Now, THAT'S fun!! *Steve*

Editor's Corner: by Dick Wyckoff

Thanks for all the positive comments on the last issue of the HarborLight. Using the internet and email is making the editor's job much easier.

My effort to send the newsletter to you by email is showing early signs of success. As of right now, 16 people have signed up to get their HarborLight this way. At roughly \$1.00 per copy including postage, that works out to an annual savings to the club of about \$200! Don't be shy and let me know if you this works for you. I don't have email addresses for all in the club, so send it to me or let me know at janndick@earthlink.net or call me at 310-322-8863.

If you have items to sell in the Wheels & Deals section, email / call me with what you have. Thanks again and keep driving those As.

Member's Update



Bill Younkin is recovering from a procedure on his knee. This kept him from driving his sedan to the OC Pancake breakfast, Gloria hasn't mastered the art of stick shift, so the sedan ain't going nowhere!

Our long time member, **Barney Clayton**, is recovering from surgery. Hope you are feeling better, Barney.

Daffy Wagner had a fight with a spider and, before it met it's demise, she was bitten. She is getting over a reaction to the bite. **Art** tried to kick the spider but his 'ol legs are still not what they used to be. Things are on the mend, tho.

Don Miller is doing better and was at the pancake breakfast, also.

Jeanne Webb sent this nice letter to the members:

4/5/2008

Dear Dick:

I wonder if you have room this month for a note of thank you? If so, I would like to say "Thank you" to all the wonderful people who have sent cards, prayers and phone calls to Jeff and me this past month. It's very heartwarming to know you're thought of when something like this happens. I'm fine but Jeff is still troubled with his equilibrium and moves very slowly. We're hoping the Neurologist we see on the 15th will be able to find what's wrong. Thanks again to all you nice people." Jeanne Webb



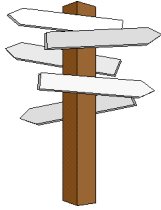
The Wyckoff's and the Fitzgerald's recently visited the California poppy fields in Lancaster, CA. The flowers were spectacular and the picnic lunch was delicious!



Our Tour Director, **Drain Marshall**, is trying to put together a short-tour picnic somewhere locally. He is looking for ideas and locations for a fun outing. If you know of a nice, accessible location (preferably with a view), give him a call, 310-378-5061. The idea is to get members and their cars together for a scenic drive 'n dine.

Weekly Family Food Festivities:

Many of the Harbor members meet 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 \$5.75. 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.



Terrific Tours!

By Drain Marshall



Not many of us take the long tours in our Model As any more for whatever reason. That's OK. It happened to Doris and me this last weekend. We were a bit hesitant to take the Model A sedan to Laughlin, NV for the meet there. It was raining a bit here and it just didn't seem safe enough. So we took the modern truck. Not long after we got on the road, the weather cleared and the trip was great. We met up with 112 Model As and had a great weekend. Doris even won 5300 pennies! Anyway, the point is, you don't have to take your Model A to the conventions to have a good time. Being there is lots of fun too!

Here a some pictures taken at the Orange County pancake breakfast on March 30th. The Harbor Club had great participation with 47 members and 15 cars. SUPER! More on page 7.

We are looking forward to the CCRG in Fresno on May 2—4, and the NCRG in Auburn, CA on May 23—25. If you need info, contact Drain Marshall at 310-378-5061.



Bob DeCrescenzo



Joan & Jack Gordinier



Diana & Marty Murphy with Gary looking on



Gary Guttormson



Jan & Dick Wyckoff



Sue Hankins & Pat Yacklon



Ron & Sandy Ragon with Dick Lusk



View of parking lot with 200 plus antique cars

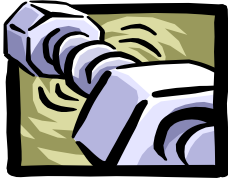
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Technical Talk

