

HARBORLIGHT

Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

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October 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Business Meeting:

• Friday, October 24th, 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, October 7th, 2008_7:00PM at the home of Steve and Becky Preston, if schedule conflicts permit. Alternate location is the Pisu's. More exact info to follow when known.

Next Tours and Events:

• Sunday, September 28th, Bakersfield Model A Club is having it's annual Frazier Park picnic. Fun event and tour. Details on page 9.
• Saturday, October 4th. Harbor's annual **Garage Sale** at the home of Bill and Gloria Younkin. Details on page 9.
• Saturday, November 8th. Mystery Tour led by the Pisu's.

Technical Seminar

• Saturday, October 18th. Steering gear rebuilding / replacement at Pat and Sue's home. Details Pg 5.



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Notes
from the
President
By Steve Preston



SarahBidenMcCainBarack...It is election time in the U.S. We all dread the never ending advertising and the mean spirited attacks from all sides. But this is a necessary part of making our nation the greatest not only in this generation, but in all history. Yes, the bickering, posturing, downright lies and the occasional noble act all combine to put on the amazing God-given pageant of transitioning leadership of this nation in a way that the rest of the world can't match and often envies.

This pattern of electing leadership was born in the heart of God and in the minds of a bunch of fellows some 200 plus years ago with the idea that free people have the obligation to serve their country in leadership on occasion, and as voters whenever the opportunity arises. And in voting and serving, they would hold their freedom in their own hands, remaining free as long as they participated in the process.

So we need to study the candidates and the issues and then vote. Or lose our freedom to serve and to vote. And in a HUGE jump from the national stage to our own local Model A club, the same principle holds true. We can have a club only so long as the membership is willing to participate and serve.

In the October meeting, we will be nominating folks for Board positions, and then in November we will elect new officers. Already we have been thinking about who should be our next Secretary, Treasurer, Tour or Technical person. And already, we have heard very forceful "NO" to our inquiries as to whether one member or another would be willing to serve.

Think about it. Whether on the national level, or in our club, our freedoms depend EXCLUSIVELY on the participation of the constituency. So, whether the Dems or Republicans ask you to be the next candidate for VP, or one of our club members asks if you'd like to serve on the H-MARC Board, please take time to consider saying, "Yes." The few hours it might cost you will keep our club touring for years to come.

Blessings!!

Editor's Corner: by Dick Wyckoff

I don't have an email address for all in the club, so send it to me or let me know at janndick@earthlink.net or you can call me at 310-322-8863. I have added a lot of **color** to the HarborLight and it really looks neat. Instead of mailing, I will email it to you. Then just print your own copy or two and enjoy. Emailing the HarborLight instead of mailing saves the club more than \$12 a year per copy.

Check out the new web site www.Harbor-MARC.org.

If you need something or have items to sell, advertise them in the Wheels & Deals section. Email / call me / mail me with what you have. Thanks again and keep driving those As.

NOTE: If you have before and after 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. Thanks.

Member's Update . . .



Sammy, the daughter of Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt, had an unexpected emergency brain tumor operation a couple weeks back. She is home recovering with lots of support from the family. She is improving all the time. We are thinking of you, Sammy.

Art Wagner is getting along fine after hip replacement surgery.

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

Dorothy Wood is doing better after surgery. Drop her a 'get better' card or give her a call. After all, she is practically a 'founding mother'!

Our thoughts continue with **Becky Preston**. She is checking with her doctors for further evaluations.

The 'bionic' **Jan Wyckoff** is looking forward to knee replacement surgery in the near future.

A Big THANK YOU To Toad and Nita Stonehocker

When Pat and I drove in the parking lot for the club picnic in El Segundo a couple of weekends ago we arrived in cloud of smoke. Not from the picnic but coming from under the hood of our 31 coupe. After checking under the hood and adding a little water to the radiator, we headed home making a couple of stops on the way. As we drove into the garage, the car started making a lot of noise and steaming again.

Toad and Nita Stonehocker came over early Friday morning to check it out. Toad did a compression check on the engine. We then drove it over to the do it yourself car wash and Toad sprayed the engine area with Gunk and cleaned it off.

