Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

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August 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Business Meeting:

•Friday, August 29th, 2008, at 7:30PM at the Walteria Clubhouse. Come early and visit with friends. Swap/sell Model A car parts at our table-top swap meet.

Next Board Meeting:

•Tuesday, August 5th, 2008 7:00PM at the home of Drain and Doris Marshall. Their address is: 5153 Willow Wood Rd., Rolling Hill Est., CA 90274. Their phone is: 310-378-5061

Next Tours and Events:

Saturday, July 26th. National Model A Ford Day. Special tour to Oxnard car museum. See Page 3.
Saturday, August 23rd. Picnic and car show in El Segundo. See details page 9.

Check out the June/July tour pictures, Pages 4-8

- Six couples, two As made the trip to Dallas, Texas.
- 13 members, six As toured the sights of San Pedro and Fort McArthur.
- 13 members, six cars made it to Solvang's Wings 'n Wheels.



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Notes
from the
President
By Steve Preston



Have you looked at the back of the HarborLight recently? If you are getting the *SPIFFY email version in color*, then that would be the last page loaded... Either way, have you looked there lately? If so, you saw address info and a list of names. The address is relatively important, but it is the list of names that has the real value.

Those folks are the ones that make the Harbor Model A club happen. They are the elected Board Members and the Appointed Officers who together with a few not listed there (spouses in particular) are the engine and wheels of this club. In church circles, we say that 20% of the people give 80% of the money and do 80% of the work and 50% do it all. The people listed on the back page of this newsletter are our 20%.

These are the folks who come to most of the tours, meetings and events and they give most of the money we receive to operate on. They are the ones that will show up on Friday to set up for the yard sale in October and who will be there that Saturday at 0'dark thirty to work the sale. Hey, these folks have already begun to save up stuff to sell that day!

These are the friends who will plan the Progressive Brunch/Dinner and who will host it. You can count on them to plan the Installation Dinner in January and to call everyone in the club to encourage full attendance. And to lead a tour or two, or at least to do the research necessary to make a tour happen.

How about this: Make it a point to attend the meeting on July 25, and the International Model A Day tour to the Murphy Auto Museum the next day. While there say thank you to several of these good friends who serve us all so well. They would appreciate the kindness. And they would appreciate even more that you made time to participate in the activities they worked so hard to make happen.

Marginally related: At a Model A and T swap meet a few weeks ago, I got a chance to visit with several members of H-MARC including Jay Skinner, Jesse Dykes and Bill Younkin. And, I met two Model A-ers that I had exchanged emails with on Fordbarn but had never seen before!! One of them is even a member of our club! And the other one posted a brief account of our meeting on Fordbarn the next day. What other hobby generated friendships like that? Come on out and be part of the fun!

Editor's Corner: by Dick Wyckoff

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. I have added a lot of <u>color</u> to the HarborLight and it really looks neat. Just print your own copy or two to enjoy.

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

NOTE: If you have <u>before</u> and <u>after</u> pictures of your Model A project, find a way to get them to me. I would like to have a section in the HarborLight to show off your efforts and accomplishments. Email or snail mail some pictures with a little info and I will publish them. I will return them to you.

Member's Update . .

Jeff Webb has good days and bad. Jeanne is keeping a close watch on him. Drop them a line or email at: jjjw1234@charter.com.

'Hot Wheels' Art Wagner is working out the details for a hip replacement. August 13th is on the calendar. Go for it. Art!

Rod Gott is doing better. Rod is a Harbor 'founding father', you know, and lives in Vista. Jack Gordinier keeps in touch.

Don Miller was seen at the 'Wings and Wheels' getting' around just fine. Keep it up, Don!

Our thoughts are with **Becky Preston**. She is checking with her doctors for further evaluations. She just had a _xx_ birthday. Hugs to you, Becky.

International Model 'A' Day Tour Info

A number of Model 'A' Ford owners around the world have come together and proclaimed Saturday, July 26, 2008 as International Model 'A' Day. This first year is coincidental with the 80th year of the Model 'A' Ford's first model in 1928.

Our president, Steve Preston, is working on a great tour on Saturday, July 26th, to help celebrate the birthday event. We will be going to Murphy's Classic Car Museum in Oxnard. It will be a leisurely coastal tour of about 60 miles. Malibu, Pt Mugu, Oxnard coastline. Pretty!

Info for July 26 Tour: Meet at Mill's at 8 AM, and we will take a combination freeway and PHC route to Oxnard. Bring a picnic lunch or you can buy fast food across the street from the museum. They have a picnic area for us to use. There are 70 cars on display. For a preview, go to murphyautomuseum.com. Entry fee is a suggested donation of \$10 per person to help them keep this museum open.