By Bill Newell



Heads Up on Headlights

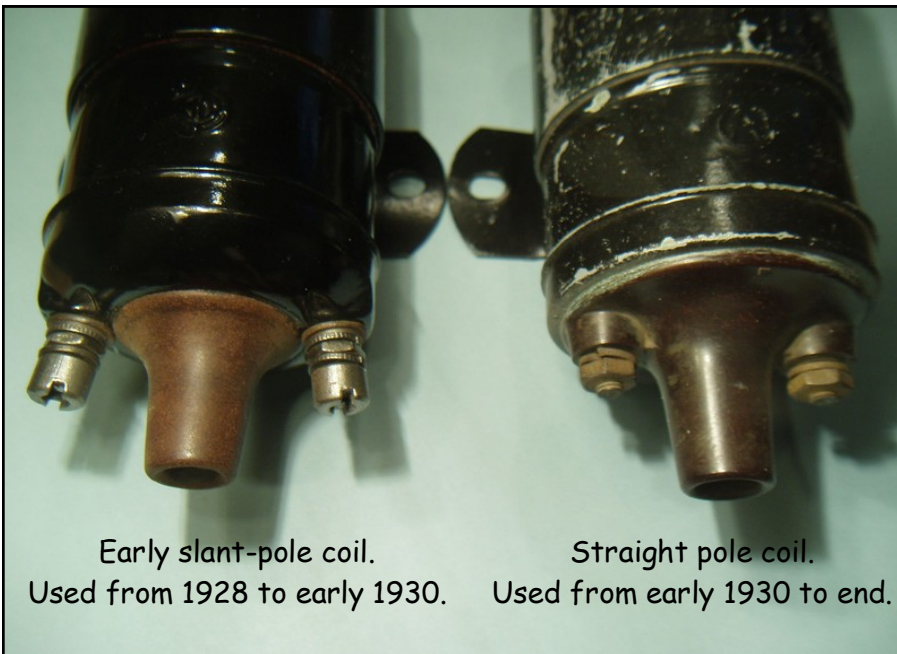
Most of us don't drive at night and therefore don't pay much attention to our headlights. Not only are they required by law to be operative, it only makes sense to keep them in working condition.

Some easy steps could be as simple as wiping off the front lenses, cleaning the reflector, or just replacing the bulb. There is a headlight gasket behind the lens to keep water and dirt from entering the bulb area. All these items can be replaced with new parts from our favorite vendors for not much money. If you want to upgrade to much brighter headlights, quartz halogen kits are available for about \$88 in 6 and 12 volts. The down side of this conversion is that it requires a minimum of 45 amp alternator to keep up with the high power (20 amps) required.

Probably the weakest link in the headlights is the wiring. There are spring loaded contacts that may be corroded or not installed properly. Wiring diagrams to correct these problems can be found in the popular Les Andrews maintenance books or even in vendor catalogs such as Bratton's.

While you are at it, it might be a good idea to install a right taillight. Model As did not come with one from the factory, but there are kits available to correct this. As a matter of fact, late in 1931, dealers offered an extra taillight as an option. This is a simple safety item that is highly recommended.

Restoration Tidbits



Early slant-pole coil.
Used from 1928 to early 1930.

Straight pole coil.
Used from early 1930 to end.



Early Ford Ad

Note: All original coils had steel bodies painted black with a dark brown Bakelite base.

Ursi's Uptown Lowdown

By Ursula Schmidt



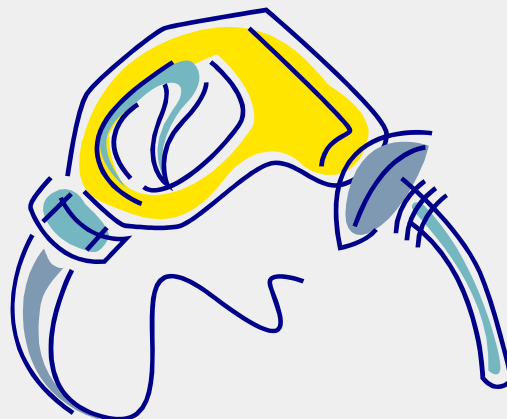
If you have read my report on the price of gasoline in the August 2007 issue of the Harbor-Light, and thought that gasoline was expensive, you are in for a surprise how expensive other fluids are.

