

HARBORLIGHT



Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

Torrance, California

December 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Business Meeting:

• Friday, December 12th, 2008, at 7PM at the WALTERIA Clubhouse. Come early and visit with friends. We will have a short business meeting and then go on a Christmas light tour.

Next Board Meeting:

• Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008_7:00PM at the home of Dick and Jan Wyckoff, 337 Lomita St., El Segundo CA 90245. Ph: 310-322-8863

Visit: www.Harbor-MARC.org

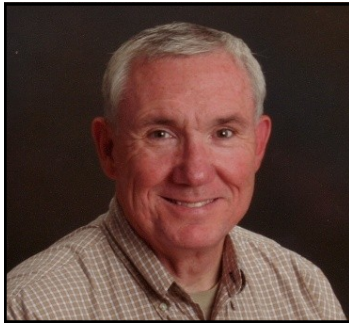
Next Tours and Events:

- Monday, December 1st. After dinner (6PM) at Hot n Tot, fourth annual visit to Sam Fine's garage in Lomita to see the Christmas display. Dick Lusk to lead.
- Thursday, December 4th. After 6PM. Toys for Tots at home of Pat Tucker, 21808 Dolores St, Carson CA. Bring new unwrapped toy and a snack to share. 310-835-2687
- Friday, December 12th. Annual Christmas light tour in Torrance after 7PM club business meeting. Gathering after at PISUS.
- Sunday, December 14th. Christmas parades in El Segundo and Wilmington. More to follow. See page 9.



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Notes
from the
President
By Steve Preston



The presidential elections are finally OVER. Now, to focus on the important elections: The Board of our very own Model A club! We are having the final nomination session at the business meeting on Nov 21, then voting that night. Now, I know we have one quality candidate for each office...but it sure would be nice to have more folk step up. And quicker than you can imagine it, we will be here next year looking for officers again. Why not consider being part of leading H-MARC?

The Progressive brunch/lunch was GREAT!! A BIG THANK YOU to all our hosts: Bill and Ellen, Mirco and Elaine and Drain and Doris for doing a superb job feeding us along the way. So what if it rained a little? Just added a little excitement to the day. Becky and I had to leave after the main course stop as her body said, "enough." So we missed dessert, but I KNOW it was incredible because I have experienced the Marshall hospitality many times and it is always top-notch.

I am SO looking forward to Christmas. Hopefully, we will be moved into our new home. Our granddaughter will be 2 days shy of being 11 months old and OH how Grandma and Grandpa have been looking forward to THIS Christmas. A highlight for Becky and I is to attend one or the other of the Christmas parades HMARC participates in. A good day to hang out with HMARC friends, and a real "blessing" to the kids who see us parade by. This time it is not so much about showing off our As as it is letting kids have the Christmas time fun of seeing and HEARING (A-ooogah). And of course, there is our Christmas lights tour following our SHORT December meeting. This year, I think I heard that we are going to end up at Pisu's again. WOW, Now this is a season to look forward to!!!

As we begin to look into 2009 (!!), we are all wondering what the new administration will bring our way. One thing is for certain...We are blessed beyond measure to be in a country that can peacefully transition governments, provide us roads where we can drive 80 year old cars and give us security such that we live lives of peace in prosperity. Thank God!

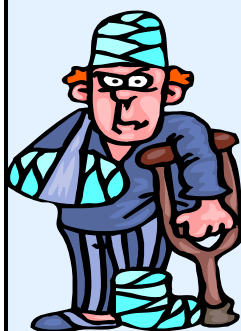
BLESSINGS!!



A Note from the Vice President, Bill Younkin

Just a reminder that VP Bill Younkin is collecting nice raffle items for the Harbor MARC/MAFCA installation and awards banquet January 10th, 2009. Please contact him about donations to the fun event. His phone number is 310-316-8722.

Member Update . . .



Sammy, the daughter of Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt, was at the Hot 'n Tot with her family last week and looking great. Nice to see you again, Sam.

Jan Wyckoff has had a total right knee replacement and is home recovering. Dr Sanders found a lot of worn parts and decided to replace them all! Dick, are you working her too hard?

Jeff Webb is still having a rough time. The doctors keep trying to figure things out. Keep Jeff, Kathy and Jeanne in your prayers.