<u>Weekly Summer Car Gathering</u>: If you are looking for some place to go during the summer months on <u>Fridays</u> between 4 and 8PM, you might check out **Ruby's Restaurant in Redondo Beach** near the pier and lagoon. Anywhere from 50 to 150 cars of all types congregate and enjoy the beach weather. Several Harbor club members visit regularly, have a bite to eat and look at the hot rods, classics, and antique vehicles. Stop by and say hello.

Weekly Family Food Festivities:

Many of the Harbor members meet at the **Hot 'n Tot** restaurant each <u>Monday</u> 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 Tour By Dick Wyckoff



Dallas 3rd MARC/MAFCA World Model A Ford Meet, June 2008.

What happens when 1500 people and 700 Model As get together for a week-long party? Six couples from the Harbor club joined the MARC/MAFCA 2008 convention in Addison, Texas in June for a great time. The week-long party included lots of tours, food, technical seminars, raffles, picnics, more food, contests, a banquet, and, of course, the judging of the finest Model As in the world.

Representing the Harbor club were the Pisus, Marshalls, Parrishs, Gordiniers, Murphys, and the Wyckoffs. Doris and Drain trailered their sedan and Jack and Joan trailered their pickup. The trip of 1500 miles was hot (117° in Arizona), but they all arrived safely.

A parking area near the hotels served as a swap meet area during the week where lots of 'treasures' traded garages. Information at the convention was 'traded' also at the many seminars. They included fashions for the ladies, Model A era accessories, Hubley car races, tools, era car ads, technical seminars on shocks and rear ends, and a MARC/MAFCA 'Lady Drive an A' event. Jan and Elaine both passed the course.

A truly educational project for the kids was a seminar to reassemble a '30 roadster that was disassembled the day before. With a little coaching from a professional restorer, the boys and girls, ages 8 to 18, did the assembly in three hours and 25 minutes then drove it around the parking lot! A truly fun event to watch. See pictures on page 5.

Tours in the Dallas-Fort Worth area included the JFK memorial, Bureau of Engraving & Printing, the Stockyards, and the shopping sprees for the ladies. The major tour of the convention was a 50 mile drive to the Texas Motor Speedway. The Model As were allowed to drive the 1.5 mile track with its 24 degree banked turns. Several of us hitched rides and got to experience the track first hand. It is a strange sensation looking down from the top of the banked turn at 45 miles an hour!

The final judging of the fine point cars was dominated by California cars. The 'Best of Show' was Marco Tahtaras' 1930 Roadster with 494 points, the next cars were Dave Lopes' '28 Phaeton (491), Gary Karr's '29 Tudor (490), Enrique Klein's '28 Phaeton (488), Ron Avakian's '29 Special Coupe (478) and Dave Lopes' unrestored '29 Fordor (465). If you remember, both of Dave's cars were at our 50th picnic last August.

Beside the 100° heat all week, probably the biggest disappointment was not being permitted to view the 44 high point cars after judging. Some confusion with the hotel and the amount of time it took to judge was the reported reason. Too bad for the folks that have never seen a high point car up close.



Elaine, Jan, Joan, Diana, Marty, and Mirco



The top five winners from California

Technical Talk with Bill Newell



Several articles have been written about keeping the Model A

temperature under control. Several items play a part in the process, one of which is the cooling fan. Not many people realize that the fan is turning $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the engine speed. That means it better be in good condition to take the engine speeds we see today. Remember that the original propeller fan made in 1930 is close to 80 years old

It is important to check the fit of the fan on the water pump shaft. It is a taper with a key and a slotted nut with a cotter pin. If this assembly is in any way loose, it must be fixed or replaced. Failure to fix this problem will result in unwanted vibration and eventually the fan will fail. A fan failure on the road can result in damaged hoods and radiators and make a real mess out of engine and electrical Many of us use four-bladed fans. The preferred ones are the original Ford replacement fans that are riveted. There are also four-bladed fans that are bolted together. Make sure the bolts are tight.

Original fans are required for fine-point judging but not for the everyday driver. There are aftermarket, two-bladed aluminum fans and six-bladed plastic fans that would serve our needs better. This could be a real safety issue. Exploding fans can be very dangerous. In a article in the 'Model A Times' magazine, an air flow study was made on all these fans. The newer, multi-bladed fans pulled a lot more air than the original fan and they were recommended replacements for the stock fan.