Here is a comparison for one gallon of various liquids that we often use:

Evian water, 9 oz \$1.49.....\$21.19 per gallon
(Evian spelled backwards is Naive.)
Snapple, 16 oz \$1.29..... \$10.32 per gallon
Lipton Ice Tea, 16 oz \$1.19.... \$9.52 per gallon
Gatorade, 20 oz \$1.59 \$10.17 per gallon

Other expensive fluids:

Brake Fluid, 12 oz \$3.15 \$33.60 per gallon
Vick's Nyquil, 6 oz \$8.35 \$178.13 per gallon
Pepto Bismol, 4 oz \$3.85..... \$123.20 per gallon
Scope Mouthwash, 1.5 oz \$0.99. \$84.48 per gallon



Ink for the computer printers costs about \$5,200 a gallon.

So, the next time you're at the gas station, be glad your car doesn't run on Nyquil or Printer Ink!

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

Also, Jim and Elyse Beardsley have a new email address. It is Jim.Beardsley1@Verizon.net.

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!

Bits and Pieces, Odds and Ends



Gary Guttormson's Coupe on 22 Freeway



Bobby D's award winning Sedan with Harbor cars



Bobby Younkin's award winning 1915 Model T



Bob Olsen's Sedan leading more Harbor As



Bobby Younkin's 2nd award winning car — a Model A speedster



Jack & Joan Gordinier driving their '30 pickup

May Birthdays:

- 4 Leonard Funk
- 10 Sue Newton
- 20 Dolores Strosnider



May Anniversaries:

- 5 Liz & Dan Fitzgerald
- 7 Noelle & Terry Marshall
- 20 Darlene & Leonard Funk
- 23 Ellen Peterson & Bill Newell

Member Memories . . . By Bob Moser



(Written March 2008)

As I recall, I was sitting in Bert Boyd's Model A Roadster when Dale Kilbourne came up and asked him to join MARC, as he needed one more to make the 25 needed for a new club. He wanted to start a club in the South Bay area. Bert refused as he also had a Model T and belonged to the Long Beach Model T club. I spoke up and said I'd do it, so a club could be started.

Dale sorta got those 25 together and had a couple tours. At one tour, I got up and auctioned off some parts to help defray the expenses as Alice Kilbourne was doing the mailing.

There were no officers until fall of 1957 when an election was held at Walteria Park building, which had been obtained by Bob O'Cain also in 1957. At this time, Dale had not considered being president and, as there were no previous officers, all position were elected at this meeting. I don't recall who was elected to which offices.

Editor's note: Bob Moser is a long time member and twice past president (1960 and 1980-81) of the Harbor club. He recalled some events in the club's past that might be of interest to our members. Bob sent the above in a handwritten letter to our historian, Sue Hankins, to share with our readers.

Ford Form 3027

NEW CAR DIRECTIONS

SPEED Avoid high speeds while the car is new. To obtain best results, **IT SHOULD NOT BE DRIVEN FASTER THAN 30 TO 35 MILES PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST 500 MILES.**

OIL Keep the oil at "F" on the measuring rod, especially during the first few hundred miles. Never let it get below the mark "L." Remove measuring rod and wipe with a dry cloth before testing the level. **OIL SHOULD BE CHANGED AFTER THE FIRST 500 MILES AND EVERY 500 MILES THEREAFTER.**

BRAKES This car is equipped with 4-wheel mechanical brakes which are quick and positive in action. Keep the car under control at all times to avoid the necessity for sudden application of brakes which might result in discomfort to passengers or collision from rear.

FAN BELT Do not tighten fan belt. The V-type fan belt does not require tight adjustment for proper operation. Too tight an adjustment will result in excessive wear on fan belt and generator bearings, particularly at higher speeds.

TIRES For easy riding qualities, proper braking and long life keep the tires, both front and rear, inflated to 35 pounds.

INSPECTION To insure best results have an Authorized FORD DEALER (preferably the Dealer from whom you purchased your car) inspect this car and make necessary minor adjustments after the first five hundred miles of running.

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Calendar of Events:

Tuesday, 6th of May- Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the home of Dick and Jan Wyckoff. The address is: 337 Lomita St, El Segundo, CA. Ph: 310-322-8863.