Live Christmas Presentation

We will be taking a trip back in time on **Friday, December 5th**. Journey of Faith Church, located in Manhattan Beach, has a great annual event that is a must see. "**Journey to Bethlehem**" is a continuous live outdoor Nativity Scene. You are welcome to come meet **Ron and Sandy Ragon** at Mill's (190th & Western) at 5:30 pm and we'll leave there at 6:00 pm. If that's too early for you then you can catch up with us when you are able. (Sandy's cell phone number is (310) 502-3025). Call her when you arrive, she'll meet you in line and make sure that you don't miss anything. Parking is always tight; drive your modern car and we'll carpool from Mill's. It's a very popular event and so we know there will be a long line at the church. But, don't worry! The line moves pretty quickly. There are hundreds of actors playing the parts you already know ...Angels, Shepherds with live sheep, Wise Men with a live camel, Roman Soldiers, Mary and Joseph and even little Jesus in the stable. It's completely free and the local townspeople will even give you some money so you can purchase some goodies to eat. If you run out of money, you can always earn more by making bricks, helping draw water at the well or at the coppersmith's shop. Be sure to dress warmly and wear low, comfortable shoes. As you exit you can warm up with some warm cocoa. Don't forget to give your left over money to the beggar at the gate. We hope you'll come join us for this special fun.

If you need more info, please call Ron and Sandy at home: (310) 532-7553.

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.

Editor's Corner: by Dick Wyckoff

I am still trying to reduce the number of mailed copies of the HarborLight. I have 25 people signed up to receive a **color** newsletter by email, but would like more. We save the club about a dollar per copy per month by doing this. If you would like to get it emailed, let me know. You can contact me a janndick@earthlink.net or 310-322-8863. The document is in PDF format at about 4MB.

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 Model 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.



Progressive Luncheon '08

By Dick Wyckoff

On an overcast Saturday, November 1st morning, 50 people and 17 Model As met at our usual meeting place, Mills restaurant in Torrance, and learned where breakfast was to be provided. Four miles away, **Bill Newell and Ellen Peterson** were busily getting ready for the onslaught. Shortly after 9AM the parade arrived and were greeted to a wonderful buffet of beverages, breakfast cakes and rolls.



New members and old had a chance to visit and get to discuss the issues of the day. About an hour into the breakfast there was a sudden downpour lasting about five minutes, just enough to soak Jan Wyckoff's Cabriolet (with no top yet) and force some



of the roadster crowd to change to their moderns. We all survived and in due time were given a map to the next stop.

Another four miles away, **Mirco and Elaine Pisu** prepared a lunch stop for the crowd. By then the weather was sunny and picnic tables were arranged around the back yard and pool. Mirco and Elaine had a layout of chips 'n dips, Mexican chicken strips, BBQ beef, salads, and beverages. So much food, so



little time! By then the crowd was

at full size with 52 people enjoying the feast. Some of the guys had a chance to review Mirco's pickup's overheating problem. I don't know if we solved it, but the car is running much better

thanks to chief technician, **Jack Gordinier**.



With full bellies, we were then given a map to our next stop. This was the dessert stop. **Drain and Doris Marshall** provided a great assortment of cakes and pies for the finishing touches. Unfortunately, just as folks were leaving the Pisus, there was another rainstorm. Those that have roofs and windows in their cars did just fine. **Dick and Jan Wyckoff** tried to beat the looming storm front and get the Cabriolet home but failed big time. They were drenched by another downpour between

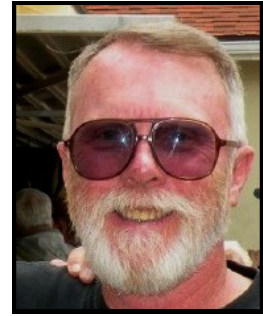
Torrance and El Segundo. They survived and so did the car.

By then the crowd had been reduced to 30 or so at the Marshalls. The rain stopped and those that did enjoy dessert had a wonderful time. Discounting the casualties of the storms, the progressive luncheon was a great success thanks to the **Newell/Petersons, the Pisus, and the Marshalls**.