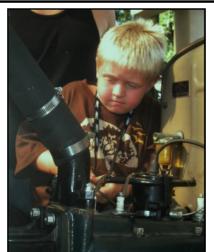
Bottom line is use the original fan for show cars only. Change it out to a modern one for safety and cooling performance improvement. The cost is about \$50 and could save a lot of grief sometime in the future.

More Dallas, Texas pictures

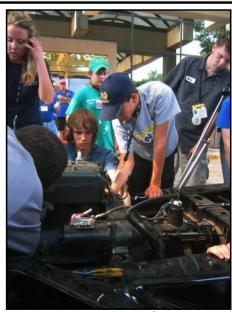
and has been around the block a few times!











Restorer Brent Terry from Tennessee sponsored a kids seminar on assembling the Model A. The group of 20, 8-18 year old kids did it in 3 hours and 25 minutes. It started and drove, too!

More June Tours!



When we needed a tour director for a close-in tour around the local area, Elaine Pisu stepped up and put together a great trip to San Pedro. She contacted several people and worked up a tour that took six Model As around the PV hill stopping at Freedom Park for some coffee and rolls and a tour of the facilities. Some of us never knew

the park existed! The tour included Steve and Becky Preston, Dick Wyckoff, Mirco and Elaine Pisu, Dick and Ursi, Drain and Doris Marshall, and the Fitzgeralds. We all admired the finished '29 Speedster of Dan and Liz Fitzgerald that joined us.





Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt then directed us to a 'garage find' where we looked at a '31 Cabriolet that had been in storage for 20 years. (It did sell a week later. Sorry).

It was now time to head for Fort McArthur and the military museum there. The fort was built in the '20s and was used as a defensive gun battery. It was upgraded in WWII with bigger and better

guns and in the '50s, upgraded again to a Nike missile site. In the '70s it was basically abandoned. Several ex-military members took on the task of making it a museum. There are lots of interesting things to see from times past. Again, many of us didn't know it was there.







WWII gun, a couple tour cars, and then lunch at Acapulco's in Ports 'o Call.

2008 Membership Roster info:

- Phonebooks/rosters are available and are available at all 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.
- Sandy Ragon has a new e-mail address. Please delete her old address from your address book and make sure it reads: Sandyragon@gmail.com

See what you missed in Dallas?



Joan & Jack Gordinier



Jan Wyckoff ready for the rodeo



Fine point judging in process



Elaine Pisu 'rumblin' the track



Former members Dave and Lisa Lopes with 491 point car



'Speedy' Drain Marshall at the Texas Motor Speedway

August Birthdays:

- 1 Sandy Ragon
- 2 Jerry Strosnider
- 2 Janice Dalton
- 4 Paul Larquier
- 13 Phyllis DeCrescenzo
- 15 Marty Murphy
- 16 Marion Lusk
- 20 Jeanne Webb
- 21 Carla Hibbard
- 23 Jack Gordinier
- 24 Gwen Valot
- 25 Dick Valot
- 26 Monty Bates
- 28 Rose Jamesson
- 30 Rod Gott
- 31 Laynie Thompson





August Anniversaries:

- 4 Steven and Weeg Thompson
- 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard
- 6 Dolores & Jerry Strosnider
- 12 Doris & Drain Marshall
- 17 Donna & Cliff Heise
- 19 Mary & James Walker
- 22 Linda & Ed Firth
- 25 Rose & Paul Jamesson
- 30 Margaret & Rod Gott

Excerpts from Harbor Board and Business Meeting Minutes:

June '08 Business meeting: Historian Sue Hankins showed pictures of the technical seminar on headgaskets at Bill Newell's and of the Memorial Day parade in Redondo Beach. Membership Chair, Ursi Schmidt introduced guest, Bill Moore. Bill is working on a coupe. He is looking for some info. The men's and woman's prizes went unclaimed. Becky Preston and Steve Newton missed out on some easy money. President Steve discussed upcoming tours to Fort McArthur and Murphy car museum. Dick Lusk reported 31 cars have been safety checked. More discussion on support of our troops overseas.

July '08 Board meeting: Club is healthy financially. HarborLight is emailing 25 newsletters and saving on the postage. About \$300 a year. Bill Moore is now a new member. Bill Newell reports possible technical seminar on speedometer accuracy using GPS. More to come. More discussion on phone cards and other support for our service members overseas. Next meeting August 5th at Marshall's.