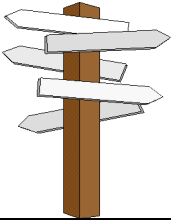
While driving back to our house, Nita went to the store to get some liquid dishwasher solution to use to flush the radiator. Toad thought he should replace the headgasket. I happened to have one that I had won at a raffle, so Toad drove my A to his house to work on it. By early afternoon, Toad had replaced the headgasket, changed the fan belt and she was running great. We went for a test drive and Toad even delivered it back to my house.

It's people like Toad and Nita that make this club so special. It's not just about "the cars", but caring friends helping each other and having fun along the way. THANK YOU TOAD AND NITA. I really appreciate all you've done for us.

Sue Hankins

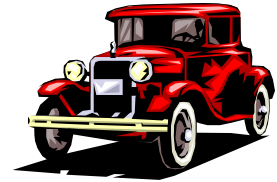
Weekly Family Food Festivities:

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 Dick Wyckoff



A couple of tours this month gave us a chance to see other great cars including some custom hot rods. On Saturday, August 23rd, 14 of us had a picnic at Hilltop Park in El Segundo and



Pat, Becky, Sue Steve and Joan enjoying the picnic atmosphere

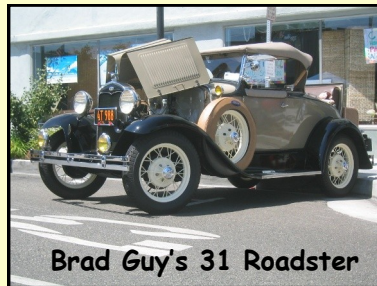
then checked out the car show down on Main Street. Family is an important part of our Model A club. Steve and Becky Preston brought along their granddaughter. While she enjoyed the outing, Jack Gordinier grew another year older and we had a birthday cake for him.



Steve and granddaughter Elizabeth having fun

After lunch, several of us took in the car show sponsored by the El Segundo Police Officers Assn. About 340 cars of all kinds were on display including two from the Harbor club. Jan Wyckoff had her '30 Cabriolet there and Brad Guy had his late '31 Roadster available, too.

After lunch, several of us took in



Brad Guy's 31 Roadster



Jan Wyckoff's 30 Cabriolet

The weekend of September 5-7 was a fun adventure for Harbor members, the Gordiniers, Marshalls, Parrishs, and the Wyckoffs. We all visited the Feather River A club at a 'Guest Ranch' near Quincy, California, about 550 miles north of Torrance near Sacramento. 21 clubs, 55 cars, and 150 people spent the weekend at the ranch touring the area, fishing, kicking tires, swapping car parts, and eating. Did I mention food? BBQ dinners, ranch style breakfasts. They had it all! The tours took us to a fish hatchery, a local museum, and a member's

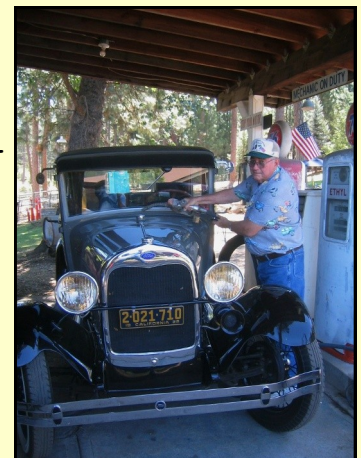


Jan, Jack and Joan having a good time



Ranch corral and some of the 55 A's

horse ranch. A great weekend with beautiful scenery and great people. Thanks Feather River A's.

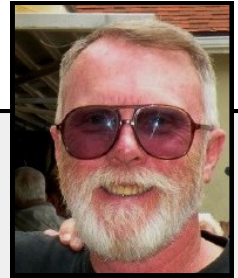


Richard Parrish filling up at 50's gas station



Technical Talk

with Bill Newell



Some Steering Gear Basics

The steering and brakes in a Model A are probably the most important items to keep in tip-top condition. 80 year old cars, like anything 80 years old, needs to be kept up and maintained. In our seminar October 18th, we will be looking at the steering gear of Pat and Sue's coupe. Sue has complained about tough steering for a while so a rebuild is in order. Last year, we rebuilt the steering assembly so we know that is in good shape.