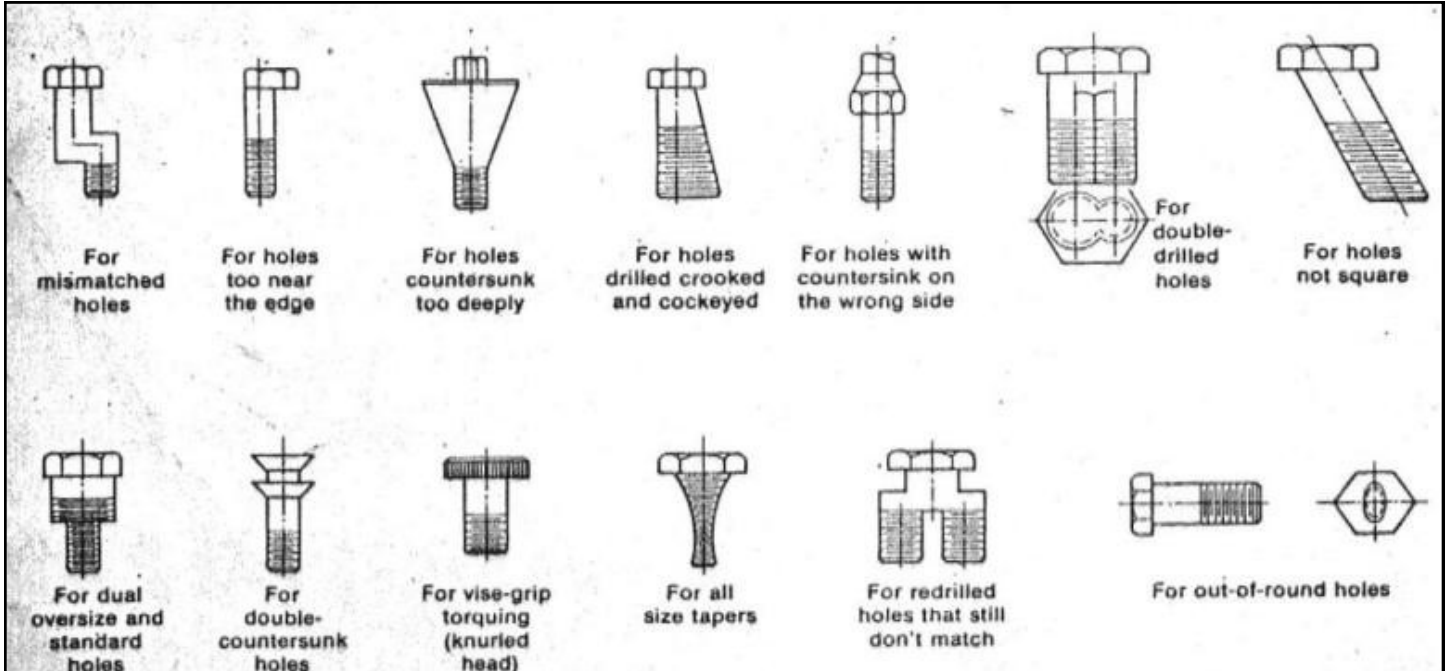
Technical Talk with Bill Newell



Nuts and Bolts of the Model A Hobby

Many of us have run into unusual situations in our restorations where we needed specialized hardware to complete the job properly. This subject is not uncommon in the factory world either. A while back, I received a copy of what we hope is a factitious memo from the Tractor Operations Group of the Ford Motor Co. suggesting a new set of standard fasteners to cover the most common goofs.

Here is a copy of that memo. I hope this helps with your restorations.



1933 earthquake in Long Beach, California

Ursi's Uptown Lowdown



By Ursula Schmidt
Membership Chair



Remember the old clothes lines that were strung in people's backyards? Our landlord was a welder; he had welded pipes together, so we had two fancy posts each one looked like the letter "T", with the lines strung between. I often climbed on top of the T and surveyed the backyard from above. Whenever a thunderstorm was coming we ran outside with the big wicker basket. We hurried to take the laundry down that had started to flap wildly in the wind. In winter the laundry would freeze stiff as a board and we had to wait until it defrosted before we ironed it.

We would never wash bedding between Christmas and New Year because that was considered a bad omen. This would bring sickness and death to the household in the coming new year. I think that this old custom came from the time before households had washing machines. People would rest from the chores between the holidays. However if a person in the home was so sick that they had run out of clean bedding within a week, then they must indeed be very sick and near death and it became necessary to do laundry. This custom still survives to this day.

New Member: (Make a note in your roster)

The club welcomes new club member #1023, Jay Mason. He lives at 1657 N. Neptune Ave. in Wilmington, CA 90744. His phone # is 310-866-2772 and his e-mail is Jgocatgo@aol.com. Jay has a late 1931 Wide-bed Pickup Truck



Antique pull toy

Annual Dues Renewal Time

Please send your **\$58** dues for membership renewal for 2009 (\$20 for the Harbor MARC and \$38 for the National MARC) to:

Ursula Schmidt, 26419 Pineknoll Ave. Harbor City, CA 90710.