Wings 'n Wheels Tour

A nice contingent of Harbor Club members went to the Wings 'n Wheels meet in Solvang / Santa Ynez. Making the trip by old car were the Marshalls, Stonehockers, Wyckoffs, Gordiniers, and Dick Lusk. Also present were the Parrishs, Millers, and the Larquiers, 15 total. Great showing! Tours to the Carriage Museum and a private model railroad collection added to the festivities. Many of the 50 people got to take plane rides in a bi-plane for the first time. Lots of great BBQ, too. The trip did have a little excitement. Glenn Stonehocker blew a headgasket on the way home and Dick Lusk and the Wyckoffs witnessed a motorcycle accident in Ventura along the coast highway.



Harbor cars on tour on the back roads of Santa Ynez.





Damaged motorcycles and a Model T with flags on the radiator



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Tours and Things:

- •Saturday, July 26th. National Model A Ford Day. Tour to Murphy's Classic Car Museum, Oxnard. About 60 mile drive each way. The lead will be the Prestons. Sign-up sheet available.
- •Saturday, August 23rd- Picnic and car show in El Segundo. Hilltop park near the Wyckoff's has been reserved for a picnic from 10AM to 2PM. Lots of easy access parking. Enter the parking lot opposite 420 Maryland St., El Segundo. Bring your own picnic lunch. There is plenty of room and four BBQ pits with charcoal available. The car show will being going on at the same time on Main Street in downtown El Segundo about 1/2 mile away. About 375 cars of all types will be on display from about 9AM to 4PM. Vendors and free entertainment.

The El Segundo Police Officers Association sponsors the car show each year and it is considered by many as one of the best locally.



2008 Treasure Hunter's Calendar

- •Friday—Saturday, July 25 26th. Long Beach Model T Swap Meet. Veterans Memorial Stadium, near Long Beach Airport. 405 and Lakewood.
- Sunday, August 24th. San Fernando Swap Meet. Rancho San Antonio, 21000 Plummer, Chatsworth. \$2 admission. Info: Dave at 818-347-3202.
- Sunday, September 28th. Paradise Valley Swap Meet. Loc'n: Western Little League Head-quarters, 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino, Ca.

More Future Happenings and Events:

- •September 4—7 <u>Labor Day 4th Annual Rally</u> in Quincy, CA. Gold Country festivities NE of Sacramento, CA. Rustic, cowboy-like outing with BBQ and campfires. Feather River As hosting.
- September 26th Business meeting: <u>Important</u>: Nominations will be open for <u>next year's</u> Board. Openings include: Treasurer (2 years), Secretary (1 year), Tour Director (1 year), and Technical Director (1 year), Please consider running for one of these offices. (The pay isn't great, but the rewards are plentiful!)
- Saturday, October 4th—Annual <u>Garage Sale</u> to be held at the garage of Bill and Gloria Younkin in Torrance. Start saving your treasures now. Great money maker for the club.
- •Friday, October 24th—Annual Fall Pot Luck business meeting. Also, nominations for next year's officers will continue to be open. Food at 6PM, meeting at 7:30PM.
- Saturday, November 1st—Annual <u>Progressive dinner</u>. Three secret stops with breakfast, lunch, and dessert. Cost: \$5/member. \$10/quest. Non-refundable.

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- · Harbor Model A Club 50th Anniversary pins. Reduced price! \$3 each or 4 for \$10. Dick: (310) 322-8863.
- 1930 Tudor for sale. 98% original and complete. Drive it this summer and restore this winter! Radiator recored, new water pump and hoses/belt. All glass is in good shape including etched wind wings and back glass. Typical Model A rust in cowls and behind both front doors. The hood has small damage from a fan that let go. Top is good, but non-original naugahyde. Serviceable interior. Working Ahooga horn powered by a 6v alternator to go with the sealed beam headlamps in original buckets. Turn signals have been installed, plus a battery shut-off. Comes with rebuilt Motometer. Has a 31 tank with a new round speedometer and instrument panel

and ammeter. Old tank goes with the car. The windshield frame is aluminum, set in place with screws and silicone. Email for pix and for a video of the car. \$6,500 or best offer. Call **Steve Preston** 310-669-9902 or email: steve@preston53.com.

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Wanted:

• Staples and canned food for a Food Drive. Nothing too old please. All goes to a very good Christian Transitional Housing Organization in Hollywood. You'll be doing a very good thing! **Sandy Ragon** is collecting the food at the monthly meetings. Thanks so much. Sandy (310) 532-7553.









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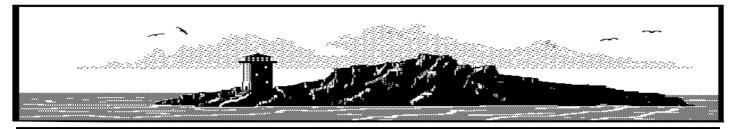
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Ford's 20 Millionth car on display at the World Meet in Addison, Texas, June 2008.