Saturday, 24th of May - Technical Seminar 10:00AM. Monty Bates has 'volunteered' his car to demonstrate the replacement of a Model A head gasket. Bill Newell has also volunteered his driveway/garage to perform this operation. A lot of little things go into replacing a Model A head gasket so this seminar is a good one to attend.

Friday - 30th of May at 7:30PM Monthly club meeting. We are back to the Walteria Park clubhouse. Doors open at 7PM for set up and visiting. The table-top swap meet is during this time. Coffee is being brewed. Informative videos can be seen, also. See you there!



2008 Treasure Hunters Calendar

Saturday, June 28th 3rd Annual Model A & T parts exchange and car show. This is located at the El Dorado High School, 1651 Valencia Ave, Placentia, CA. Further info from Larry McKinney — 714-963-2724. Open from 6AM to 2PM.

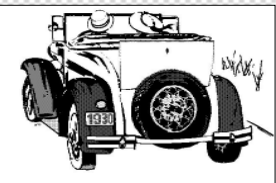
Other Happenings and Events:

May 2-4 is the CCRG get together in Clovis (near Fresno). Tours, swap meets, food, and good times. Contact Brad Richter 559-255-0121 for more info.

May 23-26 is the NCRG in Auburn. This is in the California gold country and is a great time of year for touring. Contact Al Stoll 530-878-2950 for more info.

Saturday, May 31st there is the 'First Annual Benefit Car Show' at the El Segundo Driving Museum. This event benefits the El Segundo Educational Foundation. Enter your car in the show in the 'Vintage' class. There are awards for all classes. Entry fee is \$20. This should be a fun event. The museum is located at 620 Lairport, El Segundo, CA 90245. Ph: 310-909-0950. The event is from 9AM to 4PM. Public admission is \$5 for seniors, \$10 for non-senior adults.

June 8th 38th Antique Nationals at the Auto Club Raceway, 9300 Cherry Ave., Fontana, CA 92335. This is a fun event that features nostalgia drag racing. This is where all the early 4-banger and flathead V8 race cars come to show their stuff. General admission is \$25. Info: Ron at 661-255-1931.



June 22-27 MAFCA/MARC Joint World Meet. This is only the 3rd time there has been a dual meet like this. It is being held in Addison, Texas, near Dallas. Lots of information in the *Model A News* or *The Restorer*. Early estimates of 1200 or more Model As to be there.

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

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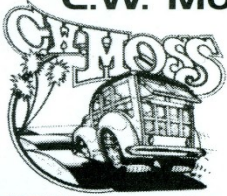
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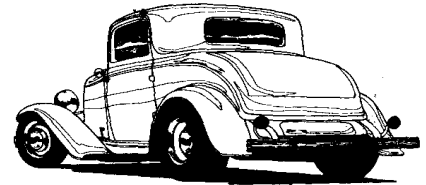
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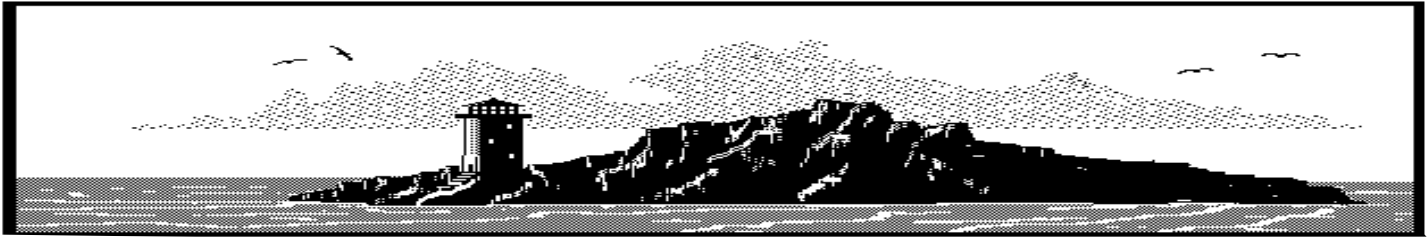


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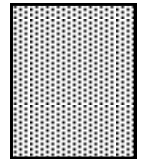
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