Note: MAFCA dues are payable directly to MAFCA.

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.

Mystery Tour

with Elaine Pisu

In true mysterious fashion, **Elaine and Mirco Pisu** took 28 club members and eight cars on a tour to points unknown. After meeting in Torrance at our favorite meeting place, Mills Restaurant, we left with map in hand and still didn't know where we were going. After a beautiful 25 mile drive north



along the coast of Santa Monica and Malibu, we ended up at the Getty Villa. A little background: This is an educational center and museum dedicated



to the study of arts and cultures of ancient Greece, Rome, and Etruria. J. Paul Getty purchased the 64 acre site in 1945. In 1954, Mr. Getty opened the original J. Paul Getty Museum to exhibit his collections, of which



Greek and Roman antiquities were an important element. In 1968, Mr. Getty decided to re-



create a first-century Roman country house, the Villa dei Papiri, on the property. The Getty Villa opened to the public in 1974 and closed for renovation in 1997, six months before the opening of the Getty Center in Los Angeles.

The Model As were given special covered parking and the patrons treated us extremely well during our visit. The picnic lunch at the Villa was delicious.

Thanks, Elaine, for a great tour!

December Birthdays:

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| 1 Gary Guttormson | 13 Jim Beardsley |
| 3 Dorothy Wood | 15 Mary Walker |
| 10 Dan Fitzgerald | 17 Bob DeCrescenzo |
| 10 Floyd Carr | 23 Jeanne Parrish |
| 11 Sue Hankins | 25 Jim Valot |
| | 26 Georgette Avoian |



Excerpts from Harbor Business and Board Meeting Minutes:

October 24th, '08 Business meeting:

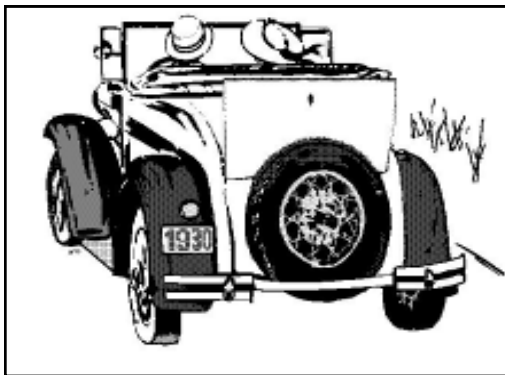
Salute to the flag with Monty Bates. We recognized past club presidents. Last meetings minutes approved. Treasury is healthy. Recognized new member , Jay Mason. Joe and Linda Freitag were introduced also. Marty Murphy missed drawing as did Sandy Ragon. VP Bill Younkin held raffle. Safety and tour directors want your year-end mileage. Sunshine chair Doris Marshall reported on the poor health of Jeff Webb. (Thinking of you, Jeff). Birthday and Anniversary crowd acknowledged. Technical discussed the air filters available for Model As. (They didn't come with one). Discussed upcoming events of Progressive luncheon, Mystery tour, and Christmas events. Dick Wyckoff conducted nominations for next years board. Nominated were Sec'y: Doris Marshall, Treasurer: Elaine Pisu, Tour Director: Pat Yacklon, and Technical Director: Dick Lusk. Root beer floats were served after adjournment. Submitted: Donna Heise.

November 4th, '08 Board meeting:

Meeting called to order at the Pisu by President Steve Preston. 11 members present. Minutes approved. Treasurer Cliff Heise reports all OK. Membership to MARC and MAFA due. Ursi handles MARC. Board discussed reimbursements for refreshments at seminars and meetings. Elaine Pisu to remind folks that they have a \$25 budget for business meeting refreshments. 37 cars have been safety checked by Safety Dick Lusk. Tool custodian should discuss with members the need for a distributor bushing reamer. Progressive tour successful. Mystery tour next, then garage tour, then light tour, then Christmas parades. Whew! Treasurer to start collecting money for January installation banquet. Drain and Bill Y. will be calling folks. New Business: Suggest we use the 'kitty' system to pay for coffee and donuts at seminars. White elephant sale at club meeting in March. Bring your treasures and Model A parts for auction. Next board meeting at Wyckoffs. Submitted: Donna Heise.

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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Harbor Area Model A Club Annual Installation Banquet ***Saturday, January 10, 2009***

Location: San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966
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San Pedro, CA 90752

Time: 5:30—6:30 Cocktails
6:30—7:30 Dinner
7:30 Program / Installations

Dinner Choices: • Roast Turkey w/stuffing, cranberries, & mashed potatoes.
• Beef Bourguignon w/ twice baked potato & fresh veggies.