7-tooth gear

Sue's coupe is a 1930 so we know it has a 'two-tooth' steering gear. What does that mean? Inside the steering gear housing is a gear assembly. The number of teeth on the gear changed in 1929 from seven to two. Along with that change, several other items changed to make the assembly more serviceable and made the steering easier.



2-tooth gear

The later housing has adjustments to take up for wear.

It also has a slightly better gear ratio making the steering easier. We will inspect the bearings, bushings, and other parts for wear and fix them as necessary. Another trick being done is to shorten the Pitman arm about 1½". This increases the mechanical advantage and really makes a difference. Maybe that will get replaced, too.

The [steering gear technical seminar](#) will be held at Pat and Sue's home, 821 W. Clarion Dr, Torrance, CA 90503. We will start at 10AM but some will be there a little earlier for coffee and donuts. This is a great topic and we'll get to see the inside of a two-tooth steering gear.



Pictured to the left is what a two-tooth steering gear housing looks like disassembled. The two pictures below show a rebuilt assembly ready for installation. The two screws at the top are for filling with oil and adjusting the bearing race assembly inside.

Ursi's Uptown Lowdown

By Ursula Schmidt
Membership Chair



Win a Free Membership for 2009!

In my story below, "*What a Trip!*" are thirteen jumbled words. If you unscramble the names of the eight Club members and five car-related words correctly, you will be entered into a December opportunity drawing.

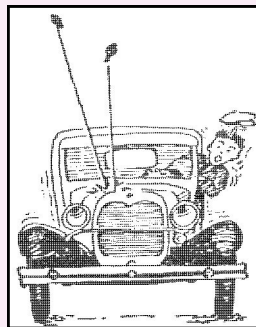
The winner will get a free 2009 membership (a \$20 value). The drawing will be held during the December business meeting.

Please send your **\$58** dues for membership renewal for 2009 (\$20 for the Harbor MARC and \$38 for the National MARC) and your entries to:
Ursula Schmidt, 26419 Pineknoll Ave. Harbor City, CA 90710.



WHAT A TRIP!

RIPNOSE and **LARDYBEES** had planned to fly to **OLDMESA** and stay at the **HILTONMA**. They wanted to go to the zoo and see a **FUNELKAT** and attend a rarely seen **DOGIRAACES** show. But soon after takeoff, the **SEGAGGA** showed low and the **ALLARHMS** rang. After they landed the **AVIONA** at Hawthorne Airport, they went to visit **THORNEESOCK**, who lived not far from the airport. They found him and **MORONGUTTS** sitting in the garage, listening to **REGGAE**. All four had a good time looking at his newly acquired **BROOMLOCKT**.



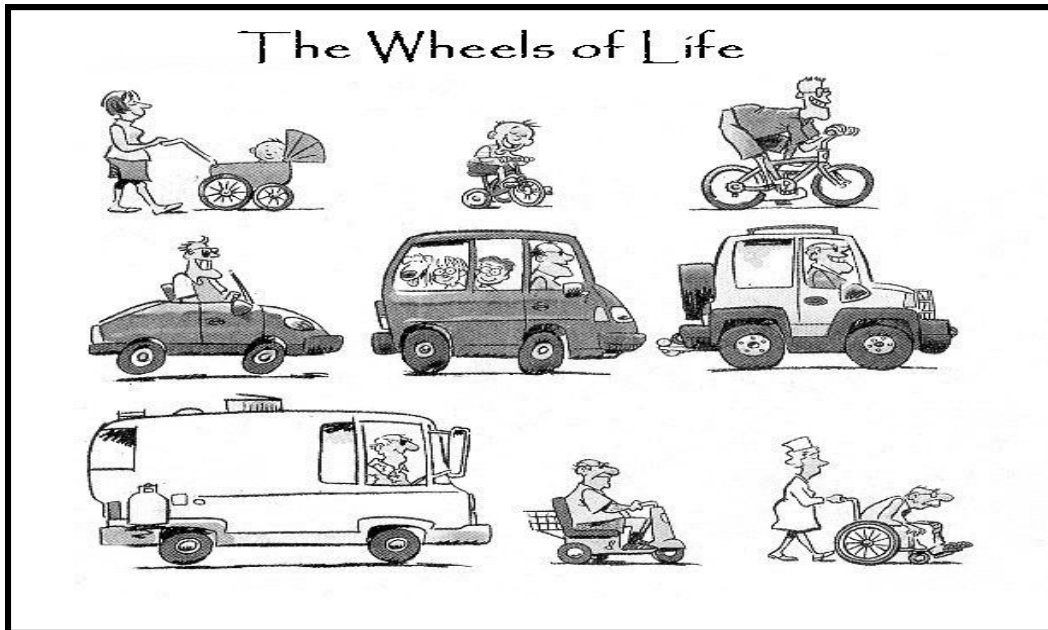
2008 Membership Roster info:

• 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.

Pictures from the Archives



The two picture above were sent to the HarborLight editor in response to a request for some early member projects. The two 'Hoodai's' are from the files of **Art Wagner**. Art has had a lot of fun creating homemade bodies mounted on Model A frames with 'warmed over' four-banger engines. Art's projects go back to the 50s after service in the Korean war. Thanks for sharing!



October Birthdays:

- 11 Jeff Webb
- 27 Glenn Stonehocker

October Anniversaries:

- 3 Bob & Lowane Younkin
- 8 Nita & 'Toad' Stonehocker
- 20 Elyse & Jim Beardsley
- 31 Jeanne & Jeff Webb



Excerpts from Harbor Business and Board Meeting Minutes:

August 29th, '08 Business meeting:

Monty Bates led us in the flag salute. **Sue Hankins** won the clock prize. **Bill Younkin** did the raffle. We welcomed back **Mirco and Elaine Pisu** from a six week vacation in Italy. A total of 34 cars have been safety inspected by **Dick Lusk**. Technical Director **Bill Newell** showed us battery safety switches used in Model As for added safety. President **Steve Preston** has booked the Elks Lodge in San Pedro again for our installation banquet on January 10th, 2009. Tours to Quincy and Frazier Park were discussed. **Art Wagner** was at the meeting after his recent hip replacement surgery. He and **Jan Wyckoff** were seen comparing scars! Don't forget the Harbor Area garage sale on October 4th. **Rhoda Larquier** celebrated her 39th birthday again with cake, thanks to **Drain and Doris Marshall**.

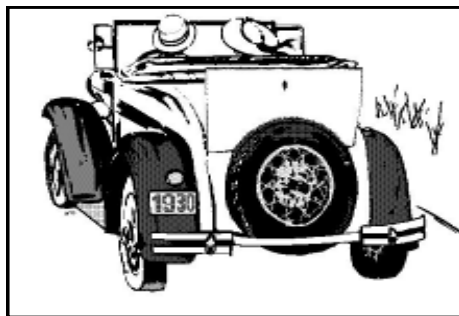


September 2nd, '08 Board meeting:

Steve Preston opened meeting at the home of **Cliff and Donna Heise**. Treasurer Cliff reports treasury healthy. **Bill Newell** (Technical) has set up a seminar at **Sue and Pat's** house to work on Sue's coupe's steering. on October 18th. Sunshine reporter, **Doris Marshall**, has all recovering and doing better. Steve reminded us that nominations for next years board will be open at the October meeting. **Elaine Pisu** will lead us on a mystery tour November 8th. Details are a mystery! **Mike Wright** has secured the web domain Harbor-MARC.org for a new Harbor web site he is working on. The next banquet will be at the San Pedro Elks on January 10th. Get your articles for the HarborLight in to the editor by the 10th of the month.

News Flash! Hear ye, hear ye

Mike Wright and **Elaine Pisu** have gotten the new Harbor website up and running. It is in the beginning stages but looks great. Check it out. www.Harbor-MARC.org.



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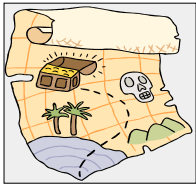
Tours and Things:

- **Important Safety note** from our safety guru, **Dick Lusk**.

This is the last chance to get the all-important safety check from Dick. This should have been done at the beginning of the tour season, not the end. Contact him at 310-539-5391 for a complete inspection of your Model A.