Both of the meal choices come with Sportsman's salad w/ Ranch & Italian dressing. Fresh rolls and butter, coffee or iced tea.

Cost: \$30 per person.



Every year we celebrate the efforts of our members and Board with a great evening. This is the end of our 51st year and looking forward to more exciting events in our 52nd year. New and old members get to socialize and have a good time.

And... Ladies and Gents, please feel free to wear era fashions that night.

Come early and purchase your opportunity prize tickets!

Important banquet information!

You don't want to miss the fabulous installation banquet. Our Treasurer, Cliff Heise, is collecting money for the dinner. Again, it is \$30 per person. He needs to know how many people and what your preference is for dinner. There are two dinner choices: turkey or beef. The deadline is January 5th, 2009.

Simply make the check payable to : Harbor MARC and send it to: Cliff Heise 18425 Patronella Ave., Torrance CA 90504. Remember to mark 'turkey' or 'beef' on the bottom left corner of the check.

Your President and Board members have been busy making plans, so you will have a good time. See you there!

2008 Treasure Hunter's Calendar

- **Saturday—Sunday, January 23–24.** Turlock Swap Meet at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock. Gates open at 7AM. See: Turlockswapmeet.com.
- **Friday—Sunday, last weekend in February,** giant swap meet at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego. Exact dates when available.



Future Happenings and Events:

- **Planning Ahead:** Please consider being a member of next year's 2009 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!) Final nominations and elections at **November 21st** meeting.
- **Friday, December 12th.** Monthly club meeting at 7PM (note time!) Short meeting then a Christmas light tour in Torrance. Refreshments after at the Pius.
- **Sunday December 14th.** Two Christmas parades. One in Wilmington and the other in El Segundo. President Steve is coordinating the Wilmington parade and Dick Wyckoff is working the El Segundo event. The El Segundo parade runs from 1PM to 3PM. Staging at noon. Location TBD. More info on both parades when known.

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

• Very nicely restored June **1928 Phaeton**. Car has many original early parts and is ready to drive away. Owner has owned car for 30 years. Health forces sale. 2000 miles on nice running engine. Selling price is \$21,500.
If interested, contact Barney at 310-329-4256 or Greg at 586-294-4908.



• **1955 Ford Customline**, Nice 2Dr Sedan. 3sp w/ OD. V8 engine, 88K miles. Original owner. Rust free. Always garaged. Located in Torrance CA. \$13K OBO. Contact Everett Squires 310-542-4078.

Wanted:

- Door pull-garnish moldings for 28-29 Tudor Sedan. Need for both front windows and left rear. Contact Art at 310-374-6113
- Good, reliable, hopefully inexpensive, used car (modern) for my 17 year old nephew, Call **Sue Hankins** 310-782-0082 before 7:30 pm.
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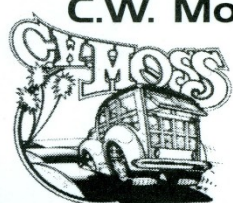
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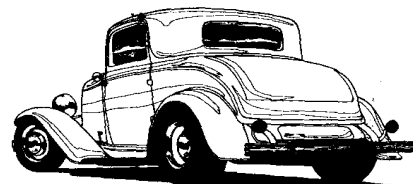
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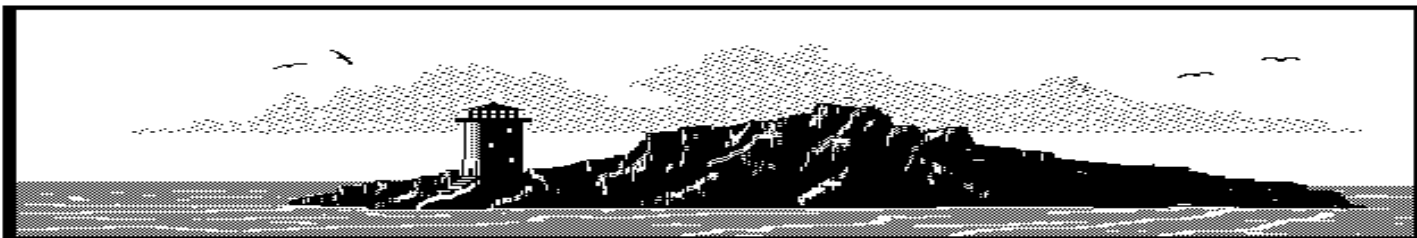


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