- **Sunday, September 28th.** The Bakersfield Model A Club is again sponsoring a picnic gathering in Frazier Park, north of Los Angeles on the Grapevine. The trip is about 85 miles each way. Many cars from several clubs show up and a great pot luck lunch is served. We will start from Mills at about 8:00AM to make the leisurely two hour freeway trip. We make a couple stops for coffee and 'other'. Good time to put your 'slow moving vehicle' triangle on the back. It really keeps other cars at a distance! Also, bring a dish for the pot luck.
- **Saturday, October 4th.** Harbor Club annual **Garage Sale** at the home of **Bill and Gloria Younkin**, 21233 Grant Ave., Torrance, CA. Ph: 310-316-8722. Start collecting your treasures now. Bill will collect items the Friday before. They must be priced ahead of time. The sale starts at 7AM Saturday morning. This is a great money maker for the club. Please contribute your treasures and lend a hand at the event, too.

2008 Treasure Hunter's Calendar



- **Sunday, September 28th.** Paradise Valley Swap Meet. Loc'n: Western Little League Headquarters, 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino, Ca.

More Future Happenings and Events:

- **Planning Ahead:** Please consider being a member of next year's Board. Openings include: Treasurer (2 years), Secretary (1 year), Tour Director (1 year), and Technical Director (1 year). (The pay isn't great, but the rewards are plentiful!)
A correction from last month's bulletin. The nominations start in October, not September..
- **Friday, October 24th**—Annual Fall Pot Luck business meeting. Also, nominations for next year's officers will be open. Food at 6PM, meeting at 7:30PM.
- **Saturday, November 1st**—Annual Progressive dinner. Three secret stops with breakfast, lunch, and dessert. Cost: \$5/member. \$10/guest. Non-refundable.
- **Saturday, November 8th**—Mystery Tour led by mysterious Elaine Pisu. We will meet at Mills restaurant and proceed from there. More to come.

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

• Two complete '30-'31, single-bulb headlights in good condition. These are used on cars with cowl lights. \$75 each. Also, a 12-volt Ahooga horn \$40. Contact **Joe** at 310-831-6316.

- Beautiful, late '31 Roadster. Show car. Black with Apple green wheels. Engine has 1200 miles on rebuild with side-bowl carb. Frame off professional restoration. Car is beautiful in every way. Owner has lost interest after 25 years. Many extra parts. Must see to appreciate. Located in Manhattan Beach, CA. Asking \$25K. Contact **Bob Schrag** at 310-379-2330.



Wanted:

• Model A frame for speedster project. Willing to take the old one off your hands or negotiate a price. Contact **Bill Newell** at 310-328-5560.

• 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.

• Used greeting cards (complete cards please). We will recycle them.
Ursi (310) 539-5391 and **Doris** (310) 378-5061.



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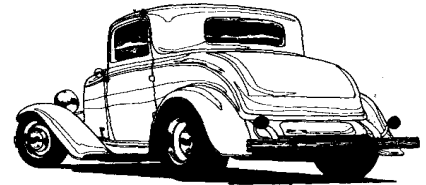
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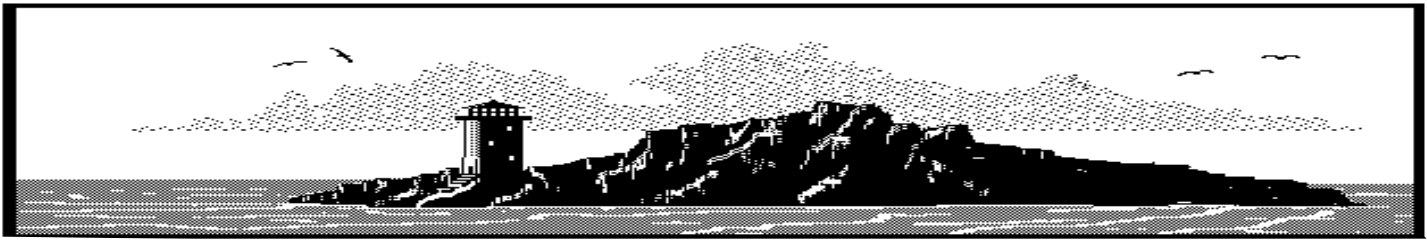


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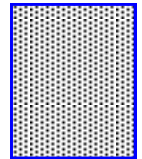
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